

Cable trays for ground cabling



AI Overview

Cable trays can serve as a safe and effective grounding path when properly installed and bonded according to NEC standards.

Purpose of Grounding in Cable Trays

Grounding cable trays ensures that any stray electrical currents are safely directed into the earth, reducing the risk of electric shock, equipment damage, or fire hazards. The grounding system stabilizes the electrical network and provides a low-resistance path for fault currents, improving overall system safety and reliability .

NEC Guidelines for Cable Tray Grounding

The National Electrical Code (NEC) provides specific rules for grounding cable trays:

- **Metallic trays as EGC:** Metallic cable trays can serve as the equipment grounding conductor if they meet NEC requirements, including sufficient cross-sectional area and electrical continuity .
- **Bonding:** Each tray section should be bonded using grounding clamps to ensure mechanical stability and electrical continuity. This prevents the EGC from being displaced under fault conditions .
- **Material limitations:** Bare copper conductors should not be used in aluminum trays due to potential electrolytic corrosion. Insulated conductors with tin or zinc-plated connectors are recommended for aluminum trays .
- **Ampere limits:** Steel trays should not be used as EGCs for circuits with ground-fault protection above 600 A, and aluminum trays should not exceed 2000 A

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