Electrostatic connection of cable tray



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Cable trays must be properly grounded and bonded to prevent electrostatic buildup and ensure electrical safety, often using the tray itself as an equipment grounding conductor (EGC) or via dedicated grounding conductors.

Grounding and Bonding Principles

Cable trays, especially metallic ones, can serve as an Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) if installed in accordance with NEC Article 392 and local electrical codes. All metallic cable trays must be grounded regardless of whether they are used as an EGC. Grounding ensures that any stray electrical currents or electrostatic charges are safely conducted to earth, reducing the risk of electric shock or equipment damage.

Methods of Electrostatic Connection

Using the Cable Tray as EGC: The tray itself can carry fault currents if it meets the minimum cross-sectional area requirements for the expected fault current rating. Steel trays are limited to circuits with ground-fault protection below 600 A, while aluminum trays are limited to 2000 A. Bonding with Grounding Conductors: If an EGC cable is installed in or on the tray, it should be bonded to each or alternate tray sections using grounding clamps.

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Bonding clamps provide both mechanical anchoring and electrical continuity, preventing the EGC from being displaced under fault conditions. For aluminum trays, insulated conductors are preferred to avoid electrolytic corrosion, with insulation removed only at bonding points using tin- or zinc-plated connectors. Connection Hardware: Various connecting brackets and fasteners are available to ensure secure electrical and mechanical connections between tray sections.

Proper torque and secure fastening are essential to maintain low-resistance paths for fault currents.

Material Considerations

Steel Cable Trays: Strong, conductive, and suitable for most grounding applications, but may require corrosion protection in moist environments. Aluminum Cable Trays: Lightweight and corrosion-resistant, but require insulated conductors for bonding to prevent galvanic corrosion.

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P Trays: Non-conductive, requiring separate grounding conductors for electrostatic discharge management.

Best Practices

Ensure continuous electrical continuity across all tray sections. Avoid bare copper in aluminum trays; use insulated conductors with proper bonding points. Verify that the tray cross-sectional area meets the minimum requirements for the maximum fault current expected.

Regularly inspect connections for corrosion, looseness, or damage to maintain effective grounding. Proper electrostatic connection of cable trays is critical for safety, equipment protection, and compliance with electrical codes, and should always be performed by qualified personnel following NEC and manufacturer guidelines.

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