Cable trays laid to the equipment platform



Overview

GUIDE CABLE TRAYS TECHNICAL The cable management system's electromagnetic performance characterises its ability to protect its cables from external electro.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays to an equipment platform should be installed with proper segregation, spacing, and routing to ensure safety, minimize interference, and allow easy maintenance.

Layout and Routing Principles

When laying cable trays to an equipment platform, the shortest practical route should be chosen to reduce cable length, material costs, and power loss. Avoid unnecessary bends, crossovers, or congestion by using multi-level layouts or bridges if trays intersect. Ensure trays are accessible for routine maintenance and troubleshooting, avoiding obstructions such as structural columns, pipes, or ventilation ducts.

Segregation and Spacing

Electrical (power) and instrumentation (signal/control) cables should be segregated to minimize electromagnetic interference (EMI). Typically, power trays are positioned above instrumentation trays, with a recommended vertical and horizontal spacing of at least 300 mm (12 inches). Where space is limited, metal partitions can be used to maintain separation and reduce interference.

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Material Selection and Environmental Considerations

Cable trays should be made from materials suitable for the environment. Stainless steel or coated aluminum is recommended in humid or high-temperature areas to resist corrosion. Adequate air gaps between trays are necessary for heat dissipation, especially for high-voltage cables.

In hazardous zones, fire-retardant trays or coatings may be required.

Installation and EMC Compliance

All trays and cables should be solidly bonded to reduce electromagnetic perturbations. Proper earthing and grounding are essential to ensure safety and compliance with EMC standards. Cable trays should support cables without exceeding minimum bend radii and prevent damage during installation.

Wire mesh or ladder-type trays are commonly used for flexibility, ventilation, and load-bearing capacity.

Practical Tips

Use prefabricated assemblies and fasteners to speed up installation and maintain alignment. Maintain consistent rung spacing (typically 150–230 mm) for support and protection of cables. Plan for future expansion by leaving space for additional cables or equipment upgrades.

Ensure all installations comply with local electrical codes and safety standards, including CE, UL, or NEMA certifications. By following these principles, cable trays leading to an equipment platform will provide safe, organized, and efficient cable management, supporting both operational reliability and ease of maintenance.

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