Should the control cable be routed through the low-voltage cable tray

Article Overview

Control cables should generally not be routed together with high-voltage power cables in the same tray; they should be segregated in dedicated low-voltage or instrumentation trays to minimize interference and comply with standards.

Key Guidelines for Control Cable Routing

Segregation by Voltage and Function: Control cables, which are typically low-voltage, should be routed separately from high-voltage power cables. This separation reduces the risk of electromagnetic interference (EMI) that can disrupt signal integrity in control systems . Industry best practices recommend placing power cables above and control or instrumentation cables below in multi-level trays . Minimum Spacing Requirements: When separate trays are not feasible, maintain a minimum vertical or horizontal distance between power and control cables. Standards often suggest at least 200–300 mm (8–12 inches) of separation . Divider partitions or compartmentalized trays can be used to maintain isolation if space constraints exist . Shielding and Grounding: For sensitive control signals, shielded cables may be used, but shielding alone does not replace the need for physical separation . Proper grounding of trays and cable shields is essential to reduce EMI and maintain system reliability . Compliance with Standards: Routing should follow NEC articles (e.g., 725.136, 760.53) and IEC standards (e.g., IEC 60364, IEC 61537) for cable segregation, mechanical protection, and earthing . Class 2/3 circuits must not share space with Class 1 circuits unless installed according to Class 1 wiring methods . Practical Routing Considerations: Use the shortest practical path, avoid unnecessar...

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By convention, to avoid any misunderstanding and to simplify the cable tray design and installation, the bending radius for all cable

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Compliance Requirements for Instrument Cable Trays Installation

Proper route selection ensures minimal interference, ease of maintenance, and system reliability. Key considerations include: Avoid

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Substation control cables are multiconductor cables used to transmit electrical signals with low voltage levels (less than 600 V) and

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Segregation of Power and Signal Cables: Power (high-voltage) and signal (low-voltage) cables should be

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