Fireproofing and Wall-Penetrating Methods for Cable Trays



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Cable trays passing through walls or slabs must be firestopped using approved materials and methods to maintain fire integrity and prevent smoke or flame propagation.

Firestopping Principles

When cable trays penetrate walls, floors, or slabs, all openings must be tightly sealed with fire-resistant materials to comply with safety standards and maintain the structural fire rating of the barrier. Firestopping ensures that in the event of a fire, flames, heat, and smoke do not spread through penetrations, protecting both personnel and equipment. Key Requirements: Sealing Materials: Use fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, or mineral wool.

Gaps between cables and firestop packs should not exceed 1 cm^2, and packing thickness should be at least 24 cm. Backing Plates: For large openings, install a fire-resistant backing plate before sealing to provide structural support and ensure complete coverage. Cover Plates: Use square, evenly painted cover plates to close openings, ensuring a neat and reliable seal.

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Intumescent Products: Firestop caulks and putties, such as 3M Fire Barrier Moldable Putty+ or IC 15WB Caulk, expand under heat to block flames and smoke while protecting cable trays.

Wall and Slab Penetration Methods

Reserved Openings: Plan and reserve openings in walls or slabs before cable tray installation to facilitate proper firestopping. Cable Routing: Install cable trays along the shortest, straightest path, segregating power and signal cables to reduce interference and simplify fireproofing. Firestop Systems: Modular systems like FIRSTO or NOFIRNO allow sealing around multiple cables or pipes, providing fire, water, and gas protection.

Retrofit Solutions: Quick-install devices and self-compressing plugs (e.g., SLIPSIL) can be used for existing penetrations without dismantling the cable tray. Fireproofing Coatings and TapesFLAMMOTECT-A Coating: Provides a robust fire-resistant layer around cables, suitable for high-rise, industrial, and offshore installations. DG-CR 0.

7 Fire Protection Tape: Wraps around cable bundles to prevent flame propagation and maintain cable functionality during fire. Environmental Resistance: These coatings and tapes also protect against UV, moisture, saltwater, oil, and chemicals, ensuring long-term durability.

Best Practices

Installation Sequence: Complete floor and wall finishes, install shaft doors, and then perform firestopping to ensure proper adhesion and coverage. Inspection: Verify that all gaps are sealed internally and externally, with no visible cracks or voids. Maintenance: Firestopping materials should allow for easy inspection and replacement if cables are added or removed.

By following these methods, cable trays can maintain functional integrity during a fire, comply with fire safety regulations, and provide long-term protection against environmental hazards.

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Promat Fire Stopping Handbook

Fields of application services in walls and floors. It is designed for use with single cables, cable bundles, combustible and non-combustible pipes, fire dampers and also insulated ventilation systems to

Firestopping cable runs

Firestopping through concrete barriers, installing wall boxes and using cable trays are the most common problems in this area. Firestopping cable trays is particularly difficult because of the irregular size and

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Firestopping Cable Installations Don''t introduce fi re hazards when working on a new project. Ensuring your cable runs don''t compromise established barriers is often your responsibility.

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