Cable tray bridging copper sheet



Overview

Our cable tray design considerations guide details key factors to consider when designing cable tray systems for industrial and commercial applications.

Key Takeaways

Copper sheets can be effectively used for bridging and bonding cable trays, providing a reliable path for equipment grounding while minimizing corrosion risks.

Purpose of Copper Sheet Bridging

Copper sheets are commonly used to bridge sections of metallic cable trays to ensure electrical continuity and proper grounding. This is particularly important when the cable tray itself is used as the Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) or when additional grounding paths are required for safety and compliance with electrical codes. Bridging with copper sheets helps maintain a low-resistance path for fault currents and prevents potential hazards from discontinuous metal sections.

Material Considerations

Corrosion Resistance: Copper is highly resistant to corrosion and is compatible with most metallic cable trays, including steel. However, bare copper should not be used in aluminum trays due to the risk of electrolytic corrosion in moist environments. In such cases, insulated copper conductors or tin/zinc-plated connectors are recommended.

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Sheet Thickness: The thickness of the copper sheet should be sufficient to carry the expected fault current without excessive heating. Standard multipurpose 110 copper sheets are available and can be cut to size for bridging applications. Mechanical Strength: Copper sheets provide both electrical continuity and mechanical stability, helping to secure cables and maintain alignment across tray sections.

Installation Practices

Bonding: Copper sheets should be bonded to each tray section using grounding clamps or bolted connections to ensure a continuous electrical path. Placement: Sheets are typically placed across joints or gaps between tray sections, ensuring full contact with the tray metal. Any insulation on the copper should be removed at bonding points.

Compliance: Ensure that the total cross-sectional area of the copper bridging meets the minimum requirements for the tray to function as an EGC, as specified in standards like NEC Table 392. 60(A),.

Advantages

Provides a reliable grounding path for safety and code compliance. Reduces the risk of electrolytic corrosion when used correctly. Can be custom-cut to fit specific tray configurations and lengths.

Enhances mechanical stability of cable tray assemblies. Using copper sheets for cable tray bridging is a practical and effective method to ensure electrical safety, maintain grounding continuity, and prevent corrosion issues when installed according to recommended practices.

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Cable trays are not raceways, but they are treated as a structural component of a facility''s electrical system. Cable trays are a part of a planned cable management system to support, route, protect and

Cable Tray Trunking & Ladder Installation Method

Tray and Trunking joints are to be positioned as close to the supports as possible. Install 12.5mmx1.5mm copper earth bonding straps externally between all length

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