Can holes be drilled under the cable tray



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Yes, holes can be drilled at the bottom of a cable tray, but the purpose, location, and protective measures must be carefully considered.

Solid-

Bottom Cable Trays

For solid-bottom cable trays, drilling holes is commonly done to prevent water accumulation or to allow cables to exit the tray. When installed outdoors or in humid environments, it is recommended to drill ¼-inch weep holes at the sides and middle every 3 feet to limit moisture retention, unless EMI/RFI shielding is required, as holes would compromise shielding effectiveness (Eaton B-Line series guidance).

Cable Exit and Field Modifications

Holes may also be drilled to allow cables to exit the tray. In such cases, abrasion protection is important. Snap-in bushings or cable channel bushings should be used to protect cable jackets from sharp edges (Eaton B-Line series).

Field drilling for splice plates or dropouts is also standard practice, with care taken to remove burrs and apply rust-proofing or protective coatings to maintain tray integrity.

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Guidelines and Safety Considerations

Hole size and spacing: Typically, ¼-inch holes for drainage or 5/16 to 7/16-inch for cable exit, depending on hardware and cable size. Avoid compromising structural integrity: Drill only where necessary and avoid weakening side rails or load-bearing sections. EMI/RFI shielding: Do not drill holes in trays that require electromagnetic shielding, as this will reduce effectiveness.

Compliance: Ensure that modifications comply with NEC Article 392, which governs cable tray installation and cable types.

Summary

Drilling holes at the bottom of a cable tray is permissible and often necessary for drainage or cable routing, especially in solid-bottom trays. Proper hole size, spacing, protective bushings, and adherence to code requirements are essential to maintain safety, structural integrity, and cable protection.

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Cable tray manual

Instead of large conduits, cable channel may be used very effectively to support cable drops from the cable tray run to the equipment or device being serviced and is ideal for cable tray runs involving a

B-Line series Cable Tray Design Considerations

The stresses of pulling large cables through cable trays can produce 3 times the stress of the cables'' static load. If the installation load is not evaluated the cable tray may be damaged during installation.

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Center hung tray supports allow for quicker and easier cable installation by allowing cables to be deposited into tray systems from each side. There is a maximum load capacity per hanger of 318 kg

Cable Tray Installation Procedure Guide

The document outlines the procedure for installing cable trays, including essential tools, equipment, and safety measures. It emphasizes the importance of thorough material inspection and proper

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Cable Tray and Conduit Installation Guide

This method statement outlines the procedures for installing cable trays and conduits, including: 1) preparing materials and tools, 2) erecting supports and scaffolding, 3) cutting, drilling, and joining tray

Cable Tray SOP

When a separate EGC cable is installed in or on cable tray, it may be bonded to the cable tray with a grounding clamp. Ground clamp styles include bolted lug types that require drilling the cable tray side

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- The steps for installing cable trays, which include marking, cutting, drilling holes, installing supports, and fixing fittings and accessories. - Common tools used for cable tray installation like saws, drills,

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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.

5 Steps to Learn How to Install Cable Trays

Installing a cable tray system requires careful planning to ensure it can support the weight of the cables and adheres to electrical safety codes. Here is a step-by-step guide on how to install a

Cable Tray Ladder Trunking Wire Basket Installation Guidelines

Drilling Holes for splice plates must be drilled in field-cut cable trays. The most common method of locating the hole positions is to use a splice plate as a template.

15+ Creative DIY Cable Management Ideas

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Cable Tray SOP

Ladder tray comes under its greatest stress at all fitting locations during cable pulling. It is critical that the structural integrity of the system is not compromised during cable pulling.

8 Best Under Desk Cable Management Solutions

Are tangled cables and wires beneath your desk giving you headaches? Solve your cable woes with these nifty under-desk cable organizer

How to install Cable Trays – Best Guide in 2026

Step-by-step on-site guide: learn how to plan, mark, support, and install cable trays correctly, from shop drawing approval to final checks.

Cable Trays under HSN Code 73089060 Exports from China

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