

# Spotter's Guide to Pylons - The PL1b

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Before 1928, we did not have any standard pylon designs in the UK. A competition was run by the Central Electricity Board. The winning design was chosen by the architect Sir Reginald Blomfeld and became the series PL1 and PL1b.

These days there are lots of 132kV single circuit PL1b towers in existence, but very few double circuit ones.

After World War II, a new range of slimmer 132kV towers were brought out. There are lots of double circuit towers around, but the single circuit ones are rare.

So if you are looking at a small 132kV pylon, if it is single circuit it is likely to be an early PL1b, and if it is double circuit it is likely to be post World War II.

	<p>Single circuit PL1b towers near Allerford substation, Taunton, Somerset.</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>
	<p>Rare double circuit PL1b towers near Kirknewton, West Lothian.</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>
	<p>Double circuit towers post WW2 (slimmer design) near Currie, West Lothian.</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>
	<p>Double circuit D60 tower (60 degree deviation) with huge height extension near West Ham, London.</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>