Proper Binding of Cable Trays



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Proper cable binding in cable trays ensures organized, safe, and mechanically secure cable installations while maintaining electrical integrity.

Best Practices for Cable Binding

Cable ties and spacing: Cables within trays should be bound using cable ties at regular intervals to maintain neatness and prevent crossover. The spacing between ties should generally be three to four times the diameter of the cable bundle, and ties should be placed at entry and exit points, as well as at turning points in the tray. Avoid connecting multiple ties together, as this can reduce binding strength.

Excess tie length should be trimmed for safety and aesthetics. Bundle organization: Cables can be grouped by type or function, and large bundles may be further classified by column. This helps in identifying cable purposes and maintaining a tidy layout.

Use as long a bend radius as possible to prevent internal stress and potential cable damage. Mechanical support and accessories: Cable trays may include accessories such as clamps, protective rings, barrier strips, and covers to secure and separate cables. These accessories help prevent mechanical damage, maintain separation of different voltage or function cables, and support proper routing through bends, T-pieces, or reducers.

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Grounding and bonding considerations: If the cable tray is metallic, it can serve as an Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC). When using an EGC cable in the tray, it is recommended to bond it to each or alternate tray sections using grounding clamps. This ensures electrical continuity and prevents the EGC from being displaced under fault conditions.

For aluminum trays, avoid bare copper conductors to prevent electrolytic corrosion; insulated conductors with exposed ends at bonding points are preferred. Environmental and safety considerations: Cable trays and bindings should withstand environmental conditions such as moisture, temperature variations, and mechanical loads. Steel or stainless steel trays with appropriate galvanization are commonly used for corrosion protection.

By following these practices, cable trays can maintain organized, safe, and durable cable installations, reducing maintenance issues and ensuring compliance with electrical safety standards.

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Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) – Electrical Trader

Core rules for selecting, installing, grounding, and filling cable trays—clearances, materials, separation, and bonding explained.

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If an EGC cable is installed in or on a cable tray, it should be bonded to each or alternate cable tray sections via grounding clamps (this is not required by the NEC® but it is a desirable practice).

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This article explains the main requirements and good practices for cable tray systems, including tray types, materials, loading, supports, bonding, cable selection, and installation details.

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Introduction This publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports.

Cable Routing and Binding

Cable Routing In an equipment room installed with supports and ESD floor, cables can go through the interlayer (the space between the concrete floor and the ESD floor) or the cable trough. If the cables

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Best practice guide to cable ladder and cable tray systems

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Conclusion Proper installation of cables in trays requires more than just laying cables. It requires: correct inspection and preparation proper spacing

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