

Grounding Requirements for Composite Cable Trays



Article Overview

Composite (non-metallic) cable trays cannot serve as equipment grounding conductors and require a separate grounding conductor to ensure electrical safety.

Key Grounding Principles for Composite Trays

Non-metallic or composite cable trays are inherently non-conductive, meaning they cannot carry fault current and therefore cannot function as an Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) under NEC standards . Unlike metallic trays, which may serve as the EGC if they meet cross-sectional area and continuity requirements, composite trays require a dedicated grounding wire to maintain safety and compliance .

NEC Compliance

- NEC Article 392 governs cable tray installations, including grounding and bonding requirements .
- Metallic trays can be used as EGCs if they meet minimum metal area requirements and are electrically continuous, but composite trays are excluded from this provision .
- For composite trays, a separate insulated or bare copper grounding conductor must be installed along the tray to provide a low-impedance path to ground .

Grounding Conductor Installation

- The grounding conductor should run the entire length of the tray and be securely...

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However, while wire mesh trays offer mechanical and thermal advantages, proper grounding and bonding are critical

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Wire Mesh Tray Technical Guide

Per NEC 392, the national electrical code section for cable tray, all cable tray systems must be properly BONDED, per section

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Steel and aluminum cable tray systems are excellent equipment grounding conductors if they are properly designed, specified,

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Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) – Electrical Trader

All metallic cable trays must be grounded as outlined in NEC Article 250.96, even if the tray isn't being used as an

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Cable Tray Grounding: Power, Instrumentation, and

Cable tray systems are not required to be mechanically continuous, but shall be electrically continuous. Cable trays are also bonded

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Cable Tray Grounding: Electrical and Non-Power Conductors

To meet this requirement some manufacturers recommend that the cable tray system be bonded to the facility ground

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