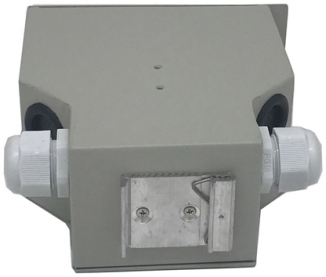
Vertical cable tray fireproofing sealing procedure



Overview

Cable tray installation must comply with specific technical standards to ensure electrical safety, system reliability, and long-term maintainability.

Key Takeaways

Fireproofing and sealing vertical cable trays involves surface preparation, application of fire-resistant coatings, and proper firestopping at wall or slab penetrations to ensure compliance with safety standards. 1.

Surface Preparation

Before applying fireproof coatings, the tray surface must be thoroughly cleaned to ensure proper adhesion. Remove oil, dust, rust, and other contaminants using sandblasting, acid washing, or grinding until a clean metallic shine is visible. Inspect for corrosion or deformation and repair or replace affected sections to maintain structural integrity.

2.

Coating Application

Primer Selection: Use primers with strong adhesion and anti-corrosion properties suitable for fireproof applications. Application Method: Apply primer uniformly using spraying, rolling, or brushing. Ensure the thickness meets design specifications.

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Fireproof Coating: Select coatings that comply with national fire-resistance standards. Apply evenly to achieve the required fireproof grade. Topcoat: Apply a durable topcoat with weather-resistant and decorative qualities, ensuring a smooth, uniform finish free of drips or bubbles.

3. Firestopping at PenetrationsWhen vertical cable trays pass through walls, floors, or slabs, firestopping is critical: Reserved Openings: Ensure openings are properly sized and positioned before installation.

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Resistant Materials: Use firestop packs, mineral wool, fire-rated boards, or intumescent caulks. Gaps between cables and firestop materials should not exceed 1 cm^2, with packing thickness of at least 24 cm. Backing Plates: For large openings, install a fire-resistant backing plate before sealing.

Sealing: Ensure all gaps inside and around the tray are tightly sealed, both internally and externally, without visible cracks or voids. Cover plates should be square, evenly painted, and properly aligned. Waterstop: At slab penetrations, provide a waterstop of at least 50 mm in height and 20–30 mm of firestopping above the tray.

4.

Inspection and Maintenance

Coating Quality: Check for cracks, peeling, or bubbles. Color Consistency: Ensure uniform color across the tray. Thickness Verification: Use calibrated devices to measure coating thickness.

Periodic Checks: Inspect fireproof trays for corrosion, moisture, UV damage, and sealing effectiveness. Confirm grounding continuity and mechanical integrity. 5.

Additional Considerations

Maintain adequate clearance between cables to prevent heat accumulation. Use perforated or wire mesh trays to improve airflow. Only use fireproof trays for flame containment or isolation, not for unrelated functions.

Following these steps ensures that vertical cable trays are properly fireproofed, sealed, and compliant with safety standards, reducing the risk of fire propagation and maintaining system integrity.

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