

Article Overview

Horizontal connections of cable trays are typically achieved using adjustable splice plates that align and secure tray sections while maintaining proper support and structural integrity.

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Horizontal connections in cable tray systems are essential for creating continuous cable pathways while allowing for changes in direction or alignment. These connections ensure that the trays remain mechanically stable, support the cable load, and comply with standards such as NEMA VE2 and DIN EN 61537 .

Splice Plates

Flexible horizontal adjustable splice plates are commonly used for connecting cable trays horizontally. These plates:

- o Are furnished in pairs with all necessary hardware.
- o Allow for minor adjustments in alignment when standard fittings do not conform.
- o Do not require bonding jumpers in most cases.
- o Require support within 24 inches (600 mm) on both sides of the splice .

Installation Steps

- o Preparation: Determine the desired angle and alignment for the connection. Prepare the cable tray sections and splice plates.
- o Field Cutting: Mark and cut the cable tray or ladder to fit the installation. Remove any rungs that may interfere with the splice.
- o Attachment: Position the splice plates on the tray ends and secure them using the provided hardware. Ensure proper alignment and tight fastening.
- o Support: Verify that supports are installed within the recommended distance from the splice to maintain structural integrity .

Support and Standards

- o Cable trays must be supported according to manufacturer specifications and applicable standards to prevent sagging or damage to cables.
- o Horizontal connections should maintain the tray's load-carrying capacity and allow for smooth cable routing.
- o Materials for trays and splice plates vary (steel, stainless steel, aluminum) and should be selected based on environmental conditions and corrosion resistance requirements .

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Practical Considerations

- o Ensure that the minimum bend radius for cables is maintained at the connection points.
- o Use appropriate tools such as wrenches, drills, and metal cutting machines for field adjustments.
- o Verify that the splice does not interfere with cable rungs or obstruct cable placement . By following these guidelines, horizontal connections of cable trays can be installed safely, efficiently, and in compliance with industry standards, ensuring reliable cable management and structural support.

Cable trays shall be complete with necessary hot dip galvanized sheet steel accessories such as coupler plates,

INTRODUCTION The B-Line series Cable Tray Manual was produced by our technical staff. We recognize the need for a complete

Learn common methods for connecting cable trays safely and efficiently. Our guide covers

Make cable tray, trunking and ladder connections using standard fittings. Cable tray and trunking will be installed with

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Ladder Cable tray has two side rails connected by rungs. This type of cable tray is effective because the ladder rungs

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Center hung tray supports allow for quicker and easier cable installation by allowing cables to be deposited into tray systems from

NEMA VE 1-2017 Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules

Key Factors Impacting Cable Tray Spacing Understanding cable tray spacing is key to

The cable tray helix fittings from Thomas & Betts (T&B) ease transitions between horizontal and vertical cable tray runs, especially in

Hubbell's NEXTFRAME® Ladder Tray is the effective and widely used cable runway that supports and delivers bundles of cable

Horizontal Connection of Cable Tray

Overloading cable trays can lead to a breakdown of the tray, its connecting points, and/or supports, causing hazards to persons

This guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and performing accurate

This guide covers cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports intended for the

A bare copper equipment grounding conductor should not be placed in an aluminum cable tray due to the potential for electrolytic

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