Pre-branched cables used in cable trays

Overview

Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

Key Takeaways

Pre-branched cables can be run in cable trays if they are tray-rated and comply with NEC requirements, with proper support and limited free-hanging distances.

Overview

Cable trays are designed to support and organize multiple cables in industrial, commercial, and data center environments, providing mechanical protection, ventilation, and ease of maintenance. Pre-branched cables—cables with factory-installed taps or terminations—can be installed in trays if they meet tray-rated standards such as TC (Tray Cable) or ITC (Instrumentation Tray Cable) and are UL listed for tray use.

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C Compliance and Installation RulesTray-rated cables: Only cables specifically rated for tray installation should be used. These include TC, TC-ER, ITC, and ITC-ER cables.

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R (Exposure-Rated) cables: These cables can leave the tray for short distances (up to six feet) to connect to equipment, provided they are supported and secured at intervals not exceeding six feet. This is particularly relevant for pre-branched cables that have multiple tap points. Support and securing: Pre-branched cables must be continuously supported using mechanical protection such as struts, angles, or channels, and secured at regular intervals to prevent sagging or mechanical stress.

Separation and fill: Power and signal branches must maintain proper separation, and tray fill limits must be observed to avoid overheating or maintenance difficulties.

Practical Considerations

Routing: Pre-branched cables should be routed to minimize sharp bends and maintain the minimum bend radius, especially at branch points. Accessibility: Ensure that branch points are accessible for inspection and maintenance. Ladder trays or ventilated troughs are preferred for better ventilation and easier cable handling.

Mechanical protection: If the pre-branched cable exits the tray in areas prone to physical damage, additional protection such as conduit or armored sections may be required. SummaryPre-branched cables can be installed in cable trays as long as they are tray-rated, UL listed, and properly supported. ER-rated cables allow short free-hanging branches to equipment, making them suitable for pre-terminated or pre-assembled branch points.

Compliance with NEC Article 392, proper fill calculations, and mechanical support are essential to ensure safety, reliability, and maintainability.

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