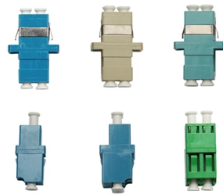


Temperature rise standard for cables laid on cable trays



Article Overview

Cables in trays experience temperature rise due to mutual heating, limited airflow, and environmental conditions, with center cables often running 8–15°C hotter than edge cables under identical loads.

Factors Affecting Temperature Rise

Mutual Heating: When multiple cables are grouped in a tray, each cable contributes heat to its neighbors. Thermal imaging shows that center cables can be 8–15°C hotter than edge cables, highlighting the limitations of uniform derating factors in standards like IEC 60364-5-52 and AS/NZS 3008.1.1 . **Tray Type and Ventilation:** Open or ventilated trays allow better heat dissipation, while solid bottom trays restrict airflow, increasing cable temperatures. Solid bottom trays with covers provide EMI/RFI shielding but require careful thermal analysis since standard ampacity tables are limited . **Load and Environmental Conditions:** Higher current loads, ambient temperature, and poor airflow increase cable temperature. Humid or still air further reduces cooling efficiency . **Cable Position and Insulation:** Cables in the center of a densely packed tray heat more than those at the edges. Insulation type (e.g., XLPE, PVC) affects thermal resistance and permissible temperature rise .

Calculating Temperature Rise

Standard Derating: Traditional tables assume all cables are equally loaded and experience the same temperature rise. This is conservative for edge cables but ma...

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