

Standards for Cable Tray Connections in Shopping Malls



Overview

This document provides guidelines for information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure design for new SM malls.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray systems in shopping malls must be designed for load-bearing capacity, fire safety, proper routing, segregation of cables, and compliance with IEC 61537 standards to ensure safety, reliability, and maintainability.

Key Design and Layout Principles

Route Planning: Cable trays should follow the shortest and straightest path possible, avoiding unnecessary crossings, detours, or interference with other building services. **Coordination with the architectural and structural design** is essential to prevent conflicts with HVAC, plumbing, or other utilities. **Segregation of Cables:** Power (high-voltage) and signal (low-voltage) cables must be routed separately using dedicated trays to minimize electromagnetic interference and ensure signal integrity.

Tray Type and Material Selection: Indoor: Painted steel or galvanized trays. Outdoor: Hot-dip galvanized or stainless steel trays. Corrosive or high-humidity areas: Aluminum alloy or fiberglass-reinforced plastic trays.



Mechanical Strength and Load Capacity: Trays must support the weight of cables, environmental loads, and potential external forces. Load calculations should consider peak power demand in shopping malls, including seasonal variations like high air-conditioning loads in summer. **Ventilation and Fill Ratio:** Proper perforation and spacing are required to allow heat dissipation and prevent cable overheating.

Trays should not exceed recommended fill ratios to maintain airflow and reduce fire risk. **Fire Safety:** Cable trays must be fire-resistant, especially in areas with high occupancy. Use flame-retardant materials and ensure compliance with local fire codes.

Fireproofing measures may include fire-rated coatings or separation barriers.

Installation Compatibility and Modularity: Trays should be compatible with bends, risers, junctions, and other accessories. Modular designs facilitate easy maintenance, upgrades, and repairs without disrupting mall operations.

Aesthetic and Environmental Considerations: In commercial complexes, trays should blend with the building's interior design and use eco-friendly, recyclable materials where possible. **Monitoring and Maintenance:** Advanced installations may include sensors for temperature, humidity, and current, enabling real-time monitoring and predictive maintenance to prevent failures.

Compliance and Standards

Cable trays must comply with IEC 61537, which specifies mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, electrical continuity, fire performance, and installation compatibility. Following these standards ensures safety, long-term reliability, and legal compliance in commercial environments.

Summary

For shopping malls, a well-designed cable tray system should: Follow efficient routing aligned with building structure. Ensure segregation of power and signal cables. Use appropriate materials for indoor, outdoor, and corrosive environments.

Support heavy loads and allow adequate ventilation. Be fire-resistant and compliant with IEC 61537. Facilitate modular installation, maintenance, and monitoring.

These measures collectively ensure safe, reliable, and maintainable power distribution in high-traffic commercial complexes.

Article Content

ICT Guidelines for New Mall Infrastructure

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NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2018

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NEC Standards for Cable Trays: Grounding, Fill Capacity

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A practical guide to product selection and installation This guide for engineers and installers has been developed by ABB as a practical reference regarding cable tray characteristics, installation, and

Codes and Standards | Cable Tray Institute

This standard specifies the requirements for nonmetallic cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of the Canadian Electrical Code (CEC) Part 1, and the National

IEC 61537:2023 | IEC

IEC 61537:2023 specifies requirements and tests for cable tray systems and cable ladder systems intended for the support and accommodation of cables and possibly other electrical equipment in

IEC Standard for Cable Tray: Complete Technical Guide

For proper installation, design, and maintenance, adherence to international standards is essential. One of the most recognized frameworks globally is the IEC standard for cable tray

NEMA BI 50016-2024

Cable tray system design shall 269 comply with National Electrical Code® (NEC®) Article 392, NEMA BI-50015 (formerly VE 1), and NEMA 270 FG 1, and follow safe work practices as described in NFPA

Cable Tray Regulations: Global Guide to Rules

Understand Cable Tray Regulations worldwide. Learn key standards like NEC (US), BS 7671 (UK), IEC (Europe), and more for safe installs.

Technical Guidelines for Cable Tray Installation and

Joint Connections: Use dedicated splice plates and bolts. Ensure firm electrical continuity through grounding jumpers at each connection point. Sharp edges or

Best practice guide to cable ladder and cable tray systems

Cable ladder and cable tray systems The following recommendations are intended to be a practical guide to ensure the safe and proper installation of cable ladder and cable tray systems

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Mastering Cable Tray Installation | Step-by-Step Guide for a Seamless ...

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Explaining NEC Article 392 on Cable Trays

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