How to detect galvanization in cable trays



Overview

From understanding the type of cable tray they are installing to ensuring proper galvanization done to it, our team of workers are available.

Key Takeaways

The galvanization of a cable tray can be determined by identifying the type of zinc coating, measuring its thickness, and verifying compliance with relevant standards.

Types of Galvanization

Cable trays are typically galvanized using one of two methods: Electro-galvanization (electrolytic zinc coating): Deposits a thin, uniform layer of zinc on the steel surface. It is bright and smooth but offers moderate corrosion resistance, suitable for indoor or less harsh environments (GB/T 26941. 1-2011).

Hot-dip galvanization: Steel trays are submerged in molten zinc, forming a metallurgical bond with a thick zinc-iron alloy layer and a pure zinc layer. This provides superior corrosion resistance, ideal for outdoor, industrial, or coastal environments (GB/T 13912-2020).

Measuring Zinc Coating Thickness

The corrosion protection depends on the zinc layer thickness: Hot-dip galvanized trays: Typically require a minimum local zinc thickness of 45μm, corresponding to a coating mass of at least 325 g/m² for steel plates 1. 5–3 mm thick. Electro-galvanized trays: Usually have thinner coatings, often less than 20μm, and are less resistant to corrosion.

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Thickness can be measured using: Magnetic induction gauges: Non-destructive, suitable for ferrous metals. X-ray fluorescence (XRF) analyzers: Provide precise coating thickness and composition. Microscopic cross-section analysis: Destructive but highly accurate for laboratory verification.

Visual and Physical Indicators

Surface appearance: Hot-dip galvanized trays often have a matte, spangled finish, while electro-galvanized trays are bright and smooth. Scratch test: Minor scratches on hot-dip trays reveal a thick zinc layer that continues to protect the steel, whereas electro-galvanized trays may show steel beneath quickly. Weight difference: Hot-dip trays are slightly heavier due to the thicker zinc layer.

Compliance and Standards

Ensure the tray meets recognized standards: NEMA VE 1 and IEC 61537 for cable tray design and galvanization. GB/T 13912-2020 for hot-dip galvanized coatings. GB/T 26941.

1-2011 for electro-galvanized trays.

Practical Considerations

For harsh or outdoor environments, hot-dip galvanization is preferred. For indoor or controlled environments, electro-galvanized trays may suffice. Verify coating thickness and uniformity before installation to ensure long-term corrosion protection and compliance with safety standards.

By combining visual inspection, thickness measurement, and standard compliance checks, you can accurately determine the galvanization quality of cable trays and select the appropriate type for your installation environment.

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