Connection between ladder-type cable trays and cable troughs



Overview

Cable tray ladder, tray and trough structures Ladder-type cable tray has the advantages of light weight, low cost, easy installation, good heat dissipation.

Key Takeaways

Ladder-type and trough-type cable trays can be connected using compatible fittings, splice plates, and reducers to ensure structural integrity, proper cable support, and safe transitions between tray types. Overview of Tray TypesLadder-type cable trays consist of two longitudinal side rails connected by rungs, providing an open structure that allows excellent ventilation and easy cable access. They are ideal for heavy-duty power cables and long horizontal runs, as the open design prevents overheating and moisture buildup.

Trough-type cable trays (including perforated or solid-bottom trays) have a more enclosed design, offering greater support for smaller cables, protection from electromagnetic interference, and enhanced security in confined spaces. Perforated troughs allow some ventilation, while solid-bottom trays provide shielding and prevent buckling.

Methods for Connecting Ladder and Trough Trays

Use of Transition FittingsSpecial adapter or transition fittings are available to connect ladder trays to trough trays. These fittings align the side rails and provide a smooth path for cables to transition without sharp bends, maintaining the minimum bend radius.

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Splice Plates and Bolted Connections

Splice plates can be used to join the ends of ladder and trough trays. Bolts secure the plates to the tray edges, ensuring mechanical stability and load transfer between the two systems.

Reducers for Width Adjustment

If the ladder tray and trough tray have different widths, reducers can be installed to gradually transition from one width to another, preventing cable crowding and maintaining proper support.

Support and Alignment Considerations

Both tray types should be supported using trapeze hangers, wall brackets, or ceiling mounts to maintain alignment and prevent sagging at the connection point. Ensure that the cable bend radius is respected as cables exit the ladder tray into the trough tray to avoid damage.

Optional Covers and Protection

If the ladder tray is open and the trough tray is enclosed, consider using a cover or protective shield at the transition to prevent debris ingress and maintain cable safety.

Practical Tips

Plan the transition point in advance to minimize sharp bends and maintain cable accessibility. Verify that the combined load of cables does not exceed the load rating of either tray type. Use compatible materials (e.g., galvanized steel, aluminum) to prevent galvanic corrosion at the connection.

Ensure proper grounding continuity across the connection for safety compliance. By following these methods, ladder-type and trough-type cable trays can be effectively integrated into a single cable management system, combining the ventilation and accessibility of ladder trays with the protection and support of trough trays.

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The only reason to select a ventilated trough cable tray over a ladder type cable tray is aesthetics. No drooping of small cables is visible. The ventilated trough cable tray does provide more support to the

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