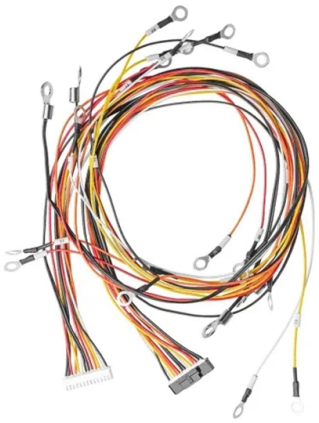
Cable exit from cable tray to distribution box



Overview

A Guide to Installing and Supporting Electrical Cable TraysThis guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and perform.

Key Takeaways

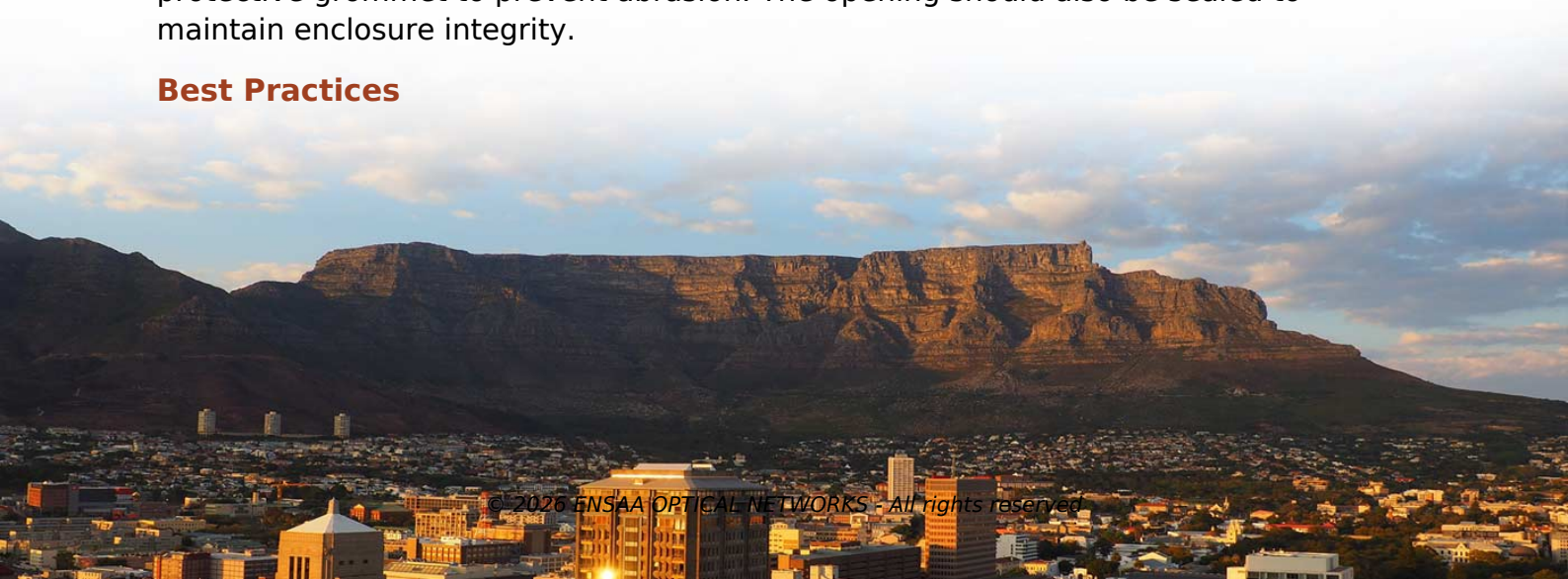
Cables exiting a cable tray to a distribution box should be protected, properly supported, and comply with NEC standards using bushings, grommets, or sealed openings.

Methods for Transition

Bushed Conduit or Tubing Cables can exit the tray and enter the distribution box through a raceway fitted with a bushing. This protects the cable insulation from sharp edges and mechanical damage. The raceway or bushing should be sealed to prevent debris from entering the enclosure, for example using duct seal.

Flanged Opening on Equipment Alternatively, cables may enter through a flanged opening on top of the distribution box. The flange should be smooth or lined with a protective grommet to prevent abrasion. The opening should also be sealed to maintain enclosure integrity.

Best Practices



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Maintain Minimum Bending Radius: Ensure cables do not bend tighter than the manufacturer's recommended radius as they exit the tray to avoid stress and potential damage. Use Protective Edging: Molded protective edging or bushings should be fitted at tray exit points to prevent cable chafing. Grommets or Lining: Holes cut in the tray for cable passage should be lined with grommets or bushed to protect the cable sheath.

Clearance: Leave a minimum clear space (e.g., 20 mm) behind the tray to allow safe cable movement and prevent compression. Secure and Bond: Ensure the tray and exit fittings are mechanically secure and bonded to maintain grounding continuity and reduce electromagnetic interference. Sealing: Seal the raceway or flanged opening to prevent dust, moisture, or debris from entering the distribution box.

Installation Considerations

Support Intervals: Cable trays should be supported at intervals not exceeding 1. 5 meters and within 500 mm of bends or intersections. Expansion Joints: Use flexible bridging or expansion splice plates where trays cross construction joints to prevent stress on cables.

Identification: Each cable should be tagged for identification according to specifications. By following these methods and best practices, cables can safely transition from a cable tray to a distribution box while maintaining mechanical protection, compliance with electrical codes, and long-term reliability.

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This is probably due to a ratcheting effect associated with the expansion and contraction cycles of the environment and cable. Under certain conditions, terminations may allow entry of moisture and

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Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

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A necessary space must be devoted to workers on the cable trays under the false floor (cable tray modifications, pulling and crimping cables) to avoid walking on it.

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