

What grounding method should be used for fire-resistant cable trays



AI Overview

Fire-resistant cable trays should be grounded using continuous metallic paths, bonding jumpers, and appropriately sized equipment grounding conductors to ensure safety and compliance with NEC standards. Using the Cable Tray as an Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) Metallic cable trays can serve as the equipment grounding conductor in installations where qualified personnel service the system, provided the tray meets the minimum cross-sectional area requirements for the expected fault current. Steel trays should not be used as EGCs for circuits with ground-fault protection above 600 A, and aluminum trays should not be used above 2000 A. The tray must be electrically continuous, and all sections should be bonded to maintain a low-impedance path for fault currents. Bonding and Continuity To ensure electrical continuity, bonding jumpers should be installed between adjacent tray sections, supports, and accessories. These jumpers provide a reliable path for fault currents and minimize touch and step potentials. Mechanical connections alone may not guarantee continuity, so bonding clamps or jumpers are recommended, especially in fire-resistant installations where thermal expansion or mechanical stress could compromise connections. Grounding Conductor Considerations If a separate EGC is used, it should be insulated when installed in aluminum trays to prevent electrolytic corrosion, with insulation removed only at bonding points using tin- or zinc-plated connectors. The conductor size must be calculated based on maximum fault current, distance to the grounding electrode, and desired fault clearing time, following NEC or IEC guidelines. Copper is preferred for its conductivity and corrosion resistance. Connection to Building Grounding System The cable tray system must be securely connected to the facility's grounding electrode system, which may include...

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Grounding & Bonding Wire Mesh Cable Trays

NEC Article 392 clearly outlines the grounding and bonding requirements for cable tray systems, establishing the standards necessary to ensure electrical safety and code compliance.

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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

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A bare copper equipment grounding conductor should not be placed in an aluminum cable tray due to the potential for electrolytic corrosion of the aluminum cable tray in a moist environment. For such

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The Equipment Grounding Conductor is the electrical circuit's safety conductor. When designing a cable tray wiring system, the designer should evaluate the

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