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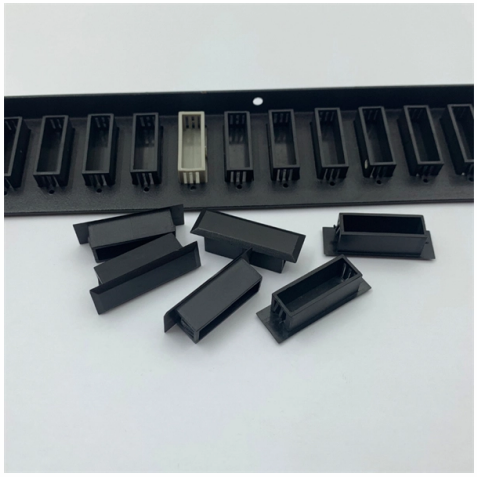
Cable tray expansion joint spacing between cable trays



Overview

Managing Thermal Expansion and Contraction in Cable Learn how to manage thermal expansion and contraction in cable tray systems with expert Thermal Contrac.

Key Takeaways

Expansion joint spacing for cable trays depends on the tray material and expected temperature variation, typically 65 feet for aluminum and 128–130 feet for steel under a 100°F temperature differential.Material-Specific Spacing
• Aluminum cable trays: Require expansion joints approximately every 65 feet for a 100°F temperature change due to higher thermal expansion rates .

• Steel cable trays: Can have expansion joints spaced around 128–130 feet for the same temperature differential, as steel expands less than aluminum .

• Fiberglass trays: Typically allow longer spacing, up to 133 feet for a 70°C temperature differential .
Installation Guidelines
• Expansion joint splice plates: Use slotted holes to allow sliding; bolts should be finger-tightened and then slightly loosened to permit movement .

• Support placement: Supports should be located within 2 feet of each side of the expansion joint. The tray should not be clamped too tightly to allow free expansion and contraction .

• Anchoring: Anchor the tray at the midpoint between expansion joints using hold-down clamps, while other supports use expansion guides to allow longitudinal movement .

• Gap setting: The expansion gap is determined based on the expected maximum and minimum metal temperatures at the site. For example, a 50°F installation temperature with a 100°F differential may require a 3/8 inch gap between tray sections .
Practical Considerations
• Expansion joints are mandatory for outdoor trays or indoor trays with temperature swings greater than 30°C .

• Ignoring thermal expansion can lead to tray bending, bolt failure, or damage to cables .

• For long runs, always verify site-specific temperature extremes and adjust spacing accordingly, using linear interpolation if necessary for intermediate temperature differences . By following these guidelines, cable tray systems can safely accommodate thermal expansion and contraction, maintaining structural integrity and protecting installed cables.

Article Content

Thermal Contraction and Expansion of Cable Tray

VE 1 Table 6-1 shows the allowable lengths of steel and aluminum cable tray between expansion joints for the temperature

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2) Factors like material, temperature range, and installation temperature determine the required gap size and spacing of expansion

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For a 100° F differential (winter to summer), a steel cable tray will require an expansion joint every 128 feet and an aluminum cable

Cable Tray Thermal Expansion Guidelines

NEMA standards provide guidelines for placement of expansion joints based on expected temperature ranges and material type.

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Expansion splice joints should be designed and placed so as to maximize the rigidity of the cable tray, unless expansion splice plates

Cable Tray Support Spacing: Installation Distance Guide

Learn the correct Cable Tray Support Spacing for industrial and commercial systems to reduce deflection and improve structural

392.44 Expansion Splice Plates.

According to the document, there are four basic types of cable tray connectors including rigid, expansion, adjustable, and reducer. In

Cable Tray Installation Guidelines for Engineers

All cable tray conduit drop-outs shall be bonded to the cable tray according to with grounding bushing on conduit end and bonding

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seasonal lows determine the maximum spacing between expansion splices (Table 10). Splice pos tioning at the quarter-point of the

Cable Tray Thermal Expansion Guidelines

Thermal expansion and contraction of cable trays must be accounted for through the use of expansion joints. Proper installation of

Cable Tray Installation and Cable Handling Method Statement

Cable trays should be fastened to the support system using guides that allow for longitudinal movement. 5.4.4 Expansion Connectors

Precautions for Cable Tray Installation

When the cable tray passes through expansion and settlement joints, the cable tray should be disconnected, with a separation

What is Expansion Joint Cable Tray Installation

The cable tray expansion joint distance is a critical factor in ensuring the long-term functionality and stability of the

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The Cable Tray can be laid concurrently with mechanical piping work and the cables can then be simply pulled over the laid trays,

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Expansion 813 splice joints should be designed and placed so as to maximize the rigidity of the cable tray, unless 814 expansion

NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2006

The cable tray should be anchored at the support nearest to its midpoint between the expansion splice plates and secured by

Cable tray manual

One of the most important features of cable tray is that tray cable can easily be installed in existing trays if there is space available.

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