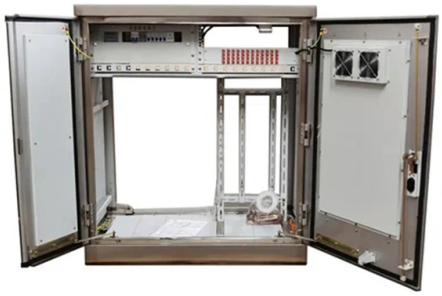
Cable tray connection ground



Overview

All metallic cable trays shall be grounded as required in Article 250.96 regardless of whether or not the cable tray is being used as an equipment grounding conductor (EGC).

Key Takeaways

Cable trays can be installed on the ground, but proper grounding and corrosion protection are essential for safety and compliance.

Ground Installation Considerations

Cable trays may be installed directly on the ground in industrial or commercial settings, provided they are supported and secured to prevent movement or damage. Ground-mounted trays must maintain electrical continuity and comply with the National Electrical Code (NEC) requirements for grounding and bonding. Metal trays installed on the ground should be free from paint or coatings at connection points to ensure proper electrical contact.

Grounding and Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC)Metal cable trays can serve as the Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) if they meet NEC specifications for cross-sectional area and conductivity. When used as an EGC: All metallic sections must be electrically continuous and bonded. Grounding clamps or bonding jumpers are recommended at tray joints to maintain continuity and secure the EGC under fault conditions.



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Bare copper conductors should not be used in aluminum trays on the ground due to potential electrolytic corrosion; insulated conductors with proper bonding are preferred. Steel trays are suitable for circuits up to 600–1000 amperes depending on tray size, while aluminum trays can handle higher currents but require careful bonding. Corrosion and Environmental ProtectionGround-mounted trays are exposed to moisture and soil, which can accelerate corrosion.

To mitigate this: Use corrosion-resistant materials such as stainless steel or hot-dip galvanized steel for ground installations. Ensure that bonding connections are made with tin- or zinc-plated connectors to prevent galvanic corrosion. Avoid placing bare copper directly in aluminum trays in moist environments.

Safety and Compliance

Proper grounding ensures that any stray electrical currents are safely directed to the earth, reducing the risk of electric shock, equipment damage, or fire. Ground-mounted trays must also comply with local electrical codes and standards, including NEC Article 250 and Article 392, which cover grounding, bonding, and tray installation requirements.

Summary

Cable trays can safely be used on the ground if: They are properly supported and secured. Metal trays are grounded and electrically continuous. Corrosion-resistant materials and proper bonding methods are used.

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C and local electrical codes are followed for EGC and fault protection. Following these practices ensures a safe, reliable, and code-compliant ground installation for cable trays.

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Cable Tray Conductor Sizing Guide

Cable Tray Conductor Sizing Guide Size conductors installed in cable tray with NEC 392, NEC 310.16, tray fill, ampacity adjustment, voltage-drop checks, grounding, and IEC design cross

Wire Basket Overhead Cable Tray Routing System Application Guide

System Overview The Wire Basket Overhead Cable Tray Routing System is composed of pathways, splices, mounting brackets, and accessories that allow the system to be configured for a wide range

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