Communication Cable Tray Installation Standards



Overview

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.

Key Takeaways

Installing communication cable trays requires compliance with NEC standards, proper grounding, correct tray fill, cable separation, secure supports, and firestopping at penetrations. Key Installation Requirements1. Compliance with Codes and Standards Cable tray systems must adhere to NEC Article 392 and any locally adopted electrical codes.

Only approved tray-rated cables should be installed, and metallic trays must be properly bonded and grounded to ensure electrical continuity and safety. 2. Tray Types and Materials Common tray types include ladder, ventilated, solid-bottom, and wire mesh trays.

Selection depends on cable type, environmental conditions, and load requirements. Materials can be aluminum, steel, or FRP, chosen for corrosion resistance, mechanical strength, and suitability for indoor or outdoor use. 3.

Cable Tray Fill Capacity Tray fill must be calculated based on cable diameter, type, and tray dimensions.

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C recommends 40% fill for power cables and 50% for control or communication cables to prevent overheating, restricted airflow, and physical damage. Best practice is to maintain 50% capacity or less to allow future expansion. 4.

Separation of Cables Power and communication cables must be physically separated to reduce electromagnetic interference (EMI). Use dividers or maintain spacing according to voltage classification guidelines, avoiding long parallel runs. 5.

Supports and Clearances Trays must be mechanically supported at intervals specified by the manufacturer and code, ensuring minimal sag and secure attachment. Maintain at least 12 inches of vertical clearance above trays for installation and maintenance access. 6.

Grounding and Bonding Metallic trays must be electrically continuous and bonded at all splice points. If mechanical connections do not provide reliable continuity, bonding jumpers should be used. Grounding conductor sizing must comply with NEC tables to ensure safety.

7. Firestopping and Penetrations When trays pass through fire-rated walls, floors, or plenum spaces, approved firestop systems must be installed to maintain the building's fire-resistance rating and code compliance. 8.

Accessibility and Maintenance Trays should remain accessible for inspection, cable addition, or replacement. Avoid installation in hoistways or enclosed spaces where access is restricted. 9.

Additional Best Practices

Use non-metallic banding to avoid rust or contamination. Ensure bundled trays are balanced and supported during storage and installation. Maintain minimum bend radius for cables exiting trays to prevent damage.

Following these requirements ensures safe, reliable, and code-compliant communication cable tray installations, while allowing for future expansion and minimizing operational risks.

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Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

Cable tray manual

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Section 27 05 36 Cable Tray for Communications Systems

Multiple tiers of wire mesh cable tray should be installed with a minimum clearance of 12” in between the trays. When located above an acoustical drop ceiling, wire mesh cable tray should be installed a

NEC Standards for Cable Trays: Grounding, Fill Capacity

This article provides a comprehensive framework that governs various aspects of cable tray installations, including the types of cables that are deemed acceptable for use, requirements for

NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2018

For cable tray installers: NEMA VE 2 is intended as a practical guide for the proper installation of cable tray systems. Cable tray system design shall comply with NEC Article 392, NEMA VE 1, and NEMA

Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder and Cable Tray Systems

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.

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The Cable Tray Institute has several standards and guidelines for the construction, testing, performance, and installation of cable tray. More information can be found here:

Cable Tray Spacing Standards for Installation and Safety

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Safely Installing, Maintaining and Inspecting Cable Trays

OSHA Regulations and Industry Consensus Standards that Apply to Cable Trays The use and installation of cable trays is covered by legally enforceable OSHA regulations in 29 CFR

Wire Mesh Tray Technical Guide

Metallic cable trays with excellent electrical continuity which are integrated into an installation''s equipotential earthing network reduce the effects of coupling and therefore improve an electrical

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able trays may be installed on single or multiple levels. Corners and changes in horizontal plane are accomplished by using sections of cable tray cut from standard stock and

Explaining NEC Article 392 on Cable Trays

NEC Article 392 explains cable trays, their components, appropriate wiring methods for cable trays, and instances where they are and are not

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SECTION 27 05 36 CABLE TRAYS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (Ladder Tray)

F. Cable Tray Hold Downs – Cable tray supported on standard 1-5/8 inch strut shall be held down with US Tray style hold-down brackets. Such as the 9131 series for ladder type cable trays and 90XX

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