

Cable tray cover heat dissipation



Article Overview

Cable tray covers reduce heat dissipation, lowering cable ampacity by up to 25–30% compared to open trays.

Impact on Heat Dissipation

Cable tray covers, especially solid ones, limit the natural airflow around cables, which reduces convective cooling and slows heat escape from the cable bundle. This can lead to higher operating temperatures for the cables, accelerating insulation aging, reducing electrical performance, and increasing fire risk if not properly managed . Solid covers also provide protection against dust, dirt, and electromagnetic interference, but this comes at the cost of reduced thermal dissipation .

Ampacity Reduction

Studies have shown that cables in ventilated trays with covers typically operate at 70–75% of the ampacity of open-top trays . This reduction occurs because the cover traps heat, creating a composite cable mass with less effective heat transfer to the surrounding air. Designers must account for this when calculating cable load limits to prevent overheating.

Design Considerations

- Ventilation: Using ventilated or ladder-type trays without covers maximizes airflow and heat dissipation, which is critical for high-current applications .
- Material and Tray Type: Solid bottom trays with covers provide EMI/RFI shielding a...

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