How to fireproof and seal cable trays in vertical shafts



Overview

Cable tray installation must comply with specific technical standards to ensure electrical safety, system reliability, and long-term maintainability.

Key Takeaways

Fireproof cable trays in vertical shafts are sealed using a combination of fire-rated rock wool panels, intumescent sealants, fire pillows, and fire mortar to ensure airtight, fire-resistant compartmentation.

Key Materials

Fire Batts (Fire-Rated Rock Wool Panels): High-density slabs cut to fit around cables, filling all gaps. Small remaining gaps are sealed with intumescent sealant, which swells under heat to maintain fire integrity. Fire Pillows: Flexible, removable bags filled with intumescent graphite, ideal for areas where cables are frequently added or removed.

They can be repositioned without breaking the seal. Fire Mortar: Special fire-rated powder mixed with water and applied around cables in vertical shafts. Once dry, it behaves like concrete and contains intumescent powder that swells to seal cracks.

Firestop Mastic and Putty: Used to seal smaller gaps around metal trays or conduit penetrations, ensuring complete coverage and adherence to surfaces.

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Installation Process

Prepare the Shaft: Ensure floor and wall finishes are complete, and shaft doors are installed. Large openings may require a fire-resistant backing plate before sealing. Position Cable Trays: Install trays and route cables according to design, leaving appropriate gaps for fireproofing materials.

Apply Fire Batts or Fire Pillows: Cut fire batts to fit tightly around cables, filling all voids. For removable solutions, stack fire pillows around and between cables. Seal Remaining Gaps: Use intumescent sealant or firestop mastic to fill any small gaps (

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Firestop

The following charts give the number of 3M pillows needed to completely firestop an opening that cable tray passes through.* Two (2) sticks of moldable putty (part number FSP-MPS) are also needed for

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Cable Tray Penetration Seals Additional Information (Contact us to receive information in hardcopy form.) Problem: In the event of a fire, a cable tray serves as a path for the fire to move to other areas

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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