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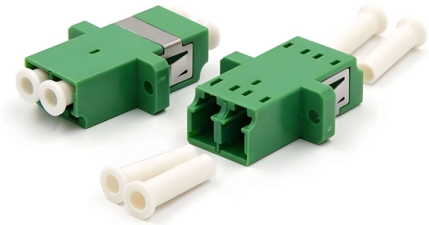

Article Overview

Cable trays in nuclear islands must maintain structural integrity under dead, live, and seismic loads while ensuring safe cable function and compliance with EMC and installation standards.

Structural and Load Requirements

Cable trays must support their own weight, the weight of installed cables, and any permanently attached items, collectively considered the dead load. During construction, a live load of 250 pounds may be applied at critical locations to evaluate flexural and shear stresses, but this is not combined with seismic loads (Westinghouse AP1000 Design Control Document Rev. 19) . The trays and supports must be designed to maintain stresses within allowable limits, with section properties and weights verified against manufacturer data .

Seismic Design

Cable trays in nuclear islands are typically seismic Category I, meaning they must withstand seismic events without impairing cable functionality. Supports often include cantilevers clamped to standard struts, which are anchored to the building structure using plates or dowels . Seismic qualification involves both dynamic analysis and experimental testing, including shake table tests to confirm maximum load capacity and structural response under high-level seismic input . Expansion joints may be incorporated to accommodate seismic movement, and damping ratio...

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