Cable trays passing through pillars



Overview

Types of Cable Trays: Ladder, Perforated, Basket, Solid Explore all types of cable trays—ladder, perforated, basket, solid, and channel. Learn their uses.

Key Takeaways

When cable trays pass through pillars, proper firestopping, structural support, and compliance with standards are essential to ensure safety and maintain system integrity.

Structural Considerations

Cable trays passing through pillars must be supported and aligned to prevent mechanical stress on both the tray and the pillar. Use support elements such as wall brackets, suspended supports, or center suspensions to secure the tray to the structure without compromising the pillar's integrity. Fittings like horizontal or vertical bends, T-pieces, and reductions can help route the tray efficiently through the pillar while maintaining proper cable spacing and bend radius.

Ensure that the tray material (steel, stainless steel, or aluminum) is suitable for the environment and can withstand mechanical loads.

Firestopping Requirements

Openings in pillars for cable trays must be firestopped to prevent the spread of fire and smoke. Firestopping materials include fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, or fire-resistant mineral wool. Key guidelines include: Seal all gaps tightly, both internally and externally, without visible cracks or voids.

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For large openings, install a fire-resistant backing plate before sealing. Maintain a gap area between firestop packs and cables not exceeding 1 cm^2 and a packing thickness of at least 24 cm. At slab or pillar penetrations, provide 20–30 mm of firestopping and a fire-support plate at the top.

Use UL-listed firestop products such as 3M pillows or moldable putty for compliance with fire ratings. Compliance with StandardsFollow international and regional standards such as IEC 61537 for cable tray systems, which specify mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, and electrical continuity. Ensure that the installation allows for maintenance access and does not compromise the structural or fire safety of the pillar.

Practical Tips

Plan the layout and positioning to facilitate installation and future maintenance. Use splice plates and mounting brackets for secure connections when trays pass through structural elements. Maintain minimum bend radius for cables exiting the tray to prevent damage.

Consider covers or barrier strips to protect cables from mechanical or environmental hazards. By following these guidelines, cable trays can safely pass through pillars while maintaining fire safety, structural integrity, and compliance with international standards.

Article Content

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Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder and Cable Tray Systems

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Ladder tray should be mounted far enough off the floor or roof to allow the cables to exit through the bottom of the tray. If strut is used as a cross support, mount the strut directly to the roof or floor.

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Cable tray

Combustible cable jackets may catch on fire and cable fires can thus spread along a cable tray within a structure. This is easily prevented through the use of fire-retardant cable jackets, or fireproofing

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If not designed and installed properly, wiring inside cable trays may pose hazards such as fire, electric shock, and arc-flash blast events.

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