Cable tray connection joint standards



Overview

This guide for engineers and installers has been developed by ABB as a practical reference regarding cable tray characteristics, installation, and requirements.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray joints must comply with standards such as NEMA VE 1/VE 2, IEC 61537, and CSA guidelines to ensure mechanical integrity, electrical safety, and proper load support. Key Standards and GuidelinesNEMA VE 1 and VE 2 provide detailed requirements for metal and non-metallic cable trays, including ladder, ventilated, solid bottom, channel, and wire mesh types.

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E 1 focuses on manufacturing requirements, while VE 2 addresses installation, handling, and maintenance of cable tray systems, including joints and fittings to ensure proper alignment, load distribution, and grounding continuity.

IE

C 61537: 2023 is the international standard for cable tray systems, specifying mechanical, electrical, and environmental performance for joints, fittings, and complete tray assemblies. It ensures that joints maintain structural integrity under load, resist corrosion, and provide safe cable support.

CS

A Standards (Canadian Electrical Code) complement NEMA and IEC standards for installations in Canada, particularly for non-metallic trays and associated fittings, ensuring compliance with local electrical codes.

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Joint Requirements

Mechanical Integrity: Joints must maintain alignment and support the rated load of the tray system. Bolted or welded connections are common for metallic trays, while non-metallic trays use compatible fittings and fasteners. Electrical Continuity: Metallic trays require grounding continuity across joints to prevent electrical hazards.

Bonding jumpers or conductive fittings are often specified. Environmental Protection: Materials and finishes must resist corrosion, heat, and chemical exposure according to the installation environment. Aluminum, galvanized steel, and stainless steel are commonly used.

Fitting Types: Standard fittings include straight couplers, elbows, tees, crosses, reducers, and end caps. Each fitting type must comply with the load and dimensional requirements of the tray system. Spacing and Support: Proper rung spacing, support intervals, and minimum bend radii for cables at joints are specified to prevent cable damage and maintain system performance.

Practical Considerations

Always verify that the joint components are compatible with the tray type and material. Follow manufacturer instructions and applicable local electrical codes. Periodic inspection and maintenance are recommended to ensure joint integrity over time.

For specialized applications, such as instrumentation or high-voltage cables, additional protective measures may be required, including covers or insulated fittings. By adhering to these standards, cable tray joints will provide safe, reliable, and code-compliant support for electrical and control cables in industrial, commercial, and institutional installations.

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Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

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They provide a two-point connection from the power source to the load, however, any conduit, cable tray, or raceway must still be bonded back to the power source.

Cable tray manual

These documents: ANSI/NEMA VE-1, Metal Cable Tray Systems; NEMA VE-2, Cable Tray Installation Guidelines; and NEMA FG-1, Non Metallic Cable Tray Systems, are an excellent industry resource in

Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder and Cable Tray Systems

This publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports.

Practices for grounding and bonding of cable trays

If an EGC cable is installed in or on a cable tray, it should be bonded to each or alternate cable tray sections via grounding clamps (this is not required by the NEC® but it is a desirable practice).

Equipment Grounding Conductors for Cable Tray Systems

Connections of conduits and/or cables (Bonding and/or EGC) to the cable trays should be made with UL Listed Connectors that are properly installed to insure that there is good electrical continuity between

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INTRODUCTION The B-Line series Cable Tray Manual was produced by our technical staff. We recognize the need for a complete cable tray reference source for electrical engineers and designers.

Full cable tray systems specification document

2.02 CABLE TRAY SECTIONS AND COMPONENTS A. General: Except as otherwise indicated, provide metal cable trays, of types, classes and sizes indicated; with splice plates, bolts, nuts and

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

CABLE TRAY

This standards publication was developed by the NEMA Metal Cable Tray and Nonmetallic Cable Tray Sections. Section approval of the standard does not necessarily imply that all section members voted

Electrical Continuity

Electrical continuity provides safety to people and property, and plays an essential role in the EMC performance. Thus cable trays must connect with each other by using couplers. The standard IEC

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