Cable tray climbing temperature requirements



Overview

The samples to be tested should be placed in a refrigerator, the temperature within which is maintained at the declared temperature according to 1.1 above with a tolerance of ± 2 °C.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays must accommodate thermal expansion and contraction, with material-specific limits and proper installation of expansion joints to ensure safe operation under temperature variations.

Thermal Expansion and Contraction

Cable trays, especially in vertical or rooftop installations, are subject to temperature-induced expansion and contraction. Steel and aluminum trays expand differently due to their material properties. For example, a 100°F temperature differential requires an expansion joint every 128 feet for steel and every 65 feet for aluminum trays.

The installation temperature determines the gap setting at expansion joints, which allows the tray to move without distortion or damage to supports and splice plates.

Installation Guidelines for Vertical Runs

Supports and Anchoring: Cable trays should be anchored at the midpoint between expansion joints using hold-down clamps, while other supports use expansion guides to allow sliding movement.

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Avoid Over-

Clamping: Trays must not be clamped too tightly to supports, as this can prevent expansion and lead to bending, tearing, or bolt hole elongation. Material Considerations: Aluminum trays have higher thermal expansion than steel, so spacing and expansion joint frequency must be adjusted accordingly. Temperature Ratings and StandardsIEC 61537 and BS EN 61537 provide guidance on mechanical strength, fire resistance, and environmental performance of cable trays, including high-temperature conditions.

Cable trays should be selected based on ambient temperature, cable type, and environmental exposure to prevent overheating and maintain structural integrity. Ventilated trays help dissipate heat, while solid-bottom trays are suitable for low-heat applications.

Practical Recommendations

Use expansion joints at intervals determined by material and expected temperature range. Ensure supports allow sliding movement for thermal expansion. Verify manufacturer specifications for maximum operating temperatures and installation conditions.

For vertical climbs, consider ventilation and spacing to prevent heat buildup and maintain cable performance. By following these guidelines, cable trays can safely accommodate temperature variations, maintain structural integrity, and ensure reliable cable support in vertical and horizontal installations.

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