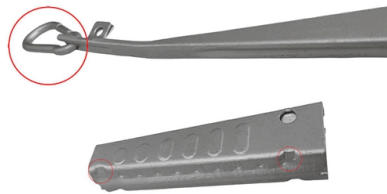


Requirements for bridging plastic-coated steel cable trays



AI Overview

Bridging plastic-coated steel cable trays requires adherence to mechanical strength, corrosion protection, span limits, grounding, and compliance with NEC and IEC standards.

Mechanical Strength and Load Capacity Plastic-coated steel cable trays must be capable of supporting the weight of the cables and any additional environmental loads. The tray should be designed to withstand bending, vibration, and external pressure without deformation. IEC 61537 specifies load testing methods to validate tray strength, ensuring that the tray can safely carry the intended cable load over its span. Rung spacing is typically recommended between 150 to 230 mm (6 to 9 inches) to maintain cable support and prevent sagging.

Span and Support Bridging spans between supports must follow manufacturer specifications and standard guidelines. Excessive span can lead to deflection and compromise cable integrity. Supports should be installed at regular intervals, and the tray should be anchored securely to walls, ceilings, or structural members. For long runs, intermediate supports or bridging structures may be required to maintain stability.

Corrosion Protection Plastic-coated steel trays provide a protective layer against corrosion, but additional considerations are necessary in harsh environments. The coating must be continuous and free of defects to prevent exposure of the underlying steel. In environments with high humidity, chemical exposure, or coastal conditions, the coating should meet corrosion resistance standards, and galvanic compatibility with other metals should be considered to avoid accelerated corrosion.

Electrical Continuity and Grounding Even with a plastic coating, cable trays may serve as a grounding path. Ensure that bridging connections maintain electrical continuity where required. Bonding jumpers or grounding conductors may be necessary at join...

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Safely Installing, Maintaining and Inspecting Cable Trays

A generic guideline developed by the Cable Tray Institute indicates that cable trays should not be filled in excess of 40-50% of the inside area of the tray or of the tray's maximum weight based on the cable

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Per NEC 392, the national electrical code section for cable tray, all cable tray systems must be properly BONDED, per section 259.96. To meet this requirement, Cablofil recommends that UL classified

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The requirements for cables that have an outer metal armor are less than for plastic jacketed cables. The general rule is separate communication, control, signal, and instrumentation cabling from power

Practices for grounding and bonding of cable trays

A bare copper equipment grounding conductor should not be placed in an aluminum cable tray due to the potential for electrolytic corrosion of the aluminum cable tray in a moist environment. For such

IEC Standard for Cable Tray: Complete Technical Guide

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) provides detailed guidelines for cable tray systems under IEC 61537. This standard outlines the construction requirements, testing

Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) – Electrical Trader

Cable Tray as EGC: In maintained facilities, the tray itself can serve as the EGC if it meets the cross-sectional area requirements in Table 392.60 (A). Keep in mind, steel trays are

Equipment Grounding Conductors for Cable Tray Systems

Table 318-7(b)(2) "Metal Area Requirements for Cable Trays Used as Equipment Grounding Conductors" shows the minimum cross section metal area that is required for aluminum or steel

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Grounding Requirements for Electrical Cables, Cable Trays, and

2. For painted or plastic-coated cable troughs, the coating is insulating, so bridging between trough sections is necessary. It is recommended to use tinned copper stranded wire with a

Technical Guidelines for Cable Tray Installation and

6.1 Material Requirements Fire-resistant trays must be made from non-combustible or flame-retardant materials such as: Galvanized steel, Stainless steel, Fire

FactSheet

Cable trays feature flexibility unmatched by conduit, as cables are easier to mark, remove and find in cable trays. Cable trays are available in a number of different configurations, including ladder,

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Cable tray manual

There are several sections which cover the requirements for the use of single conductor cables in cable tray even though they only comprise a small percentage of cable tray wiring systems.

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The Cable Tray Institute is making available the current edition of this practical guide for the proper installation of aluminum or steel cable tray systems. These guidelines will be useful to engineers,

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