

Do cable trays need to be fitted with partitions



Article Overview

Cable trays do not always require partitions, but partitions are recommended to organize cables, prevent interference, and enhance safety in certain installations.

Purpose of Cable Tray Partitions

Partitions in cable trays are used to separate different types of cables, such as power, control, and data lines, to prevent electromagnetic interference (EMI) and maintain an orderly layout. They also help in efficient space utilization, making maintenance and future cable additions easier, and improve safety by securing cables in designated sections . Wire mesh partitions are commonly used for their flexibility, ventilation, and ease of installation .

Regulatory Guidance

According to NEC Article 392, cable trays are considered support structures, not enclosed raceways. The NEC does not mandate partitions; instead, it requires that cables in trays be suitable for open-air installation, such as Type TC (Tray Cable) or metal-armored cables (Type MC), . Partitions are optional but may be necessary when separating high-power motor wires from low-power data cables to reduce EMI .

Practical Considerations

- High-density installations: Partitions are recommended to prevent tangling and ov...

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The short answer is no. Due to their exposure to the open air because of the cable trays, the wires contained within

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1. Route Planning and Layout Principles Coordinate with Building Structure: Cable tray routing should align

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Do you have any information available for recommended installation clearances for this type of cable tray? Answer: The NEC does

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