Acceptance of network cable fire protection cable trays



Overview

The proper coating and acceptance of fireproof cable trays are essential for long-term performance and safety.

Key Takeaways

Network cable trays must meet fireproofing standards through proper coating, installation, and firestopping to ensure safety and compliance.

Fireproof Cable Tray Acceptance

Acceptance of fireproof cable trays involves verifying that the trays are properly coated, installed, and compliant with national safety standards. Fireproof trays are designed to resist high temperatures and prevent fire spread, ensuring the integrity of network and power systems in commercial, industrial, and critical infrastructure environments. Key steps in acceptance include: Surface Preparation: Remove oil, dust, and rust using sandblasting, acid washing, or grinding to ensure proper adhesion of coatings.

Coating Application: Apply primers and fireproof coatings uniformly, controlling thickness to meet fire resistance grades. Topcoats should be durable, weather-resistant, and decorative if required. Material Compliance: Use coatings and trays that comply with national fire safety standards, ensuring long-term durability and fire resistance.

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Installation Standards

Proper installation is critical for both mechanical support and fire safety: Tray Type and Material: Indoor trays typically use painted steel or galvanized steel; outdoor or corrosive environments may require stainless steel, aluminum alloy, or fiberglass-reinforced plastic. Layout Principles: Route trays along the shortest, straightest paths, segregating power and signal cables to reduce interference. Mounting Tolerances: Horizontal deviation should not exceed 2 mm per meter, and vertical deviation should not exceed 3 mm per meter.

Trays must be level, plumb, and securely mounted.

Firestopping Measures

Where cable trays pass through walls, slabs, or shafts, firestopping is mandatory to maintain compartmentalization and prevent fire spread: Sealing Openings: Use fire-rated boards, firestop packs, mastic, or mineral wool to seal gaps. Gaps should not exceed 1 cm^2, and packing thickness should meet design requirements. Installation Sequence: Ensure floor and wall finishes are complete, and shaft doors are installed before sealing.

Large openings may require fire-resistant backing plates. Inspection: Verify that all gaps are sealed internally and externally, and cover plates are properly aligned and painted.

Fire Resistance Certification

Cable trays may be tested for circuit integrity under fire conditions, such as E90 fire rating or DIN 4102-12 standards, ensuring they maintain functionality for up to 90 minutes during a fire. Fire protection coatings and tapes, like FLAMMOTECT-A or DG-CR 0. 7, provide additional protection against flame propagation and environmental factors.

Summary

To ensure acceptance of network cable fire protection cable trays: Verify surface preparation and coating meet fireproofing standards. Ensure installation follows technical tolerances and layout principles. Apply firestopping measures at all penetrations.

Confirm certification and fire resistance ratings are documented. Use approved fire protection products to enhance durability and safety. Following these steps ensures that cable trays are safe, compliant, and reliable in the event of fire, protecting both network functionality and personnel safety.

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