# Strength Standards for Aluminum Distribution Boxes



## Overview

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## Key Takeaways

The 2020 Aluminum Design Manual provides nominal strength tables and design guidelines for aluminum structural components, including distribution boxes, based on alloy, temper, and section type.

## Overview

Aluminum distribution boxes are typically fabricated from wrought aluminum alloys, and their structural strength is governed by the Aluminum Association's Specification for Aluminum Structures. The 2020 Aluminum Design Manual (ADM) provides nominal strengths for both Allowable Strength Design (ASD) and Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) methods, covering axial, bending, shear, and combined loading conditions.

## Key Strength Considerations

Alloy and Temper: The strength of aluminum components depends on the alloy (e.g., 6061, 5052) and temper (e.g., T6, H32).

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## The AD

M provides tables listing yield strength, ultimate strength, and modulus of elasticity for common alloys and tempers. Section Properties: Distribution boxes often use sheet metal, extrusions, or formed angles.

## The AD

M includes section property tables for channels, I-shapes, angles, tees, and rectangular tubing, which are essential for calculating bending and buckling capacities.

## Weld-

Affected Zones: For welded enclosures, the strength reduction due to welding is accounted for.

## The AD

M provides weld-affected strength tables and guidance for partial and full penetration welds. Buckling and Compression: For panels under compressive loads, the ADM includes buckling constants for flat plates and stiffened panels, which are critical for ensuring stability of box walls and doors. Fasteners and Connections: The ADM also provides pull-out strength tables for screws and rivets, which are important for assembly of distribution boxes and mounting of internal components.

## Practical Use

Designers can select the appropriate alloy, temper, and thickness based on the ADM tables to meet load requirements. Fabricators can reference weld and fastener strength tables to ensure joints meet structural requirements. Engineers can calculate bending, shear, and buckling capacities using the section properties and nominal strengths provided in the ADM.

## References

For detailed tables and design examples, consult the 2020 Aluminum Design Manual, particularly: Part I: Specification for Aluminum Structures – nominal strengths and allowable stressesPart V: Section Properties – properties of common shapes used in enclosuresPart VI: Design Aids – tables for fasteners, welds, and buckling constantsAppendix A – SI unit conversions and additional design guidance. These resources provide a comprehensive framework for designing aluminum distribution boxes that comply with structural and safety standards.

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