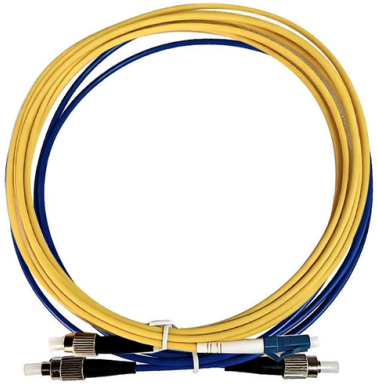
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Cables run through cable trays with bare wires



Overview

Master cable tray installation with NEC Article 392 requirements for types, fill calculations, support, and grounding.

Key Takeaways

Bare wires should generally not be run in cable trays unless they are specifically designed and rated for open-air tray use, such as grounding conductors or certain large single conductors.Cable Tray Guidelines

Cable trays are designed to support and organize electrical conductors safely, but not all cables or bare wires are suitable for tray installation. According to NEC Article 392, only conductors rated for open-air environments, such as Tray Cable (Type TC) or Metal-Clad (Type MC) cables, should be installed in cable trays . Bare wires are typically limited to grounding conductors or large single conductors (1/0 AWG or larger) in industrial setups . Running uninsulated or non-rated bare wires in a tray can create shock hazards, short circuits, and interference.

Tray Cable Types
• Type TC (Tray Cable): Factory-assembled insulated conductors, sometimes with bare or covered grounding conductors, rated for 600V and suitable for industrial power or control circuits .

• Type TC-ER (Exposed Run): Special tray-rated cables that can extend outside the tray for short distances with proper support .

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• Type ITC (Instrumentation Tray Cable): Shielded or unshielded multi-conductor cables for control and instrumentation circuits . Bare conductors are only allowed as part of these assemblies for grounding purposes or in specific industrial applications where NEC permits single insulated conductors of sufficient size .
Safety and Installation Practices
• Separation: High-power and low-power cables must be separated to prevent electromagnetic interference (EMI), .

• Fill Limits: Power cables should not exceed 40% of the tray's cross-sectional area; control cables, 50% .

• Grounding: Metallic trays can serve as equipment grounding conductors if installed according to NEC requirements .

• Support and Securing: Cables must be continuously supported and secured at intervals (typically every six feet for TC cables), .

• Environmental Considerations: Use sunlight-resistant or moisture-resistant cables in outdoor or exposed areas .
Best Practices
• Avoid running bare wires unless they are specifically allowed by code.

• Use insulated tray-rated cables for all power and control circuits.

• Maintain proper spacing and segregation to reduce interference and overheating .

• Ensure accessibility for maintenance; trays should not be enclosed or placed in hoistways . Following these guidelines ensures compliance with NEC standards, reduces the risk of electrical hazards, and maintains long-term reliability of the cable tray system.

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