Plastic sealing of cable trays

Overview

Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

Key Takeaways

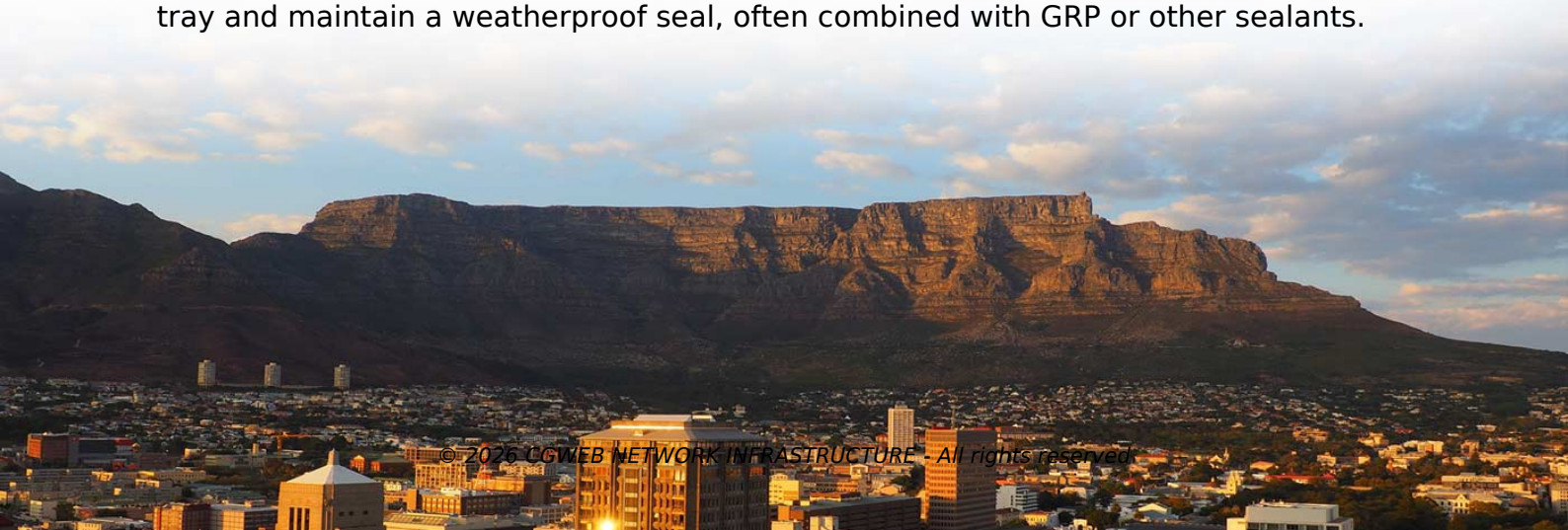
Plastic cable trays can be effectively sealed using weatherproofing systems, firestop solutions, and modular sealing plugs to protect against water, dust, and fire hazards.

Weatherproofing Techniques

For outdoor or exposed installations, weatherproofing is essential to prevent water ingress, thermal breaks, and environmental damage. Common methods include: Weatherstop sealing systems: These create a sealed entrance for cables at vertical wall penetrations, often resembling ductwork or box structures, ensuring a tight seal against rain, wind, and pests.

GR

P (Glass Reinforced Plastic) sealants: Cold-applied, fiber-reinforced liquid sealants can be used for both wall and roof penetrations. They are versatile, can be tinted to match building aesthetics, and provide a durable, waterproof, and windproof seal. Service risers and upstands: For roof penetrations, these structures support the cable tray and maintain a weatherproof seal, often combined with GRP or other sealants.



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Safe and Multi-Cable Sealing SystemsFor applications requiring fire protection or gas/water tightness, specialized modular systems are recommended: SLIPSIL Sealing Plugs: Self-compressing plugs that provide fire-safe, gas, and watertight seals without metallic parts, suitable for single or multiple cables. RISE® System: Uses expanding rubber insert sleeves with FIWA® sealant to achieve high levels of fire, water, and gas protection for multi-cable penetrations.

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E System: Provides instantaneous tightness, increasing seal pressure as external pressure rises, ideal for critical applications. SLIPSIL-MPP and NOFIRNO® Systems: Flexible solutions for sealing multiple cables or pipes of varying diameters, suitable for harsh industrial or marine environments.

Practical Considerations

Compatibility: Ensure the sealing system is compatible with plastic trays and the specific cable types used. Environmental exposure: Choose materials resistant to UV, moisture, and temperature variations. Ease of maintenance: Modular or split-frame systems allow retrofitting or replacement without dismantling the entire tray.

Fire safety: For installations in fire-rated walls or floors, use certified firestop systems to maintain compliance with safety codes. By combining weatherproofing techniques with fire-safe modular sealing systems, plastic cable trays can be effectively protected against environmental hazards, fire risks, and mechanical damage, ensuring long-term reliability and safety.

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