

How to ground high-voltage cable trays



Article Overview

High-voltage cable trays must be grounded to provide a low-impedance path for fault currents, protect personnel, and ensure system reliability.

Key Principles of Grounding Cable Trays

- Use the Cable Tray as an Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) if Qualified
Metallic cable trays can serve as the EGC in installations where qualified personnel maintain the system. This requires that the tray be electrically continuous and properly bonded at all sections to ensure a low-impedance path for fault currents .
- Bonding Between Sections Each tray section should be bonded to adjacent sections using grounding clamps or connectors. This not only ensures electrical continuity but also mechanically secures the EGC, preventing it from being displaced by magnetic forces during fault conditions .
- Use Proper Conductors
- For aluminum trays, avoid bare copper conductors to prevent electrolytic corrosion. Use insulated conductors with insulation removed only at bonding points, connected with tin- or zinc-plated connectors .
- Ensure the EGC is sized according to NEC Table 250.122 to safely carry fault currents .
- Connection to Facility Grounding System The cable tray system must be connected to the facility's main grounding system. This provides a permanent, low-impedance path to earth, which is critical for clearing faults and protecting personnel and equipment .
- High-Voltage Considerations
- High-voltage trays often carry significant fault currents and may be exposed to lig...

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In addition to providing an electrical connection between the cable tray sections and the EGC, the grounding clamp mechanically

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