Installing cable trays in low-voltage electrical shafts



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Proper installation of cable trays in low-voltage shafts involves selecting the right tray type, planning routes, ensuring adequate support, and following NEC guidelines for safety and accessibility. 1.

Planning and Preparation

Before installation, review the approved shop drawings to determine tray routes, lengths, and locations within the electrical shaft. Ensure the area is clear of obstructions and that there is sufficient clearance for cable pulling and future maintenance. Inspect all materials, including trays, ladders, and fittings, for damage and compliance with project specifications.

Store trays horizontally on a flat surface with timber supports to prevent warping or moisture damage. 2.

Selecting the Cable Tray Type

Ladder trays: Ideal for larger low-voltage bundles, offering excellent ventilation and convenient tie points for cables. Ventilated trough trays: Provide continuous support for smaller control and instrumentation cables, preventing sagging between rungs. Material considerations: Aluminum or fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP) trays are preferred in corrosive or high-moisture environments.

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3.

Support and Mounting

Use center-hung or wall-mounted supports depending on shaft configuration. Center-hung supports allow easier cable placement from both sides. Maintain maximum support spacing according to tray type and load; typically, 3–3.

6 meters for standard low-voltage trays. Ensure each hanger does not exceed its load capacity (e.g., 318–340 kg per hanger for heavy-duty trays),. Maintain proper horizontal and vertical alignment and avoid clashes with other services.

4.

Installation Procedure

Mark tray routes on walls or shaft surfaces according to shop drawings. Install supports and hangers at specified intervals, ensuring level alignment. Assemble tray sections and secure them to supports using appropriate fasteners.

Maintain minimum bend radius for cables at tray entries and exits to prevent damage. Install covers if required for protection against dust, moisture, or electromagnetic interference. 5.

Cable Management and Safety

Avoid overfilling trays; calculate cable fill based on NEC Article 392 guidelines. Use cable ties or clamps to secure cables without compressing insulation. Ensure proper bonding and grounding of metallic trays to prevent electrical hazards.

Maintain separation from high-voltage or heat-generating equipment to prevent interference or overheating. 6.

Final Checks

Verify alignment, support integrity, and tray load distribution. Confirm that all cables are properly secured and that the installation complies with NEC and project specifications. Document the installation for future maintenance and inspection.

By following these steps, low-voltage cable trays in electrical shafts can be installed safely, efficiently, and in compliance with industry standards, ensuring long-term reliability and ease of maintenance.

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This method statement covers the site installation of the cable tray & ladders and the requirements of checks to be carried out.

Cable Tray Institute

The Cable Tray Institute has several standards and guidelines for the construction, testing, performance, and installation of cable tray. More information can be found here:

INSTALLATION GUIDE

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To ensure that the complete ladder tray wiring system performs as designed, it is important that it is properly installed. Personal injury as well as property damage will result if proper installation and

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How to Install Cable Tray: A Comprehensive Guide to Different

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Review the proper methods for safely installing, maintaining and inspecting electrical cable trays; Provide information regarding the hazards of overloaded cable trays;

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