

# How to configure a circuit breaker distribution box in a home



## AI Overview

A typical home distribution box should use a main 2-pole breaker, branch 1-pole breakers for lighting and sockets, and RCDs or RCBOs for safety, with circuits sized according to load requirements.

**Main Components and Layout**

- Main Breaker (2P):** Acts as the primary disconnect for the entire home, cutting off both line and neutral for safety during maintenance or emergencies.
- Busbars:** Copper bars distribute incoming power to branch breakers efficiently. Use comb busbars for safer and neater connections.
- Neutral and Ground Bars:** Neutral (N) and protective earth (PE) bars should remain separate to prevent fault currents and ensure compliance.
- Branch Circuit Breakers:** Protect individual circuits such as lighting, sockets, and appliances. Use 1P breakers for single-phase loads and 2P or 3P breakers for high-power appliances or three-phase equipment.
- RCDs/RCBOs:** Residual Current Devices or RCBOs provide protection against earth leakage, preventing electric shocks and improving safety.

**Recommended Circuit Ratings for Residential Use**

| Circuit Type                   | Breaker Type      | Typical Rating |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| General lighting               | 1P                | 10A            |
| Bedroom sockets                | 1P with RCD       | 16–20A         |
| Kitchen sockets                | 1P or 2P with RCD | 32A            |
| Air conditioners (split units) | 1.5P–2P           | 16–20A         |
| Floor-type living room AC      | 3P                | 25A            |
| Water heaters                  | 2P with RCD       | 25–32A         |
| Common sockets                 | 1P                | 20A            |

These ratings may vary depending on wire size, appliance power, and local electrical codes.

**Installation and Load Management**

- Sequence:** Incoming power → Main breaker → RCDs → Branch breakers → Load devices.
- Phase Load Balancing:** Distribute loads evenly across phases in multi-phase systems to prevent overheating and voltage imbalance.
- Safety Margins:** Calculate total load, apply diversity factors, and leave extra space in the distribution box for future expansion.
- High-Power Appliances:** Place high-current breakers closer...

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Residual-current device

A residual-current device (RCD), residual-current circuit breaker (RCCB) or ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) is an electrical safety device, more specifically a

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