Feeder cable installed on cable tray



Overview

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.

Key Takeaways

Proper installation of feeder cables on cable trays ensures safety, prevents damage, and maintains system efficiency.

Key Considerations

Cable Tray Selection and Preparation: Choose a tray type suitable for the environment and cable type, such as ladder, ventilated, or solid-bottom trays. Inspect trays for damage and verify dimensions, mounting height, and layout against approved designs before installation. Ensure the tray material and finish are appropriate for corrosion resistance and mechanical strength.

Cable Routing and Spacing: Lay feeder cables in an organized manner, maintaining proper spacing to prevent overheating and allow for future maintenance. Avoid overcrowding; cable fill should not exceed 40% of tray capacity. Use separators or dividers for different voltage levels or signal types to reduce electromagnetic interference.

Bend Radius and Handling: Respect the minimum bend radius of cables, especially at tray exits or turns, to prevent insulation damage. Avoid excessive bending and sharp turns during installation, and handle cables carefully to prevent mechanical stress. Securing and Support: Fix cables at regular intervals using approved clamps or ties to prevent movement and sagging.

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Rung spacing of 6 to 9 inches (150–230 mm) is recommended for ladder-type trays to support cables adequately. Ensure grounding and bonding of trays and cables according to standards. Compliance and Labeling: Follow NEC, IEC, or local electrical codes for feeder cable installation.

Clearly label each cable and tray section with feeder names and branch numbers for easy identification and maintenance. Verify ampacity derating when multiple cables share a tray to ensure safe current-carrying capacity. Inspection and Testing: After installation, visually inspect all cables, trays, and accessories for conformance with approved designs.

Perform electrical testing as required to confirm integrity and safety. Ensure that fire safety measures, such as proper spacing and use of fire-resistant materials, are in place.

Installation Steps Overview

Obtain approval for drawings, materials, and site conditions. Inspect and prepare the workspace, installing safety barriers and warning signs. Install cable trays according to approved layouts, checking for alignment and support.

Route feeder cables carefully, maintaining bend radius, spacing, and segregation. Secure cables at regular intervals and label each cable and tray section. Perform final inspection, grounding verification, and testing to ensure compliance and safety.

Following these practices ensures that feeder cables installed on cable trays are safe, reliable, and compliant with industry standards.

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