Cable specifications for horizontal cable trays

Overview

Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

Key Takeaways

Horizontal cable trays must be selected based on material, load capacity, tray type, support spacing, and cable bend radius to ensure safe and efficient cable management.

Tray Types and Materials

Horizontal cable trays come in several types, including ladder trays, ventilated trays, solid-bottom trays, and wire mesh trays. Ladder trays are ideal for heavy power cables, providing excellent ventilation, while solid-bottom trays are used where protection from dust or electromagnetic interference is needed. Wire mesh trays are lightweight and flexible, suitable for instrumentation and control cables.

Materials commonly used include steel, stainless steel, and aluminum. Aluminum offers high corrosion resistance and is suitable for outdoor or humid environments, while steel provides high mechanical strength for heavy cable loads.

Dimensions and Load Capacity

Tray width and depth should be selected based on the number and size of cables. Standard rung spacing for ladder trays is typically 6 to 9 inches (150–230 mm) to support cables without sagging. Load capacity depends on tray material, width, and span between supports.

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Manufacturers provide load tables to ensure trays can safely carry the intended cable weight.

Support and Installation

Horizontal trays require support elements such as wall brackets, suspended supports, or center suspensions. The support distance is critical and must be calculated based on tray type, material, and cable load. Proper installation ensures that cables maintain the minimum bend radius at tray exits and junctions, preventing damage to insulation and conductors.

Environmental Considerations

Consider temperature, moisture, chemical exposure, and mechanical forces when selecting tray material and finish. For example, aluminum is preferred in corrosive environments, while coated steel may be used indoors. Covers or barriers can be added to protect cables from dust, oil, or accidental contact.

Accessories

Horizontal cable trays may include bends, T-pieces, crossovers, reductions, end closures, and covers to accommodate routing changes and protect cables. Accessories should match the tray type and material to maintain structural integrity and compliance with standards. By carefully selecting the tray type, material, dimensions, support spacing, and accessories, horizontal cable trays can provide safe, durable, and efficient cable management for industrial and commercial installations.

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