

Grounding issues of fiberglass cable trays



Article Overview

Fiberglass cable trays, being non-metallic, cannot serve as equipment grounding conductors, so proper grounding requires separate conductors and careful bonding to ensure safety and compliance.

Key Grounding Considerations

Non-metallic trays like fiberglass do not conduct electricity, unlike metallic trays that can serve as an Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) in qualifying facilities . This means that fiberglass trays must rely on separate grounding conductors to safely carry fault currents to the facility's grounding system . Failure to provide a proper grounding path can result in shock hazards, equipment damage, and increased electromagnetic interference (EMI) .

Bonding and Grounding Practices

- **Use of Grounding Conductors:** Install a dedicated grounding conductor alongside the cables in the fiberglass tray. This conductor should be sized according to NEC requirements to safely handle potential fault currents .
- **Continuous Grounding Path:** Ensure that the grounding conductor is continuous and free from breaks. Any discontinuity can increase touch and step potentials, creating safety risks .
- **Bonding Components:** Use high-quality connectors and bonding hardware compatible with fiberglass and the environment to prevent corrosion and maintain mechanical integrity .
- **Separation from Power and Data Cables:** Maintain proper spacing between power and sensitive data cables to reduce EMI, as fiberglass trays do not provide inherent...

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