Cable tray through the slab hole

Article Overview

Cable trays passing through slab holes must be properly supported, sealed, and firestopped to maintain structural integrity and fire safety.

Mechanical Installation

When routing a cable tray through a slab, ensure the hole is sized appropriately to accommodate the tray and any future cable additions. The tray should be supported on both sides of the slab to prevent sagging or stress on the cables. For solid or ventilated trays, maintain the minimum bend radius for cables as they exit the tray to avoid damage, and consider using split sleeves or transit frames to guide the tray through the slab cleanly .

Firestopping and Sealing

Firestopping is critical for slab penetrations to prevent fire and smoke spread. Key requirements include:

o Firestop thickness: Apply 20-30 mm of firestopping material around the tray at the slab penetration .
o Fire-support plates: Install a fire-support plate at the top of the penetration to hold firestop materials in place .
o Gap management: Ensure gaps between the tray and firestop packs do not exceed 1 cm2, and packing thickness is at least 24 cm .
o Material selection: Use fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, or fire-resistant mineral wool depending on the application .
o Cover plates: Close the opening with square, evenly painted cover plates to maintain fire integrity . For retrofits or irregular holes, split sleeves or modular firestop systems can be used to seal around the tray while allowing future cable additions .

Water and Environmental Considerations

If the tray is at floor level or in humid environments, include a waterstop of at least 50 mm to prevent water ingress . For solid bottom trays, consider weep holes to avoid moisture accumulation, especially in outdoor or high-humidity areas .

Compliance and Best Practices

o Follow local building codes and fire safety standards for slab penetrations.
o Maintain reasonable layout and positioning to facilitate installation and maintenance .
o Ensure all gaps inside and around metal trunking are sealed both internally and externally .
o Use modular cable transit frames for energy and industrial projects to create water-, smoke-, and gas-tight

barriers . By combining proper mechanical support, firestopping, and sealing, cable trays can safely pass through slab holes while maintaining compliance with safety and building regulations.

BAGS SHALL BE: GRACE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS KBS SEALBAGS OR 3M FIRE BARRIER PILLOWS. INSTALL BAGS

This document provides general notes for cable tray mountings. It specifies that electrical contractors will fabricate, supply, erect, and

Using cable trays as walkways can cause personal injury and also damage cable tray and installed cables. Performances of cable

High stability concrete or composite cable trough systems for secure protection of cables and utilities within internal or external

he cable tray system being supported. Structural building members should never be cut, and cable trays should not be installed in

Mark the location of installation and install the approved cable trays, trunking and ladders as per

How to design cable tray? Most projects are roughly defined at the start of cable tray design. For projects that are not

A cable tray with (11) 500MCM 15kV cables (shown on the ground in the picture) will pass through an outdoor concrete firewall via a

1. Route Planning and Layout Principles Coordinate with Building Structure: Cable tray routing should align

3M Fire Barrier Moldable Putty+ is a one-part, halogen-free product designed to firestop electrical outlet boxes and a wide variety of

Learn how to install cable trays correctly. Get the ultimate step-by-step guide on setting up a seamless and reliable

This method statement covers the site installation of the cable tray & ladders and the requirements of checks to be

Inspect the cable trays, trunking & ladders installation routes as per approved shop drawing. Chalk lines are used to mark the cable

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The document provides instructions for installing cable trays and cable trunking. It states that before installation, the work area must

The following charts give the number of 3M pillows needed to completely firestop an opening that cable tray passes through.* Two

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