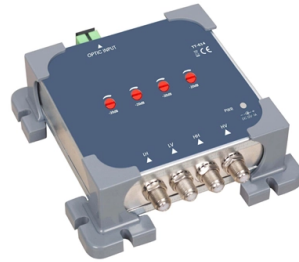


Cable trays do not allow cable routing



Article Overview

Cable trays may not allow cable routing due to design limitations, regulatory restrictions, improper installation, or unsuitable cable types.

Design and Physical Limitations

Cable trays come in various designs—ladder, solid-bottom, ventilated, or mesh—and each has specific capabilities. Ladder trays are ideal for heavy power cables and allow heat dissipation, while solid-bottom trays are better for sensitive control cables but may restrict airflow and cable flexibility . If the tray is too narrow, overloaded, or has improper rung spacing, it can prevent proper cable placement and routing . Additionally, single conductor cables smaller than 1/0 AWG are generally not allowed in standard trays unless specific industrial conditions are met .

Regulatory and Safety Restrictions

Cable trays must comply with NEC 392 and other safety standards. They cannot be installed in hoistways, enclosed spaces, or areas where access is restricted, as this prevents maintenance and violates code . High-power and low-power cables must be separated to avoid electromagnetic interference, and nonmetallic trays have additional limitations in plenum or corrosive environments . Failure to follow these rules can make routing impossible or unsafe.

Installation Issues

Improper installation can also hinder cable routing. Trays must be level, plumb, and...

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