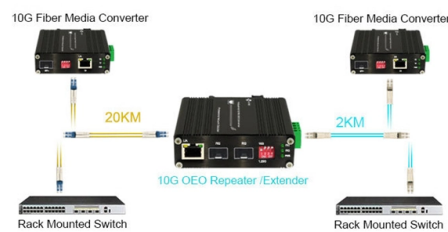


The cable trays in the low-voltage room need to be sealed off



Overview

Due to their exposure to the open air because of the cable trays, the wires contained within need a very durable outer covering. The regulations dictate that the cables must either be Type TC (also known as Tray Rated) or must be metal-armored (Type MC). This article explains the main low-voltage switchgear room requirements, including location, layout, clearances, environmental conditions, cable routing, fire and life safety considerations, and operational best practices. This is a description of how to select, install, and support these metal or plastic frames, on which electrical wires are installed. You should consider it as a series of instructions that make the buildings resistant to. In the 2017 NEC ®, the rule for sealing cables in a Class I Division 1 location now requires the seal-off fitting to be within 18 inches of the enclosure where the cable terminates or as required by markings on the enclosure. Where cables pass through shafts, walls, slabs, or enter electrical panels or cabinets, openings shall be tightly sealed with firestopping materials in accordance with. This subpart addresses electrical safety requirements that are necessary for the practical safeguarding of employees in their workplaces and is divided into four major divisions as follows: (a) Design safety standards for electrical systems. 302 through. Nearly half of Art. 503 (see SIDEBAR: The Class Sealing).

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(C) Where bare energized parts at any voltage or insulated energized parts above 600 volts, nominal, to ground are located adjacent to such entrance, they shall be suitably guarded.

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Solid bottom steel cable trays with solid covers and wrap around cover clamps can be used to provide EMI/RFI shielding protection for sensitive circuits.

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A generic guideline developed by the Cable Tray Institute indicates that cable trays should not be filled in excess of 40-50% of the inside area of the tray or of the tray's maximum weight based on the cable ...

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Cable trays must be installed as a complete system, except mechanically discontinuous segments between cable tray runs, or between cable tray runs and equipment are permitted.

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