

How to secure cables to cable trays



Article Overview

Cables on cable trays should be secured using cable ties, clamps, and dividers while maintaining proper spacing, grounding, and adherence to NEC fill limits to ensure safety and system reliability.

Key Methods for Securing Cables

1. Use Cable Ties or Clamps: Secure cables at regular intervals along the tray using plastic or metal cable ties or clamps. This prevents cables from sagging, reduces stress on connections, and keeps them organized near connection points or bends in the tray . 2. Maintain Proper Spacing: Avoid overcrowding by following NEC fill limits: power cables should not exceed 40% of the tray's cross-sectional area, and control or instrumentation cables should not exceed 50% . Leave space between different cable types to prevent interference and overheating . 3. Use Dividers: Install built-in or add-on dividers to separate power, data, and control cables. This reduces electromagnetic interference (EMI) and makes maintenance easier . 4. Consider Tray Type and Rung Spacing:

- Ladder trays: Use the rungs as anchor points for ties; ideal for large power cables due to ventilation and heat dissipation .
- Ventilated trough trays: Provide continuous support for smaller cables; secure cables to prevent sagging between rungs .
- Solid-bottom trays: Offer EMI protection; ensure cables are tied down to prevent movement .
- Recommended rung spacing is 6-9 inches (150-230 mm) for instrumentation and control cables . 5. Grounding and Bonding: Ensure the entire cable tray system is pr...

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2. Purpose This method statement for the Installation of Cable Tray, Trunking, and Accessories shows and explains

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The cable must be secured at intervals not exceeding six feet. TC cables are not permitted to be installed outside of a cable tray

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Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) - Electrical Trader

In vertical or angled tray runs, cables should be fastened to the tray's transverse members to keep them secure. In

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