

Cable tray through-wall materials



Overview

Steel wall sleeves support cable trays at penetrations, featuring UL fire-rated systems and outdoor weatherproof kits.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays passing through walls must be properly supported, sealed with fire-rated materials, and installed to maintain structural and fire safety compliance. Planning and Layout

When routing cable trays through walls, it is essential to align the tray with the building structure and avoid unnecessary detours or interference with other utilities. The opening in the wall should be slightly larger than the tray dimensions, typically about 6 inches larger than the tray's outside dimensions, to allow for fireproofing materials and installation clearance (). Ensure that power and signal cables are segregated to minimize electromagnetic interference ().

Material Selection

Choose tray materials based on the environment:

- Indoor: Painted steel or galvanized steel trays
- Outdoor: Hot-dip galvanized or stainless steel trays



- Corrosive or high-humidity areas: Aluminum alloy or fiberglass-reinforced plastic trays () The tray must have sufficient mechanical strength to support the cable load without deformation.

Fireproofing and Sealing

Firestopping is critical when cable trays penetrate walls:

- Use UL-classified fire sealant bags or pillows, such as Grace KBS Sealbags or 3M Fire Barrier Pillows, installed according to manufacturer instructions ().
- For large openings, install a fire-resistant backing plate before sealing ().
- Firestop materials can include fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, or mineral wool. Ensure gaps around cables do not exceed 1 cm² and packing thickness is at least 24 cm ().
- Cover plates should be square, evenly painted, and properly dimensioned to close the opening ().

Installation Considerations

- Schedule wall penetration installation toward the end of the project to allow other trades to complete their work ().
- Maintain adequate clearance between cables for heat dissipation, using perforated or ventilated trays if necessary ().
- Ensure firm tray connections, proper alignment, and grounding continuity ().
- Inspect fireproof trays periodically for coating integrity and sealing effectiveness ().

Summary

Proper cable tray through-wall construction involves careful planning, selecting appropriate materials, and implementing firestopping measures. Following these guidelines ensures electrical safety, structural integrity, and compliance with fire codes, while facilitating future maintenance and upgrades.

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