Calculation of Fireproof Cable Tray Supports

Overview

Shortest and Straightest Path: To reduce cable loss and simplify maintenance, cable routes should be as short and straight as possible.

Key Takeaways

Fireproof cable tray boards are designed based on material type, thickness, side panel height, and installation method to ensure effective fire protection for cable systems. Key Calculation Factors1. Material Selection: Fireproof boards can be made from galvanized steel, stainless steel, fire-resistant coated trays, flame-retardant plastic composites, or specialized insulation wraps like FyreWrap® with Insulfrax® core material.

The choice of material affects thermal resistance, mechanical strength, and fire duration performance. 2. Thickness and Side Panel Height: Experimental studies indicate that a minimum thickness of 5 mm for the fireproof board and a side panel height of 200 mm are necessary to provide effective protection against cable fires.

These dimensions help contain flames and heat, preventing fire spread along the tray. 3. Installation Method: The hoisting installation method extends protection time by approximately 30% compared to flat installation, as it improves airflow and heat dissipation around the cables.

Boards should be securely mounted, level, and aligned to avoid gaps that could compromise fire resistance. 4. Fire Testing and Equivalent Fire Conditions: To calculate fireproof performance, an equivalent fire source method is used, simulating cable combustion with controlled temperature rise.

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This allows testing of different board materials and configurations under realistic fire conditions, ensuring the selected board meets required fire-resistance standards. 5. Firestopping and Penetration Sealing: When cable trays pass through walls or slabs, openings must be sealed with fire-rated boards, firestop packs, or mineral wool.

The gap area between firestop packs should not exceed 1 cm^2, and packing thickness should be at least 24 cm to maintain integrity. Cover plates should be square, evenly painted, and properly aligned. 6.

Heat Dissipation Considerations: Perforated or wire mesh trays improve airflow, reducing heat accumulation. Adequate spacing between cables is essential to prevent overheating and maintain fireproof board effectiveness. 7.

Compliance with Standards: Fireproof cable tray boards should comply with relevant standards such as NFPA 850, IEEE 384, and ASTM E-1725 for fire-resistive barrier systems. Using cables rated for vertical tray flame tests (IEEE 1202) enhances overall fire safety.

Summary of Calculation Method

Select material based on fire resistance and mechanical strength. Determine board thickness (≥5 mm) and side panel height (≥200 mm). Choose installation method (hoisting preferred for extended protection).

Simulate fire conditions using equivalent fire source testing. Seal penetrations with fire-rated materials and maintain proper packing. Ensure heat dissipation through tray design and cable spacing.

Verify compliance with applicable fire safety standards. By following these steps, engineers can calculate and configure fireproof cable tray boards to provide reliable protection for electrical systems in industrial and commercial environments.

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