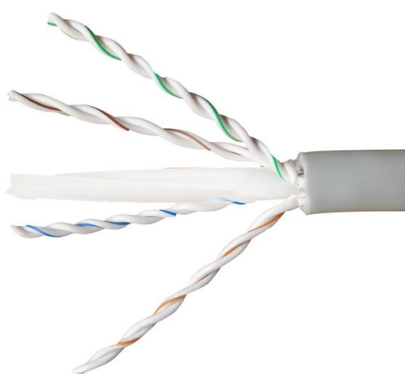


Installation Measures for Low Voltage Cable Trays in Vertical Shafts



Overview

Cable trays or raceways often provide a convenient, safe and efficient method of fiber optic cable installation.

Key Takeaways

Installing low voltage cable trays in vertical shafts requires careful planning, proper tray selection, secure support, safe cable pulling, and adherence to electrical standards.

1. Planning and Design

Before installation, assess the shaft dimensions, cable types, and total cable weight. Determine the vertical route and identify potential obstacles. Select the appropriate cable tray type (ladder, ventilated trough, or wire mesh) based on ventilation, load, and environmental conditions. Ensure compliance with NEC Article 392 and relevant standards such as NEMA VE 1 or BS EN 61537.

2. Material and Tray Selection

- Ladder trays: Ideal for heat dissipation and heavy cable loads.
- Ventilated troughs: Suitable for smaller instrumentation cables.
- Wire mesh trays: Lightweight, flexible, and corrosion-resistant. Choose materials (aluminum, stainless steel, or galvanized steel) based on corrosion resistance and mechanical strength.

3. Structural Support



Install supports at calculated intervals using trapeze hangers, cantilever brackets, or wall-mounted supports. The support span must accommodate the total cable weight and tray type . Ensure the tray is securely anchored to prevent movement during cable installation.

4. Cable Pulling in Vertical Shafts

- Assess cable weight and tensile strength to prevent rupture.
- Use pulling grips or socks and consider secondary steel wires or fail-safe mechanisms to prevent free fall in case of cable breakage .
- Pulling is generally easier upwards, but synchronized cable pushers can be used for downward installation.
- Avoid closed loops of ferromagnetic steel when fixing cables to metal structures to prevent electromagnetic interference .

5. Cable Management and Fixation

- Snake the cables properly along the tray to maintain bend radius and prevent stress.
- Use tie wraps or clamps at regular intervals to secure cables without over-tightening.
- Ensure proper separation of power and control cables to reduce interference .

6. Bonding and Grounding

- Bond all metallic trays to the grounding system to comply with electrical codes.
- Verify continuity and ensure all connections are secure to prevent electrical hazards .

7. Inspection and Testing

- Check for overfilled trays, which can cause overheating.
- Inspect supports, cable fixation, and grounding.
- Confirm compliance with NEC fill calculations and manufacturer specifications .

8. Maintenance Considerations

- Leave access space for future cable additions or maintenance.
- Document tray layout and cable routing for reference.
- Periodically inspect for corrosion, loose supports, or cable damage. By following these steps, low voltage cable trays in vertical shafts can be installed safely, efficiently, and in compliance with electrical standards, ensuring long-term reliability and ease of maintenance .

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