

Cable tray supports must be grounded



Article Overview

Yes, all metallic cable tray supports must be grounded to ensure electrical safety and compliance with NEC standards.

NEC Requirements

According to the National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 250.96 and Article 392, all metallic cable trays must be grounded, regardless of whether the tray itself is used as an equipment grounding conductor (EGC) or not . Grounding provides a safe path for fault currents, reducing the risk of electric shock, fire, or equipment damage .

Methods of Grounding

- **Separate Grounding Conductor:** A dedicated EGC (minimum size #4 AWG) can be installed inside or attached to the tray to bond all sections together .
- **Cable Tray as EGC:** In qualifying installations, the tray itself can serve as the EGC if it meets minimum cross-sectional area requirements for steel or aluminum trays . Steel trays are limited to circuits with ground-fault protection up to 600 amperes, while aluminum trays can handle up to 2,000 amperes .
- **Bonding Clamps and Jumpers:** Grounding clamps or bonding jumpers are used at tray joints, splices, and where the tray connects to equipment to ensure electrical continuity .

Safety Considerations

- **Material Compatibility:** Avoid using bare copper conductors in aluminum trays to prevent electrolytic corrosion; insulated conductors with exposed bonding points ar...

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All metallic cable trays must be grounded as outlined in NEC Article 250.96, even if the tray isn't being used as an

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These installations must be bonded per NEC 392.7(A) which states: “Metallic cable trays that support electrical conductors shall be

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The flexibility and scalability of cable trays make them an ideal choice for environments where cable density and

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Due to this fact, the steel trays tend to be larger or thicker to manage the same power. Aluminum Trays: These are

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The core requirements for Cable Tray grounding, as per GB 50303-2015, GB 51348-2019, and CECS 31-2023, can

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Equipment Grounding Conductors for Cable Tray Systems

As per NEC Section 318-7 (a), all metal cable trays must be grounded as required by NEC Article 250 regardless of

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