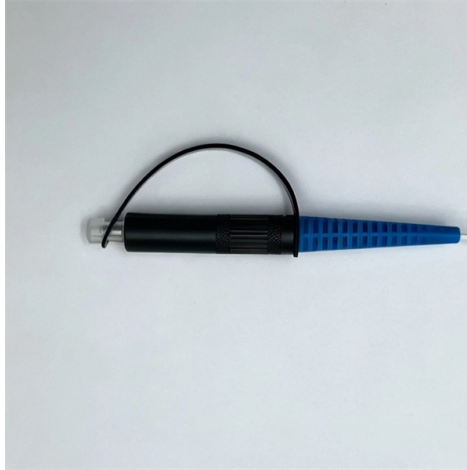


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Adding cable trays to existing ones



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Adding cable trays to an existing system requires careful planning to maintain structural integrity, NEC compliance, and proper cable management. Key Considerations

1. Tray Type and Compatibility Ensure the new tray matches the existing system in type (ladder, ventilated trough, or solid-bottom) and material (steel, aluminum, or FRP) to maintain consistent support and environmental resistance. Ladder trays are ideal for power cables due to ventilation, while ventilated troughs are better for smaller control or instrumentation cables . 2. Structural Support and Load Capacity Check the load rating of the existing supports. Each hanger or support has a maximum load (typically 318-340 kg per hanger) and maximum spacing (up to 3.6 m). When adding trays, ensure the combined weight of existing and new cables does not exceed these limits . Additional supports may be required at junctions or where the tray extends. 3. NEC Compliance Follow NEC Article 392 rules:

- Maintain proper cable fill limits (40% for power cables, 50% for control cables)
- Ensure vertical clearance above trays (minimum 12 inches)
- Separate high-power and low-power cables to prevent EMI

- Metallic trays must be properly grounded if used as an equipment grounding conductor
4. Connection and Alignment Use couplers or splice plates to join new trays to existing ones. Ensure alignment is precise to prevent sagging or misalignment. Mark support points and use a level or laser to maintain a straight path. Consider bends, tees, or risers in the new section .
5. Cable Management Tie cables securely to the tray rungs or bottom to prevent movement. Maintain minimum bend radii for cables exiting the tray. For instrumentation or control cables, closer rung spacing (6–9 inches) may be needed to prevent sagging .
6. Safety and Tools Wear PPE (gloves, safety glasses, hard hat) and use appropriate tools such as drills, wrenches, and cutting tools. Deburr cut edges to prevent cable damage .

Practical Steps

- Inspect the existing tray and pathway for obstructions.
- Select compatible tray type and material.
- Calculate combined cable load and ensure support adequacy.
- Mark the route and support points for the new tray.
- Install supports and connect new trays using couplers.
- Pull and secure cables, maintaining fill limits and separation.
- Verify grounding and bonding continuity.
- Inspect the system for alignment, sag, and compliance with NEC standards. By following these steps, you can safely expand an existing cable tray system while ensuring compliance, structural integrity, and efficient cable management .

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