

Heat dissipation principle of fire-resistant cable trays



Overview

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Key Takeaways

The heat dissipation of fire-resistant cable trays depends on cable geometry, insulation, tray material, and external heat flux, with thermal resistance ranging from 0.65 to 1.0 K/W for typical conductor sizes.

Thermal Behavior of Fire-

Resistant Cables Fire-resistant cables are designed to maintain functionality under extreme temperatures, often following fire resistance classes of 30, 60, 90, or 120 minutes, corresponding to temperatures up to 1050°C according to ISO 834 curves (Nexans). The heat dissipation coefficient is influenced by: Conductor radius: Smaller conductors reach steady-state temperatures faster but experience higher thermal stress, while larger conductors improve axial heat conduction and reduce peak temperatures by up to 25%. Insulation and ceramic layers: Optimized polyethylene insulation and ceramic coatings enhance heat retention and surface temperature control, reducing thermal resistance from 1.

0 K/W (3 mm conductor) to 0.65 K/W (7 mm conductor). Tray material and layout: Metal trays with high thermal conductivity improve heat spreading, while spacing between cables affects convective cooling and flame propagation.



Factors Affecting Heat Dissipation in Cable Trays

Material Thermal Conductivity: Ceramic or metal components in trays and cable sheaths enhance heat transfer away from the conductor core. **Cable Arrangement:** Bunched cables in vertical trays may restrict heat dissipation; proper spacing and tray design reduce thermal accumulation. **External Heat Flux:** Fire exposure, such as from a ribbon gas burner in standardized tests, determines the rate of temperature rise and the required thermal resistance for safe operation.

Environmental Conditions: Airflow, ambient temperature, and fire dynamics influence convective and radiative heat loss from the tray surface.

Practical Implications

Design Optimization: Selecting appropriate conductor sizes, insulation materials, and tray spacing can significantly improve heat dissipation and fire performance. **Safety Compliance:** Fire-resistant cable trays must limit vertical flame propagation and maintain cable integrity, ensuring operational continuity during fire events. **Monitoring:** Advanced systems like distributed temperature sensing (DTS) can provide real-time insights into heat accumulation in cable trays, allowing proactive safety measures.

In summary, while a single numeric heat dissipation coefficient for all fire-resistant cable trays is not universally defined, thermal resistance values between 0.65–1.0 K/W for typical conductor sizes provide a practical reference, and heat dissipation is optimized through conductor geometry, insulation, tray material, and layout considerations.

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