

Cable trays should be bridged



Article Overview

Cable trays need to be bridged at junctions, tees, and crosses to maintain cable separation, prevent kinking, and ensure signal integrity.

Why Cable Trays Are Bridged

Bridging is necessary when cable trays intersect or split, such as at T-joints, cross-joints, or branch points, to prevent cables from bunching, kinking, or overlapping, which can compromise both mechanical protection and electrical performance . Proper bridging ensures that high-power and low-power cables remain separated, reducing electromagnetic interference (EMI) and maintaining compliance with NEC standards . It also facilitates smooth cable transitions and supports the weight of multiple conductors without overstressing the tray system .

How Bridging Is Implemented

Bridges are typically installed using junction bridge hardware that mounts directly to the tray system. For example, in wire mesh trays, a BC1 Bridge Clip can be bolted to junction hardware such as CE35 or EZT90/RADT90, providing a stable platform for the bridge . The bridge itself often comes predrilled with mounting holes and slots to secure cables with nylon zip ties, keeping them organized and separated . This setup allows for smooth cable transitions and prevents mechanical damage during installation or maintenance.

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In vertical or angled tray runs, cables should be fastened to the tray's transverse members to keep them secure. In

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It is advisable to weld bolts on the supports and hangers of the Cable Tray, and use copper stranded wires with copper noses

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When designing a cable tray wiring system, the designer should evaluate the National Electrical Code's (NEC) Equipment Grounding

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Note that wider rung spacings and wider cable tray widths decrease the overall strength of the cable tray. Specifiers should be aware

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Ladder tray should be mounted far enough off the floor or roof to allow the cables to exit through the bottom of the tray. If strut is

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Overloading cable trays Cable trays come in a wide variety of sizes. The appropriate size and number of cable trays depends directly

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Where cable tray wiring systems with current carrying conductors are installed in a dust environment, ladder type cable trays should

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The choice of method should be discussed with a local inspector. The best decision may be to extend only the cables, creating a

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In the electrical wiring of buildings, a cable tray system is used to support insulated electrical cables used for power distribution,

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Cable Tray Institute

The Cable Tray Institute (CTI) was founded in 1991 to support the cable tray industry by engaging in research, development,

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Safely Installing, Maintaining and Inspecting Cable Trays

Cable trays are not raceways, but they are treated as a structural component of a facility's electrical system. Cable trays are a part of

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CABLE TRAYS GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTALLATION

Cable tray systems are to be installed so they are accessible. If possible 300mm minimum should be left above or between installed

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Cable ladders, cable trays and their supports should be strong enough to meet the load requirements of the cable management

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