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Connect to the distribution box cable tray



Overview

Introduction The purpose of this document is to describe the correct process to install the connectors in our cable trays.

Key Takeaways

Connecting a cable tray to a distribution box requires secure mechanical attachment, proper alignment, and compliance with electrical codes to ensure safety and system stability.

Step 1: Plan and Prepare

Before connecting, plan the route of the cable tray from the main system to the distribution box, considering clearance, load, and cable separation requirements. Ensure the tray type (ladder, perforated, or solid-bottom) matches the cable type and environment. Measure the distance and mark the points where the tray will meet the distribution box.

Step 2: Select Connection Hardware

Common connection methods include splice plates, bolted connections, clamps, and quick-connect systems. For connecting to a distribution box:

- **Splice plates or flat metal plates:** Bolt the tray end to the box flange for a strong, secure connection. This method works with most tray types and allows future adjustments.
- **Clamps or brackets:** Use if the tray and box have compatible flanges or mounting holes. Ensure the fasteners are rated for the tray load.

- Quick-connect systems: Snap or twist fittings can be used for faster installation but may be manufacturer-specific .

Step 3: Align and Secure

- Align the tray with the distribution box opening so cables can enter without sharp bends. Maintain the minimum bend radius for cables to prevent damage .
- Level the tray and ensure it is supported by brackets or hangers at proper intervals (typically 1.5–3 meters depending on tray type and load), .
- Bolt or clamp the tray to the box using the selected hardware. Tighten fasteners securely with appropriate tools (spanners or torque wrenches) to prevent loosening over time .

Step 4: Grounding and Bonding

- Ensure the tray is properly bonded to the distribution box to maintain electrical safety. Use grounding lugs or bonding jumpers as required by NEC Article 392 .
- Verify that all metallic parts are electrically continuous to prevent potential shock hazards.

Step 5: Cable Entry and Management

- Route cables from the tray into the distribution box carefully, avoiding sharp bends or kinks.
- Use glands or bushings at the entry point to protect cable insulation.
- Maintain proper cable separation and secure cables inside the box to prevent strain on terminations .

Step 6: Inspection and Maintenance

- Check that the connection is firm, level, and free of gaps.
- Ensure cables are not pinched and that the tray can support the full load without sagging.
- Periodically inspect connections for loosening or corrosion, especially in industrial or outdoor environments . By following these steps, you can ensure a safe, stable, and code-compliant connection between a cable tray and a distribution box, facilitating long-term reliability and easy maintenance.

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