Low-voltage fireproof cable trays



Overview

ABB designs and manufactures cable tray systems, including perforated tray, cable ladder, channel tray and strut (metal framing).

Key Takeaways

Fireproof cable trays provide a safe, reliable pathway for low-voltage cables while maintaining functionality during fire events.

Types and Materials

Fireproof cable trays for low-voltage cables are typically wire mesh, basket, or solid-bottom trays made from steel, galvanized steel, or stainless steel. Wire mesh trays, such as Cablofil CF150, offer mechanical strength, ventilation, and easy cable management while meeting fire safety requirements. Basket-style trays are widely used for low and high-voltage cables, including Prysmian FP and Draka Firetuf types, and are designed to withstand high temperatures without compromising cable integrity.

Fire Resistance Standards

Since there is no unified European standard for cable tray fire resistance, many manufacturers follow stringent national or international standards. For example, Cablofil trays are tested according to the German DIN 4102-12 standard, which involves exposing the entire tray system to temperatures up to 1000°C for 30, 60, and 90 minutes. Meka Pro systems are tested according to EN 1363-1, ensuring that trays maintain structural integrity and continue to support cables during fire events.

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Protective Accessories

To enhance fire safety, fire-rated cable cleats and fasteners are recommended. For instance, Ellis Patents Phoenix Cable Cleats are used with Cablofil trays to secure low-voltage cables and preserve fire resistance. Fire protection coatings and tapes, such as FLAMMOTECT-A and DG-CR 0.

7, can also be applied to cables within trays to prevent flame propagation and maintain functionality during fire.

Installation Considerations

Segregation: Low-voltage and high-voltage cables should be routed separately to reduce interference. Mechanical strength: Tray width and thickness must support the full cable load without deformation. Alignment: Horizontal deviation ≤2mm/m and vertical deviation ≤3mm/m; trays must be level, plumb, and securely mounted.

Qualified installation: Fire-resistant trays must be installed by trained personnel following manufacturer instructions and local regulations.

Applications

Fireproof cable trays are suitable for industrial plants, power stations, hospitals, airports, offshore facilities, and critical infrastructure, ensuring that low-voltage power and communication lines remain operational during fire emergencies. By selecting tested fireproof trays, compatible cleats, and protective coatings, low-voltage cable installations can achieve high fire safety standards while maintaining operational reliability.

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FIRE RESISTANT PROOF CABLE TRAY, DIN STANDARD E90

Cablofil cable tray is the preferred choice for the cable containment of low and high voltage electric cables where fire resistance is crucial - this includes cable basket tray systems for Prysmian FP

Cable tray

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Technical Guidelines for Cable Tray Installation and

Cable tray installation must comply with specific technical standards to ensure electrical safety, system reliability, and long-term maintainability. This document

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