How to secure cable trays and conduits



Overview

A Guide to Installing and Supporting Electrical Cable TraysThis guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and perform.

Key Takeaways

Cable conduits inside cable trays should be secured using proper fasteners, spacing, and support methods to ensure safety, prevent movement, and comply with electrical standards.

Selecting the Right Tray and Conduit

Choose a cable tray type suitable for your application: ladder trays are ideal for large power cables and provide rungs for easy fastening, while ventilated troughs support smaller control or instrumentation cables and prevent sagging. Ensure the conduit material is compatible with the environment, such as FRP for corrosive or high-moisture areas.

Securing Conduits

Use Cable Ties or Straps: Conduits can be fastened to tray rungs or side rails using UV-resistant cable ties, stainless steel straps, or approved clamps. Space ties at regular intervals (typically 18–24 inches for power conduits, closer for smaller instrumentation conduits) to prevent sagging or lateral movement. Anchor Points: Utilize the tray rungs or side rails as anchor points.



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Ladder trays provide convenient rungs for tying conduits, while solid-bottom trays may require clamp brackets or saddle supports. Maintain Bend Radius: Ensure conduits maintain the minimum bend radius as they enter or exit the tray to avoid stress on cables. Bundling: Group conduits logically by type or feeder, using banding or conduit clamps to keep them organized and balanced within the tray.

Avoid over-tightening, which can deform conduits or restrict cable movement. Support Accessories: For long runs, consider intermediate supports, saddle clamps, or spacer bars to prevent sagging and maintain alignment.

Safety and Compliance

Inspection: Verify that all conduits are properly fastened, aligned, and free from damage before energizing the system. Grounding and Bonding: Ensure metallic conduits are bonded to the tray system if required by code. Load Considerations: Do not exceed the tray's rated load; distribute conduits evenly to prevent tipping or deformation.

Labeling: Clearly identify conduits by feeder or branch to facilitate maintenance and troubleshooting.

Best Practices

Follow approved shop drawings and specifications for spacing, support, and conduit routing. Use compatible fasteners and accessories tested for the tray system to ensure long-term reliability. Regularly inspect and maintain the tray system to prevent loosening or damage over time.

By following these methods, cable conduits will remain secure, organized, and code-compliant, reducing the risk of mechanical damage, electrical faults, and maintenance issues.

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