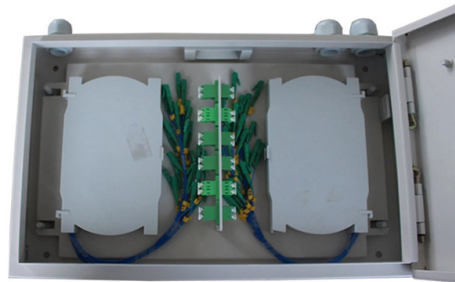


Making fire cable trays



Overview

How do cable trays perform in fire conditions? To uncover the answer to this question, we have conducted tests on cable tray systems in different materials.

Key Takeaways

Fire-rated cable trays are fabricated using specialized materials and coatings to ensure structural integrity and flame resistance, protecting electrical systems during fire emergencies. Materials and Coatings Fire-rated cable trays are typically made from stainless steel, galvanized steel, aluminum, or fire-resistant fiberglass. Each material is selected for its mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, and fire endurance.

Stainless steel and galvanized steel provide high durability and load-bearing capacity, while aluminum offers corrosion resistance with a lighter weight. Fiberglass trays are often coated with intumescent or fire-resistant polyester coatings to enhance fire protection and prevent flame spread.

Fire Protection Design

The fabrication process includes applying fire-resistant layers to the tray surfaces. This may involve powder coatings, intumescent paints, or modular fire protection layers that envelop the tray to shield cables from high temperatures. Some designs feature upper and lower fire protection layers with lids or open tops, allowing modular assembly and easy installation on-site.

These layers are engineered to withstand extreme conditions, including temperatures up to 1050°C, and provide a 2-hour fire rating in compliance with standards like ISO 834-1, EN 1363-1, DIN 4102-12, and AS/NZS 3013: 2005. Fabrication and Assembly Fire-rated cable trays are fabricated in standard lengths (e.g., 3 meters) and widths (e.g., 150mm laying width), with load ratings such as 10kg/m on a 1.65-meter span.

The trays are designed for heavy-duty applications, supporting cables without collapsing during a fire. Hanger systems using standard threaded rods simplify installation, eliminating the need for additional supports. Modular designs allow trays to be pre-assembled or assembled on-site, ensuring consistent fire protection quality.

Safety and Compliance Considerations

Proper fabrication also addresses ventilation, heat dissipation, and cable organization. Perforated or wire mesh trays improve airflow, reducing overheating risks. Accessories like cable separators, covers, and clamps enhance safety and maintain system reliability.

Fire-rated trays prevent the spread of flames and smoke through walls, floors, and ceilings, ensuring uninterrupted operation of critical systems such as emergency lighting, fire alarms, and building management systems.

Summary

The fabrication of fire-rated cable trays involves selecting fire-resistant materials, applying protective coatings, and designing modular, load-bearing structures that comply with international fire safety standards. These trays not only protect cables from fire but also ensure operational continuity, safety of occupants, and reduced repair costs during emergencies.

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