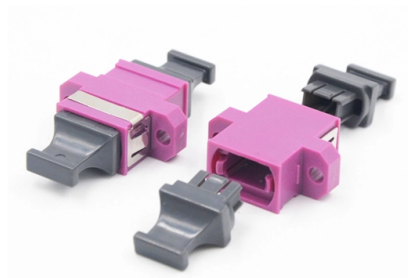


Large-size cable tray fabrication



Overview

The document outlines procedures for cable tray fabrication and installation for the HA MBD project.

Key Takeaways

Large-size cable trays are custom-fabricated to accommodate high cable volumes, heavy loads, and project-specific dimensions while ensuring compliance with safety and electrical standards. Sizing and Design Considerations

When fabricating large cable trays, the width, depth, and load capacity must be carefully calculated based on the total cross-sectional area of cables, future expansion, and fill ratio. Standard widths range from 150 mm to 900 mm (6–36 inches), but large industrial projects often require custom widths beyond standard sizes to handle high-capacity cabling. Depth is selected to ensure cables remain secure and allow proper airflow, typically maintaining 40–50% fill capacity to prevent overheating. Tray length is commonly 3 meters per section for ease of transport and installation.

Material Selection

Large cable trays are fabricated from steel, stainless steel, or aluminum, depending on environmental conditions and load requirements.

- Galvanized steel provides economical corrosion protection.
- Stainless steel (AISI 316L) offers high resistance to corrosion, stress cracking, and pitting, suitable for harsh or offshore environments.

- Aluminum alloys are lightweight, corrosion-resistant, and easily formable, ideal for atmospheric or mildly corrosive conditions .

Fabrication Methods

Heavy-duty cable trays are typically cut, bent, and welded to project-specific dimensions . Custom fabrication allows for non-standard widths, depths, lengths, and configurations, ensuring proper load distribution and compliance with NEC Article 392 and other relevant standards . Pultrusion processes may be used for composite trays, providing high strength-to-weight ratios and corrosion resistance .

Compliance and Standards

Fabricated trays must comply with NEC Article 392, covering construction, installation, allowable cable types, fill calculations, and grounding . For international projects, CE marking or equivalent certifications ensure adherence to local safety and quality standards . Proper fabrication ensures trays can safely support cable weight, maintain spacing for heat dissipation, and allow future expansion.

Applications

Large-size cable trays are widely used in industrial plants, renewable energy installations, oil and gas facilities, and heavy infrastructure projects . They provide organized, accessible, and code-compliant routing for high-capacity power and control cabling, supporting both operational efficiency and safety. In summary, large cable tray fabrication involves precise sizing, material selection, and custom manufacturing to meet project-specific load, environmental, and regulatory requirements, ensuring safe and efficient cable management in demanding applications .

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