Do security cable trays need to be fireproof

Overview

Only use fireproof trays for flame containment or isolation, not for unrelated functions. Do not modify or damage the tray coating or structure during use.

Key Takeaways

Security cable trays do not always need to be fireproof, but in high-risk or critical environments, fire-resistant trays are essential to maintain safety and circuit integrity.

General Guidelines

Cable trays are primarily designed to support and organize electrical and communication cables. Fireproofing is not mandatory for all installations; it is typically required only when the tray passes through walls, floors, or areas where fire containment is critical, or in high-risk environments such as hospitals, data centers, and high-rise buildings. In standard commercial or industrial settings, non-fireproof trays may be sufficient if proper firestopping measures are applied at penetrations.

High-

Risk Environments

In areas where fire could cause catastrophic damage or endanger lives, fire-resistant cable trays are strongly recommended. These trays are made from materials that resist flames, minimize heat transmission, and maintain circuit integrity during a fire. For example: Hospitals: Fire-resistant trays prevent power outages that could affect life-saving equipment.

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Data centers: Trays must prevent fire spread and protect critical IT infrastructure. High-rise buildings: Fireproof trays help contain fire between floors and allow safe evacuation.

Material Considerations

Common cable tray materials include steel (hot-dip galvanized or stainless), aluminum, PVC, and fiberglass-reinforced plastic. Not all steel trays are inherently fire-resistant; hot-dip galvanized steel can fail at high temperatures due to zinc melting, while stainless steel offers better durability but still may require additional fireproof coatings. Fireproof trays are often tested to maintain circuit integrity for a specified duration, such as 90 minutes under standards like DIN 4102-12 or BS EN IEC.

Installation and Firestopping

Even when using fire-resistant trays, proper installation and sealing at wall or floor penetrations is critical. Openings must be sealed with fire-rated materials such as firestop packs, mineral wool, or firestop mastic to prevent flame and smoke spread. Regular inspection is recommended to ensure coating integrity and sealing effectiveness.

Conclusion

Security cable trays only need to be fireproof in environments where fire risk is high or circuit integrity is critical. In standard installations, fireproofing may not be required, but proper firestopping at penetrations is essential. Selecting the right material and following fire safety standards ensures both safety and operational continuity during a fire.

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