How to seal and protect cable trays



Overview

Addressing cable tray corrosion is crucial to ensure the longevity and performance of the system while maintaining safety standards. Here are some effective strategies to combat cable tray...

Key Takeaways

The most effective methods for sealing cable trays involve using modular cable entry seals, compression or heat-shrink seals, and fire-rated sealing systems tailored to the environment and cable type.

Key Considerations

Environmental Protection: Sealing cable trays prevents water, dust, gases, and corrosive elements from entering the system, which protects sensitive electronics and prolongs equipment life. Fire Safety: For fire-rated walls or floors, use modular firestop systems like FIRSTO or Roxtec fire-rated transits, which maintain fire integrity while allowing multiple cables to pass through. Cable Movement: In dynamic environments where cables may move, flexible seals such as grommets or self-compressing rubber inserts are preferred to prevent wear and maintain a tight seal.

Ingress Protection (IP): For outdoor or industrial applications, select seals with high IP ratings (IP67 or IP68) to ensure waterproof and dustproof protection.

Recommended Sealing Methods

Modular Cable Entry Seals: Systems like Roxtec or RISE® use modular sleeves and sealants to accommodate multiple cables and allow future expansion. They provide protection against fire, water, gas, and EMI/EMC interference. Compression Seals: Use mechanical pressure to create a tight fit around cables.

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Ideal for industrial or harsh environments where a strong, water-tight seal is required. Heat Shrink Seals: Shrinkable materials form a tight seal when heated. Suitable for both electrical and environmental protection, especially in static installations.

Cable Entry Plates and Boxes: Plates with multiple entries or self-sealing diaphragms allow organized cable routing while maintaining protection. Cable entry boxes provide additional environmental protection for outdoor installations.

Installation Tips

Measure accurately: Ensure the seal fits the cable diameter and tray opening. Surface preparation: Clean the tray or wall surface to ensure proper adhesion and sealing. Follow manufacturer instructions: Each system may have specific installation steps.

Test the seal: Verify by exposing it to water or pressure to ensure integrity.

Conclusion

For optimal protection, modular sealing systems combined with compression or heat-shrink seals are generally the best approach. Fire-rated solutions should be used where required, and flexible seals are recommended for dynamic cable trays. Proper installation and testing are essential to maintain safety, environmental protection, and system reliability.

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