Parallelization within cable trays



Overview

Where power and data cables are installed within the same containment system or within close proximity to each other, a barrier strip or other appropriate divider should be used.

Key Takeaways

Parallel conductors in cable trays allow for efficient handling of high-current circuits while reducing conductor material and installation costs.

Concept and Benefits

Parallelization involves running two or more conductors per phase in a cable tray to meet the ampacity requirements of large circuits. This approach is often more practical than using a single oversized conductor, especially for high-ampacity feeders, because it: Reduces the total amount of copper required, leading to material cost savings. Simplifies installation, as smaller conductors are easier to pull and manage within trays.

Improves flexibility for future upgrades or modifications. For example, a 500-amp, 480-volt three-phase feeder over 600 feet can use six 350 kcmil conductors in a cable tray instead of six 500 kcmil conductors in conduit, saving 1,666 pounds of copper.

Ampacity and NEC Considerations

When installing paralleled conductors in cable trays, it is important to follow NEC guidelines: Cable trays vs. conduit: Ampacity adjustments differ. Cable trays generally do not require the same derating for multiple conductors as conduits do, because the conductors are spaced and ventilated. Current-carrying conductors: According to NEC 392.

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80(A)(1)(a), derating for multiple conductors applies only to multiconductor cables with more than three current-carrying conductors. Standard three-phase cables with a ground do not require additional derating. Temperature and insulation: Ensure conductors are rated for the ambient temperature and insulation type (e.g., XHHW or THHN/THWN) to maintain safe operation.

Practical Installation Tips

Tray sizing: Ensure the cable tray is sized to accommodate the number of paralleled conductors without overcrowding, maintaining proper spacing to prevent heat buildup. Support and routing: Use appropriate supports, bends, and T-pieces to maintain conductor integrity and minimize mechanical stress. Grounding: Decide whether the tray itself serves as the equipment grounding conductor or if separate grounding conductors are required.

Environmental considerations: Choose materials and finishes (e.g., galvanized steel or aluminum) suitable for the installation environment to prevent corrosion.

Summary

Parallelization within cable trays is a cost-effective and efficient method for high-current circuits. It reduces conductor size and material usage, simplifies installation, and complies with NEC standards when properly designed. Key considerations include ampacity calculations, conductor spacing, tray sizing, and environmental protection to ensure safe and reliable operation.

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Paralleled Phase Conductors in Cable Trays Provide Copper Savings

Cable tray wiring systems have conductor advantages over conduit wiring systems where the installations involve phase conductors installed in parallel.

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Additionally, parallel installations in cable trays must meet specific requirements. An exception allows for nonmetallic raceways used underground to have isolated arrangements for phase, neutral, and

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Parallel Feeder in Cable Tray

My suggested strategy would be to run the required EGC as a separate conductor, in the same tray. Then tie the cables'' factory EGCs to ground on exclusively one side, while wire nutting

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The phase sequence and the types of arrangement for the cables are also stated in the Electrical High Current Facilities Regulation, the international standards and

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