Sealing of Vertical Cable Trays for Low Voltage Flow



Overview

Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

Key Takeaways

Sealing vertical cable trays for low-voltage wiring involves using solid or ventilated covers, fire-resistant gaskets, and proper cable fastening to protect cables from dust, moisture, and mechanical damage while maintaining NEC compliance.

Use of Covers and Enclosures

For vertical cable trays, solid or ventilated covers are recommended to protect low-voltage cables from environmental contaminants and accidental contact. Solid covers provide maximum protection against dust and moisture, while ventilated covers allow airflow to prevent heat buildup in densely packed trays (ABB Cable Tray Technical Guide). Ensure that covers are securely fastened along the vertical run to prevent gaps.

Fireproofing and Gaskets

To enhance safety, especially in indoor installations, fire-resistant gaskets or sealants can be applied at tray joints and entry points. These materials help maintain the integrity of the tray in case of fire and prevent smoke or flame propagation along the cable path (Zero Instrument Technical Guidelines). Use materials that are compatible with the tray material (steel, aluminum, or fiberglass) and rated for low-voltage applications.

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Cable Fastening and Strapping

Cables in vertical trays should be fastened to the tray's transverse members using listed and approved cable ties. Avoid overtightening to prevent damage to cable jackets. For outdoor or UV-exposed installations, use UV-resistant ties to ensure long-term durability (Electrical Trader NEC 392 guidance).

Proper fastening also helps maintain spacing, which improves heat dissipation and reduces mechanical stress.

Transition Points and Strain Relief

At points where cables enter equipment or transition to conduits, provide strain relief and secure the cables to the tray. This prevents pulling or bending stress on terminations and ensures a neat, code-compliant installation (Electrical Trader NEC 392 guidance).

Material Selection

Select tray and sealing materials based on the environment: Indoor: Painted or galvanized steel trays with solid covers. Outdoor: Hot-dip galvanized or stainless steel trays with UV-resistant covers. Corrosive or high-humidity areas: Aluminum alloy or fiberglass-reinforced plastic trays (Zero Instrument Technical Guidelines).

Summary

To effectively seal vertical cable trays for low-voltage wiring: Use solid or ventilated covers along the vertical run. Apply fire-resistant gaskets or sealants at joints and entry points. Secure cables with approved ties, maintaining proper spacing.

Provide strain relief at transitions to equipment or conduits. Choose tray and sealing materials appropriate for the installation environment. Following these practices ensures mechanical protection, fire safety, and compliance with NEC standards while maintaining the integrity of low-voltage wiring systems.

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