Two-layer cable tray for cable placement

Overview

The test consists of applying a load at two points for cable ladders or uniformly distributed for other types of cable tray.

Key Takeaways

Cables in a double-layer tray should be laid neatly in parallel, with proper spacing, secured at intervals, and separated by function or voltage to ensure safety, heat dissipation, and maintainability.

Planning and Preparation

Before laying cables, plan the tray route carefully, considering clearance, load capacity, and separation requirements for different cable types or voltages. Verify that the tray is properly mounted, level, and capable of supporting the total cable load. Ensure the tray width and depth are sufficient to accommodate two layers without exceeding 40% of the tray's fill capacity.

Layer Arrangement

Bottom Layer: Place the heavier or larger cables on the bottom layer to provide stability and reduce stress on smaller cables. Top Layer: Lay lighter or smaller cables on the top layer, ensuring they do not compress the bottom layer. Spacing: Maintain a small gap between cables to allow airflow and prevent overheating.

Use cable ties or straps to keep cables organized and separated by function or voltage.

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Securing and Support

Fixing Intervals: Secure cables at regular intervals using cable ties, clamps, or straps to prevent sagging and movement. Bend Radius: Respect the minimum bend radius for each cable type, especially at tray bends or exits, to avoid insulation damage. Separation: If required, use dividers or barriers to separate power, control, and communication cables to reduce electromagnetic interference.

Labeling and Documentation

Identification: Label each cable clearly for voltage, function, or circuit number. This improves maintenance efficiency and troubleshooting. Documentation: Maintain an updated wiring map showing cable positions in both layers for future reference and audits.

Final Checks

Inspect the tray for overfilled sections, loose ties, or misaligned cables. Ensure grounding and bonding are continuous across the tray system, especially for metal trays. Verify compliance with local electrical codes and standards to ensure safety and reliability.

By following these steps, a double-layer cable tray can be installed safely, with organized cable routing, proper heat dissipation, and easy maintenance access.

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