Recommended Cable Tray Sealing Materials

Overview

Learn how to choose the best cable tray system for your needs. Explore types, materials, installation tips, and NEC compliance in this expert guide.

Key Takeaways

Foams and silicone-based sealants are among the most effective materials for sealing cable trays, providing weather, moisture, and chemical resistance.

Foam Materials

Foam is highly versatile and compressible, making it ideal for sealing cable trays against air, moisture, and physical impact. Common foam types include: EPDM Foam: Excellent for outdoor use due to superior UV and ozone resistance, with a temperature range of -40°C to +120°C. It offers flexibility, tensile strength, and recovery capabilities, making it suitable for long-term sealing applications.

Foil-

Faced Foam: Lightweight yet strong, providing insulation and barriers against gas, vapor, and pests. It is effective in retaining heat and slowing temperature transfer. Neoprene Blend and Neoprene Foam: Both offer water, ozone, and weather resistance.

Neoprene foam has a higher temperature tolerance (-40°C to +120°C) and is suitable for general-purpose sealing.

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Silicone-

Based SealantsSilicone-based sealants are often used in combination with foam or weatherstop frames to create a weathertight and chemically resistant seal. They are particularly effective in outdoor or wet environments and maintain flexibility over a wide temperature range. These sealants are non-toxic, chemically neutral, and free from halogens, formaldehyde, or asbestos, making them safe for industrial applications.

Weatherstop Systems

For more robust sealing, weatherstop units combine a steel frame (powder-coated or galvanized) with water-resistant pads and silicone sealant. These systems: Accommodate any cable size and quantityCan be installed before or after cable tray installationAre suitable for hazardous, exterior, and wet environmentsAre NEMA classified up to 4X, ensuring high protection against corrosion and water ingress Material Selection ConsiderationsWhen choosing sealing materials for cable trays, consider: Environmental exposure: Outdoor, chemical, or marine environments require UV-resistant and corrosion-resistant materials like EPDM foam or FRP-based trays.

Temperature range: Ensure the material can withstand the operational temperature extremes.

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M and neoprene foams are suitable for wide ranges. Maintenance and accessibility: Materials should allow easy cable maintenance and changes without compromising the seal. Compliance: Follow NEC, IEC, and NEMA guidelines for cable tray installation and sealing.

By combining high-quality foam, silicone-based sealants, and weatherstop systems, you can achieve a durable, weatherproof, and chemically resistant seal for cable trays in a variety of industrial and outdoor applications.

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