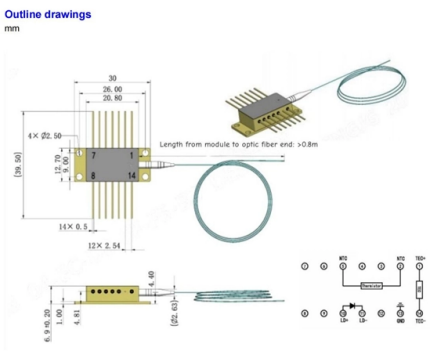
Installation of Color Steel Plate Molded Cable Trays



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Key Takeaways

Proper installation of color steel plate molded cable trays ensures safe, organized, and durable cable management in industrial and commercial settings.Planning and Preparation

Before installation, review approved shop drawings to determine tray routes, lengths, and locations, considering clearance, load capacity, and separation from other services (pipes, ducts) to prevent interference and overheating . Inspect all materials upon delivery to ensure they match approved specifications and are free from damage. Store trays horizontally on flat surfaces with timber supports at intervals of about one meter, protecting them from moisture and sunlight .

Material Selection

Choose color steel plate molded trays suitable for the environment. These trays are typically pre-coated for corrosion resistance and are ideal for indoor and outdoor applications. Ensure all fittings, brackets, and accessories are compatible with the tray type and load requirements .

Mounting and Support

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Install supports using brackets, hangers, or trapeze systems. Vertical hangers should be threaded rods with cross members, ensuring proper alignment and level installation. Supports are generally spaced 1.5 to 3 meters apart depending on tray type and load. Use washers and lock nuts to secure cross members and tray clips, allowing minor horizontal adjustments for precise alignment . Avoid sagging by ensuring all trays are level and properly supported.

Tray Assembly

Connect tray sections using appropriate connectors and fittings, ensuring continuity and alignment. For long runs, use rollers to lay trays and cables smoothly, preventing kinks or damage . Install bends, tees, and reducers according to the layout, maintaining proper cable separation and airflow.

Cable Laying

Lay cables neatly within the trays, organizing by voltage and function. Use cable ties or straps to secure cables, leaving slack for expansion or future adjustments. Avoid overfilling trays to prevent overheating and mechanical stress .

Grounding and Bonding

Metal trays must be reliably grounded. Connect the tray and supporting structures to the protective earth (PE) or protective neutral (PEN) at multiple points. For non-galvanized trays, use copper jumpers with a minimum cross-sectional area of 4 mm^2 between connection plates. For galvanized trays, secure connection plates with at least two bolts with lock nuts or spring washers .

Inspection and Documentation

Perform a final walkthrough to check for loose clamps, misalignment, or unsupported spans. Label all cables clearly and maintain updated documentation for future maintenance and troubleshooting . Routine inspections should monitor for corrosion, loose wires, or damaged clamps to ensure long-term reliability.

Maintenance

Regularly clean and inspect trays, tighten loose fittings, and replace damaged components. Proper preventive maintenance extends the lifespan of the cable tray system and ensures continued safety and performance . By following these steps, color steel plate molded cable trays can be installed efficiently, providing a safe, organized, and durable cable management system suitable for industrial and commercial applications.

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