

How to install cable tray compensation



Article Overview

Proper cable tray compensation installation ensures safe thermal expansion and contraction, preventing tray distortion, damage, or unsafe conditions.

Understanding Thermal Compensation

Cable trays expand and contract with temperature changes. If not properly accommodated, this can lead to bending, tearing, or bolt hole elongation at splice plates, especially in environments with large temperature variations, such as rooftops or outdoor installations (CableTrays.org) . Thermal compensation is essential to maintain the mechanical integrity of the tray system and protect the cables it supports.

Key Components for Compensation

- Expansion Joints: Install expansion joint splice plates at intervals recommended by the manufacturer or per NEMA VE 1 standards. These joints allow the tray to expand and contract without distortion (CableTrays.org) .
- Anchoring and Supports: Anchor the tray at the midpoint between expansion joints using hold-down clamps. Other support points should use expansion guides, which allow the tray to slide as it expands or contracts (CableTrays.org) .
- Bonding Jumpers: Ensure electrical continuity across expansion joints using bonding jumpers to maintain grounding and safety (CableTrays.org) .

Installation Best Practices

- Support Placement: Place supports within 2 feet of each side of expansion joints t...

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Best Practices for Installing Cables in Trays

Quick Installation Checklist (Key Steps) Cable tray cable installation generally follows these

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When properly installed, cable trays prevent damage to cabling and the area's structural integrity. When

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