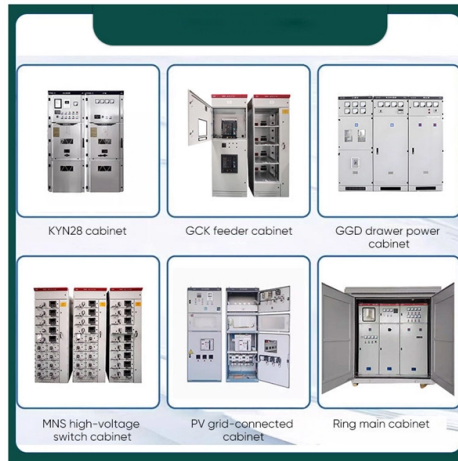


Combustible gas alarm wires can be routed through instrument cable trays



Overview

Cable tray installation must comply with specific technical standards to ensure electrical safety, system reliability, and long-term maintainability.

Key Takeaways

Combustible gas alarm wiring can be routed through instrument cable trays if the cables are approved for hazardous locations and proper separation and installation practices are followed.

Cable Tray Use in Hazardous Locations

Instrument cable trays are commonly used to support and route signal and control wiring, including combustible gas alarm circuits, in industrial plants. However, the acceptability of routing such wiring through trays depends on the cable type, hazardous area classification, and compliance with electrical codes. For example, in Class I, Division 2 areas (where flammable gases may be present under abnormal conditions), Instrumentation Tray Cable (ITC) or other listed cables may be used in trays without spacing or single-layer restrictions.

Cable Types and Safety Considerations

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C or MC cables are typically permitted for hazardous locations, provided they are listed for the specific class/division. Intrinsically Safe (IS) circuits, such as combustible gas alarms, can be installed in the same tray as non-IS circuits if separated by at least 2 inches, a grounded metal partition, or an approved insulating barrier. Metal-clad or armored cables may allow IS and non-IS circuits to share a tray without separation if the sheath can carry fault current to ground.

Installation Guidelines

Cable trays should be mechanically supported along their entire run to prevent stress on the conductors. Trays must comply with ampacity, grounding, fill, and spacing requirements as per NEC Article 318. Avoid routing trays through hot environments, areas prone to spillage, or locations where escaping gases could accumulate, to minimize fire hazards.

Junction boxes and terminations must meet hazardous area requirements, and cable joints should be limited to approved points.

Best Practices

Keep cable runs as short as possible and avoid obstructing maintenance access. Use fire-resistant or UV-resistant insulation for exposed trays. Maintain segregation of power and signal cables to reduce interference and ensure safety.

In summary, combustible gas alarm wiring can be routed through instrument cable trays if the cables are listed for the hazardous location, proper separation from non-IS circuits is maintained, and installation follows NEC and IEC 60079-14 guidelines for hazardous areas. Proper planning, cable selection, and adherence to safety standards are essential to prevent ignition hazards and ensure reliable operation.

Article Content

Technical Guidelines for Cable Tray Installation and

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Wiring Methods in Hazardous Locations: Requirements

This article explains the main requirements and good practices for wiring methods in hazardous locations, including raceways, cables, seals, cable glands, segregation of circuits, and

Explaining NEC Article 392 on Cable Trays

NEC Article 392 explains cable trays, their components, appropriate wiring methods for cable trays, and instances where they are and are not permitted for use. It also focuses on

Instrument Installation: Cabling Guidelines

Learn more on general guidelines on instrument cable installation; where and how to install cables i.e. cable routing, and cable segregation.

Avoiding Mistakes in Instrumentation Cable Tray ...

This document lists the most typical mistakes that EPC teams should not make while installing instrumentation cable trays to make sure the plant runs smoothly, is safe, and is in

Compliance Requirements for Instrument Cable Trays Installation

Installing instrument cable trays properly and in compliance with relevant standards is crucial to ensure safety, functionality, and durability. Below is a detailed guide on how to design and install cable trays

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Cable assemblies and flexible cords and cables shall be supported in place at intervals that ensure that they will be protected from physical damage. Support shall be in the form of staples, cables ties,

Instrumentation Cable Tray Installation Checklist and

Step-by-step instrumentation cable tray installation guide with safety tips, standards, inspections, and downloadable Excel checklist.

Instrument Cable Tray Installation Guide

Cable trays are preferred in the areas with high cable density and scattered devices to be connected. The tray system also offers the flexibility of accommodating the minor device location changes.

Fire behaviour and construction safety precautions for

Cable tray type, ducts and conduits Although the type of cable and conductor is the determining factor in the fire behaviour of ducts and conduits,

Cable Trays In Hazardous (Classified) Locations | Cable Tray Institute

Class I Locations Cable Trays have been permitted in the hazardous (classified) locations in the National Electrical Code for Class I (flammable vapor and gases) since the 1978 NEC and have been

Fire Systems Information Portal

Fire detection cables installed in conduit must be on their own and not shared with cables of other services. "Protection may be provided by laying cable on a tray, protecting it by burying in

Cable routing | Tips for proper cabling | Simply explained

Keep an overview and avoid cable clutter with our practical cable guides. Find out here how you can optimise your cable management.

Prosper Fire Rescue

IFC/NFPA/NEC Guide to Fire Alarm Wiring & Box Installations There are many factors to consider when installing fire alarm wire, raceways, boxes & cabinets comprising a fire alarm system.

Prevent Fire and Electric Hazards When Cable Trays Used

If not designed and installed properly, wiring inside cable trays may pose hazards such as fire, electric shock, and arc-flash blast events.

Safely Installing, Maintaining and Inspecting Cable Trays

Overloading cable trays can lead to a breakdown of the tray, its connecting points, and/or supports, causing hazards to persons underneath the cable tray and even leading to possible electric shock

Hazardous Locations: Safe Electrical Cable | IEC

Learn how to choose safe electrical cables for hazardous locations, including key safety standards, material considerations, and compliance

Cables Allowed in NEC Tray Applications

Cables Allowed in NEC Tray Applications Cable tray is one of the most common methods of supporting wire and cable. There are many different types of cable tray including basket, ladder and solid

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