How to seal both ends of a cable tray



Overview

Learn common methods for connecting cable trays safely and efficiently. Our guide covers splice plates, quick-connects, and key tips for secure electrical cable management.

Key Takeaways

Sealing both ends of a cable tray involves using end caps, cable entry seals, or grommets to protect cables from dust, moisture, and mechanical stress while maintaining proper strain relief.

Use End Caps or Tray Covers

For standard cable trays, metal or plastic end caps can be installed at each open end. These caps prevent debris and moisture from entering the tray and provide a finished appearance. Solid covers are particularly useful for enclosed trays, while ventilated covers allow airflow but still offer protection against large particles.

Cable Entry Seals

Cable entry seals are specialized fittings that create a watertight and dustproof barrier where cables exit the tray. They are available in single-entry or multi-entry designs depending on the number of cables. These seals also provide strain relief, reducing stress on the cables and helping maintain the correct bend radius.

Right-angle seals are useful when cables need to exit at 90° angles without kinking.

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Grommets and Edge Protection

For trays with sharp edges or cutouts, PVC or flame-retardant grommets can be inserted at the ends. These grommets protect cables from abrasion, prevent kinking, and can combine bend protection with strain relief. Flexible grommets like EdgeGuard fit snugly along the tray edge and are easy to install.

Installation Tips

Measure the cable diameter and tray opening to select the correct seal or grommet size. Ensure the bend radius of cables is maintained as they exit the tray to prevent damage. For high-density cable runs, consider multi-entry seals to reduce the number of cutouts and simplify installation.

Secure end caps or seals with bolts, clamps, or snap-in mechanisms depending on the tray type and manufacturer recommendations. By combining end caps, cable entry seals, and grommets, you can effectively seal both ends of a cable tray, protecting cables from environmental hazards and mechanical stress while ensuring compliance with safety and performance standards.

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