Cable tray tee specifications and standards



Overview

This guide explains the different types of cable tray tees, their applications, support requirements, load considerations, and installation best practices.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray tees must comply with NEMA VE 1, UL 568, and IEC 61537 standards, ensuring proper dimensions, load capacity, material quality, and electrical safety. Overview of StandardsNEMA VE 1 specifies manufacturing requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings, including tees, for use under the National Electrical Code (NEC). It defines material types (steel, aluminum, stainless steel), finishes (galvanized, pre-galvanized, or powder-coated), load/span classes, and mechanical strength requirements for continuous support of power and control cables.

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E 2 provides additional guidelines for installation and design considerations, including tee connections.

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L 568 covers performance and safety requirements for nonmetallic (fiberglass) cable trays and fittings, including tees. It ensures that the system can safely support cables without deformation, overheating, or fire hazards.

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C 61537 is the international standard for cable tray systems, specifying requirements and tests for all-metal and nonmetallic trays, including ladder, ventilated, solid-bottom, and channel types. It addresses mechanical strength, electrical continuity, and environmental resistance.

Material and Construction

Cable tray tees are manufactured from: Steel: Hot-dip galvanized or pre-galvanized for corrosion resistance. Aluminum: Lightweight, corrosion-resistant, often used in industrial or outdoor environments. Stainless Steel (AISI 316L): High corrosion resistance, suitable for harsh or chemical environments.

Fiberglass/

Nonmetallic: UL 568 compliant, resistant to corrosion and electrical conductivity issues. The tee fitting must maintain the same load rating and span class as the main tray run to ensure structural integrity. Welding, bolting, or mechanical fastening methods are used according to the material and standard requirements.

Design Considerations

Dimensions: Tee fittings must match the width and depth of the main cable tray to allow smooth cable transitions. Bend Radius: Internal corners should respect the minimum bend radius of cables to prevent damage. Ventilation: Ventilated or ladder-type tees allow heat dissipation, while solid-bottom tees are used where aesthetics or protection from debris is required.

Electrical Continuity: Metal tees must maintain grounding continuity across the system. Load Capacity: Tee fittings must support the combined weight of cables from all three directions without exceeding deflection limits.

Compliance and Certification

Manufacturers typically provide CE marking, UL listing, or third-party certification to demonstrate compliance with applicable standards. Periodic audits and testing ensure that tees meet mechanical, electrical, and environmental requirements.

Summary

A cable tray tee is a critical fitting that must adhere to NEMA VE 1, UL 568, and IEC 61537 standards, ensuring proper material selection, mechanical strength, load capacity, and electrical safety. Proper design, installation, and certification are essential for reliable cable management in industrial, commercial, and outdoor applications.

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Cable Tray Fitting

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Standard Cable Tray Types and Fittings

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Cable Tray Specifications and Sizes

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Cable Tray Design and Components Guide

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