Connecting the new cable tray to the existing cable tray

Overview

Learn how to connect multiple sections of wire mesh baskets or cable trays efficiently. Tips, tools, and techniques from cable management experts at CMW.

Key Takeaways

New cable trays can be securely connected to existing trays using couplers, bolts, or proprietary connector kits to ensure alignment, load stability, and compliance with electrical codes.

Key Considerations

Safety and Stability: Proper connections prevent sagging, loose joints, and grounding issues, which can cause cable damage, electric shocks, or fire hazards. Strong connections also ensure the tray system can support the weight of cables without bending or misalignment. Alignment: Before connecting, ensure the ends of the new and existing trays are properly aligned.

Misalignment can lead to uneven loads, sagging, and difficulty in future maintenance. Load Requirements: Consider the weight and type of cables being supported. Heavier bundles may require rigid bolt connections, while lighter installations can use clip-on or tool-less couplers.

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Common Connection Methods

Couplers: Metal or plastic couplers join two tray sections end-to-end. They provide a continuous support path and maintain structural integrity. Bolts and Splice Plates: For heavier trays or high-load applications, bolt sets and splice plates create a rigid connection.

This method is ideal for industrial or large-scale installations. Proprietary Connector Kits: Many manufacturers offer tool-less or quick-install kits designed for their specific tray systems. These allow fast, secure connections while ensuring compliance with load ratings and standards.

Installation Best Practices

Check Code Compliance: Follow NEC Article 392 and local electrical codes for tray installation, grounding, and bonding requirements. Support Spans: Ensure proper support spacing to prevent sagging. Ladder trays typically require supports every 4–6 feet, while ventilated troughs may have slightly different requirements.

Bonding and Grounding: Maintain electrical continuity across connected trays to prevent potential hazards. Use bonding jumpers if necessary. Future Maintenance: Leave enough clearance and access for adding or moving cables.

Secure connections make maintenance easier and safer. By following these guidelines, new cable trays can be integrated seamlessly with existing systems, ensuring durability, safety, and ease of maintenance.

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