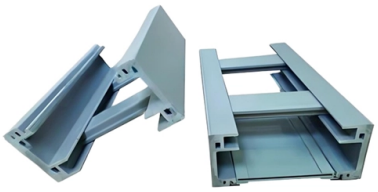
How to connect a parallel tee in a cable tray



Overview

Connecting the cable tray electrically in parallel with the single conductor EGC is an option worth considering.

Key Takeaways

A parallel tee in a cable tray is connected by aligning the main and branch trays, using a tee fitting, and securing with splice plates and bolts to ensure stability and continuous cable support.Step-by-Step Guide

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1. Select the Correct Tee Fitting Choose a tee fitting that matches the tray type, width, and material. Tee fittings allow a branch tray to split from the main tray while maintaining continuous support for cables, keeping all three tray sections at the same elevation . 2. Prepare the Tray Sections Ensure the ends of the main and branch trays are clean and free of burrs. If using a branch piece instead of a standard tee, you may need to modify the main tray on-site by cutting the side wall to accommodate the branch . 3. Align the Trays Position the branch tray perpendicular to the main tray, aligning the connectors of the tee fitting with the tray ends. All three sections should be level to prevent sagging and ensure proper cable support . 4. Secure with Splice Plates and Bolts Use two splice plates per connection, placing them on either side of the tray joint. Fasten with nuts and bolts, ensuring proper torque to prevent loosening due to vibration. Smooth-head bolts are recommended to avoid damaging cables . Quick-connect systems can also be used for faster assembly if compatible with your tray system . 5. Install Riser Links if Needed For vertical or riser branches, install riser links in pairs on each side of the tray to maintain stability and support the weight of cables . 6. Check Alignment and Stability After fastening, verify that the tee connection is level, secure, and free of gaps. Ensure the branch tray is properly supported along its length, and that the main tray remains stable under load . 7. Cable Routing and Maintenance Access Route cables carefully through the tee, avoiding sharp bends. Tee fittings simplify future maintenance and expansion by providing a standardized branching point . By following these steps, a parallel tee connection will provide safe, stable, and durable support for electrical and data cables, minimizing installation errors and ensuring long-term system reliability .

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