Fireproof partitions used in cable trays



Overview

In the power industry, the installation of fire-blocking sections (fire-proof sections/fire-proof partitions) on cable trays is an important measure to ensure the safe operation of the power system.

Key Takeaways

Fireproof partitions in cable trays are installed to prevent fire propagation along cable runs, ensuring safety, system reliability, and compliance with fire protection standards.

Purpose of Fireproof Partitions

Fireproof partitions, also known as fire-blocking sections or fire sections, are critical in cable tray systems to isolate fires, prevent fire spread, and protect personnel and property in industrial and power facilities. They help maintain the stability of electrical systems during fire incidents and improve the disaster resistance of power and industrial installations. These partitions are particularly important in areas with high fire risk, such as power plants, substations, and industrial buildings.

Materials Used

Common materials for fireproof partitions include: Fire-rated boards: Provide strong fire resistance but may be heavy and occupy space. Fireproof coatings and paints: Easy to apply, cost-effective, and suitable for long cable runs, though they may require maintenance. Fireproof bags and packs: Offer high strength and durability, suitable for retrofitting.

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Intumescent caulks and putty: Expand under heat to seal gaps, adaptable to irregular shapes, and UL-listed for firestop applications. Fire-resistant mineral wool: Provides excellent heat insulation and fire resistance, often used in combination with backing plates. Each material has trade-offs in terms of installation complexity, durability, heat dissipation, and maintenance requirements.

Installation Guidelines

Placement: Fireproof partitions should be installed at intervals along cable trays, especially near control rooms, distribution devices, and wall penetrations. Sealing: Gaps between cables and partitions should be minimal (typically ≤1 cm^2), and all openings must be tightly sealed to prevent fire and smoke passage. Backing Plates: For large openings, a fire-resistant backing plate is recommended before sealing.

Compliance: Use UL-listed systems or equivalent firestop solutions, such as 3M fire barrier pillows or intumescent caulks, to meet fire-rating requirements for walls and slabs. Maintenance: Periodic inspection is necessary to ensure coating integrity, sealing effectiveness, and absence of damage from environmental factors like moisture or UV exposure.

Benefits

Fire Containment: Limits fire spread along cable runs. System Reliability: Protects critical electrical infrastructure. Safety: Reduces risk to personnel and property.

Regulatory Compliance: Meets fire safety codes and standards for industrial and commercial installations.

Applications

Fireproof partitions are widely used in: Power plants and substationsIndustrial facilities and factoriesHigh-rise buildings and hospitalsOffshore and sensitive installations requiring high fire safety standards By selecting appropriate materials and following proper installation procedures, fireproof partitions within cable trays provide a robust, long-term solution for fire safety in electrical systems.

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Cable trays and busways at floor level or at slab penetrations shall have a waterstop no less than 50 mm in height. At slab penetrations, provide 20–30 mm of firestopping and install a fire

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Fireproof Cable Trays Acceptance: Standards for Safety

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Firestopping through concrete barriers, installing wall boxes and using cable trays are the most common problems in this area. Firestopping cable trays is particularly difficult because of the irregular size and

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