Making cable tray expansion joints using cable trays



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Managing Thermal Expansion and Contraction in Cable Learn how to manage thermal expansion and contraction in cable tray systems with expert tips on expansi.

Key Takeaways

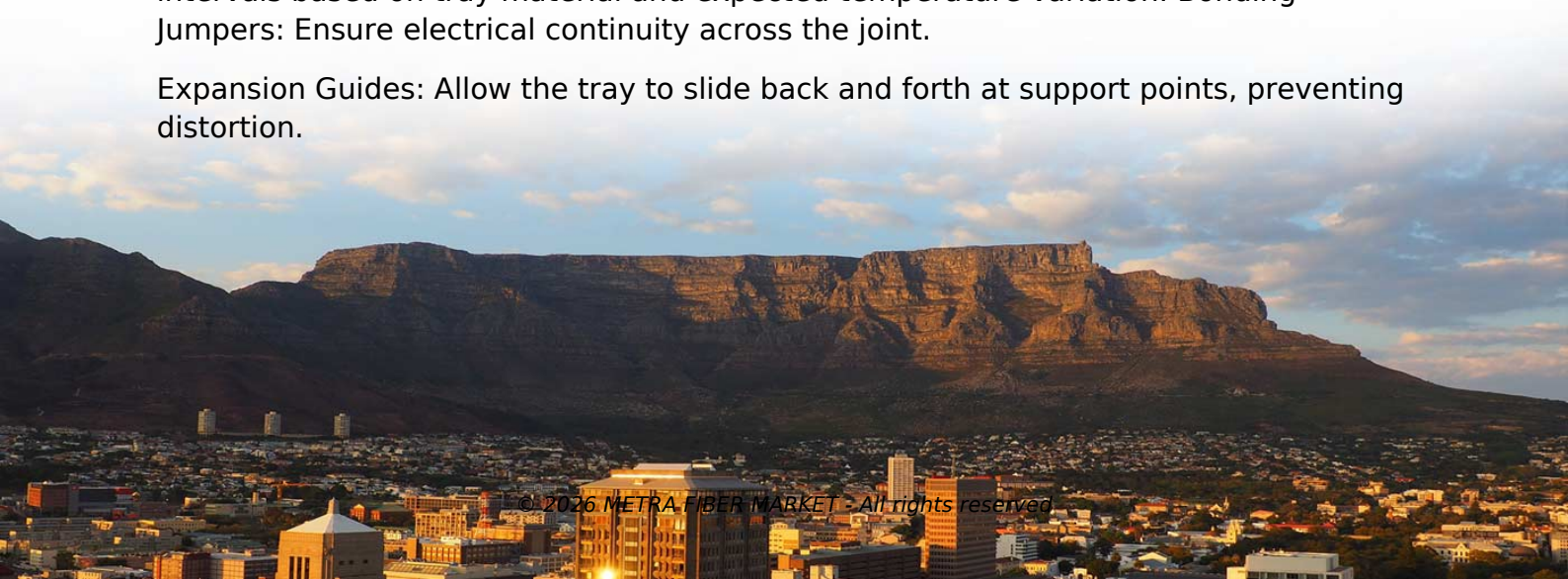
Cable tray expansion joints are installed to accommodate thermal expansion and contraction, ensuring structural integrity and preventing stress on cables and trays.

Understanding Thermal Expansion in Cable Trays

Cable trays, especially metal ones, expand and contract with temperature changes. Steel and aluminum trays have different expansion rates; for example, a 100-foot aluminum tray can expand or contract by approximately 2 inches with a 100°F temperature change, while steel expands less. Without proper expansion joints, trays can bend, tear from supports, or cause bolt elongation at splice points.

Components of an Expansion JointExpansion Joint Splice Plates: These connect two tray sections while allowing movement. They should be installed at calculated intervals based on tray material and expected temperature variation. Bonding Jumpers: Ensure electrical continuity across the joint.

Expansion Guides: Allow the tray to slide back and forth at support points, preventing distortion.



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Down Clamps: Used at the midpoint between expansion joints to anchor the tray while allowing movement at other supports.

Installation Guidelines

Support Placement: Place supports within 2 feet of each side of the expansion joint splice plate. Do not clamp the tray too tightly; it must be free to expand and contract. Joint Spacing: Follow NEMA VE 1 standards for maximum tray lengths between expansion joints.

For a 100°F differential, steel trays require joints every 128 feet, aluminum every 65 feet. Gap Setting: Determine the expansion gap based on the highest expected tray temperature at installation. Use nomographs or manufacturer guidelines to calculate the correct gap.

Environmental Considerations: Install expansion joints in areas with significant temperature fluctuations, such as rooftops or outdoor industrial settings.

Best Practices

Evaluate the type of cable and environmental conditions to determine joint placement. Ensure proper alignment and secure bonding to maintain electrical continuity. Use expansion guides at all supports except the hold-down clamp location to allow smooth movement.

Regularly inspect joints for wear or misalignment, especially in high-temperature or outdoor installations. By following these guidelines, cable tray expansion joints can effectively absorb thermal movements, maintain system integrity, and prevent damage to both the trays and the cables they support.

Article Content

Managing Thermal Expansion and Contraction in Cable Tray Systems

Learn how to manage thermal expansion and contraction in cable tray systems with expert tips on expansion joints, guides, and spacing to ensure long-term structural integrity.

Thermal Contraction and Expansion of Cable Tray

For a 100° F differential (winter to summer), a steel cable tray will require an expansion joint every 128 feet and an aluminum cable tray every 65 feet. The temperature at the time of installation will dictate

Cable Tray Expansion Joint Installation: Comprehensive Guide

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Discover best practices for cable tray expansion joint installation to accommodate thermal changes, ensuring structural integrity and compliance with NEC and NEMA standards.

INSTALLATION GUIDE

We have more than a decade''s worth of experience making and designing quality cable tray and cable management systems. Our knowledgeable production team works closely with each customer to

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The cable tray needs to be anchored at the support closest to the midpoint between the expansion joints with hold down clamps and secured by expansion guides at all other support locations. The

Cable Tray Thermal Expansion Guidelines

Thermal expansion and contraction of cable trays must be accounted for through the use of expansion joints. Proper installation of expansion joints is important to prevent tearing, bending, or damage

Cable Tray Ladder Trunking Wire Basket Installation Guidelines

Make expansion connections wherever cable tray and trunking are crossing building expansion joints. Cable trays are to be made good at all joints or holes, first treat the surfaces with a suitable rust

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Expansion splice joints should be designed and placed so as to maximize the rigidity of the cable tray, unless expansion splice plates are part of a system specifically designed for other placement,

Cable Tray Design and Sizing Guide

Steel cable tray has load thermal expansion (low co-efficient) and provides electric shielding for low level control circuits when used in electro - magnetic shielded cable trays.

SFSP Cable Tray Accessories Catalogue

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Cable tray systems, essential for supporting electrical cables, are subject to thermal expansion and contraction due to temperature fluctuations. As cables and trays expand or contract,

What is Expansion Joint Cable Tray Installation

Learn the essentials of expansion joint cable tray installation and how they ensure safe and durable cable tray systems in various environments.

Cable tray expansion joint setting method

Reasonable setting of cable tray expansion joints is a key link to ensure the safe operation of the cable tray system, and factors such as thermal expansion compensation, vibration

Thermal Contraction and Expansion of Cable Tray

Bridges and some other structures have expansion joints. Installing expansion joints in the cable tray runs only at the structure expansion joint positions, does not normally provide a valid solution to

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