

Connecting connectors in cable trays



Overview

Introduction The purpose of this document is to describe the correct process to install the connectors in our cable trays.

Key Takeaways

Connectors are attached to cable trays using splice plates, bolted connections, quick-connect systems, or clamps to ensure secure, stable, and safe cable routing. Key Steps for Connecting Cable Trays 1. Plan and Align the Trays Before connecting, ensure the cable tray sections are properly aligned along the planned route.

Use a laser level or straight edge to maintain a straight line and correct height, which prevents sagging or twisting during installation. 2.

Choose the Appropriate Connector Type

Splice Plates: Flat metal plates with pre-drilled holes bolted to the ends of two tray sections. They provide strong, reliable connections suitable for straight runs and heavy loads. **Bolted Connections:** Standard fasteners like bolts, nuts, and washers secure splice plates or other fittings.

They allow disassembly for maintenance and are widely compatible with most tray types. **Quick Connect Systems:** Snap, slide, or twist connectors that require minimal tools. These are faster to install and ideal for large projects, though often brand-specific.

Clamps and Fish Plates: Used for angled or junction connections (L, T, or cross-shaped), helping route cables around corners or splits. 3.

Install the Connectors

Position the connector so that tray ends meet evenly. Insert bolts through the connector holes and tighten using a spanner or torque wrench. For quick-connect systems, follow the manufacturer's instructions to snap or lock the trays together.

Ensure that expansion plates or oval-hole connectors are used in long runs to accommodate thermal expansion and prevent tray buckling. 4. Grounding and Bonding For metal trays, connect bonding jumpers across tray sections to maintain electrical continuity and safety.

Proper grounding prevents electric shock and ensures compliance with electrical codes. 5.

Final Checks

Inspect all bolts and connectors to ensure they are tight and secure. Verify that trays are level, aligned, and free from gaps or misalignment. Check that the system can support the expected cable load without sagging.

6. Maintenance Considerations Secure connections make future cable additions or adjustments easier. Regular inspections should check for loose bolts, corrosion, or misalignment to maintain system stability and safety.

By following these steps and selecting the right connector type for your project, you can ensure a durable, safe, and professional cable tray installation that supports both current and future cable management needs.

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