

Photovoltaic installation cable trays and low-voltage wiring



Article Overview

Yes, photovoltaic low-voltage wiring can be installed in cable trays, provided NEC requirements for support, marking, and outdoor use are met.

Use of Cable Trays in PV Systems

Cable trays are a recognized wiring method for PV source and output circuits, particularly for outdoor installations. They provide structural support, organized routing, and protection for both DC and AC cables in solar PV systems, including rooftop and ground-mounted arrays, as well as connections between inverters and combiner boxes .

NEC Requirements

According to NEC Section 690.31(C)(2), single-conductor PV wire may be installed in cable trays in outdoor locations, even if the wire is not specifically rated for tray use. The code specifies that:

- Cables must be supported at intervals not exceeding 12 inches (300 mm)
- Cables must be secured at intervals not exceeding 4.5 feet (1.4 m)
- All exposed raceways, cable trays, and other wiring methods containing PV conductors must be marked with “Photovoltaic Power Source” This applies to PV source circuits (between modules and combiner boxes) and PV output circuits (from combiner boxes to inverters). Cable trays are not typically used for AC output circui...

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PV Wire may be insulated with either thermoplastic or thermoset materials. Thermoplastic insulation is limited to 600 Volts, and

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NEC 690.31(C)(2) permits single conductor PV Wire with or without a “CT” marking to be installed in cable trays in outdoor locations.

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Properly supporting wiring refers to the practice of securing wiring either along PV modules and racking equipment or in conduit

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Steel cable trays ensure safe wiring and are an important element of the grounding system of the entire installation. (Electrotile"s

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Issues with DC-string cabling (wiring) on solar photovoltaic (PV) systems are emerging as a significant area of concern related to

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