

RIVO MULTITRADE OPTICAL SYSTEMS

The cable tray can't be knocked open



Overview

Our Snap Track end plates are used for dead-end closure and indicate the termination of a cable tray run.

Key Takeaways

A cable tray that cannot be opened is often due to tight fasteners, misaligned joints, or structural deformation, and can be resolved by inspecting supports, loosening hardware, and using proper accessories. Common Causes

1. Tight or Improper Fastening Cable tray covers are typically secured with bolts, screws, or clamps. Over time, these fasteners may become overly tight, corroded, or seized, making the tray difficult to open. Environmental factors like humidity or chemical exposure can accelerate corrosion, especially in steel trays .
2. Misalignment or Joint Issues If tray sections were not aligned correctly during installation, the cover may bind at joints or edges. Misaligned trays can create stress points that prevent smooth opening .
3. Structural Deformation Excessive cable weight, sagging, or mechanical impact can bend or warp the tray, causing the cover to stick. Ladder-type or perforated trays may deform under heavy loads or long unsupported spans .
4. Accessibility Constraints Trays installed behind walls, above ceilings, or near other equipment may be physically difficult to reach, making it seem like the tray cannot be opened .

Solutions



1. **Inspect and Loosen Fasteners** Check all bolts, screws, or clamps securing the tray cover. Use appropriate tools to carefully loosen them. If corrosion is present, apply a penetrating lubricant to free stuck hardware . 2. **Check Alignment and Supports** Ensure tray sections are properly aligned and supported. Adjust brackets or hangers if necessary to relieve binding at joints. Reducing support intervals can also help prevent sagging and improve cover accessibility . 3. **Use Proper Accessories** Cable tray dividers, collars, and internal supports can increase rigidity and prevent deformation, making covers easier to open. For corrosive environments, consider stainless steel, galvanized steel, or FRP trays . 4. **Plan for Accessibility During maintenance**, use ladders, scaffolding, or extension tools to reach difficult trays safely. If trays are permanently obstructed, consider redesigning the routing or installing removable sections for easier access . 5. **Preventive Maintenance** Regularly inspect trays for corrosion, sagging, or loose fasteners. Keeping trays clean and properly supported reduces the likelihood of covers becoming stuck . By systematically checking fasteners, alignment, structural integrity, and accessibility, a cable tray that cannot be knocked open can usually be resolved safely and efficiently.

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This totally seems to be a fever dream, but I thought during my apprenticeship i saw a video of a cable in a cable tray

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This can be accomplished by a separate cable tray system or by a divider within a cable tray. NEC section 318-5 (e) indicates that

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