Fireproofing of Cable Trays in High-Rise Buildings



Overview

Heat Insulation and Protection Measures for Fireproof Cable TraysCable trays without proper insulation are susceptible to thermal deformation, embrittlemen.

Key Takeaways

Effective fireproofing of cable trays in high-rise buildings involves using fire-resistant materials, protective coatings, proper ventilation, and firestop systems to prevent fire spread and maintain cable functionality.

Material Selection

Choosing the right cable tray material is critical for fire safety. Hot-dip galvanized steel and stainless steel trays are preferred for their excellent fire resistance, durability, and corrosion protection, while aluminum or fiberglass-reinforced plastic may be used in corrosive or high-humidity environments. Fire-resistant cable trays, such as the Daken Fire-Resistant Cable Tray, integrate epoxy-based intumescent coatings and internal metal reinforcement, forming a dense insulating char under high temperatures to reduce heat transfer and maintain structural stability.

Firestop Systems

Firestop systems are essential where cable trays penetrate walls, floors, or slabs. Openings should be sealed with fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, or mineral wool, ensuring no visible cracks or voids. For large penetrations, a fire-resistant backing plate should be installed before sealing.

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Properly applied firestopping prevents flames, smoke, and heat from spreading between building compartments, maintaining fire compartmentalization.

Protective Coatings and Tapes

Fireproof coatings and tapes, such as FLAMMOTECT-A and DG-CR 0. 7, provide an additional layer of protection by forming a shield around cables, inhibiting flame propagation, and preserving cable functionality during a fire. These coatings also enhance resistance to environmental factors like UV radiation, moisture, and chemicals, which is particularly important in high-rise buildings exposed to varying conditions.

Ventilation and Installation Practices

Proper cable tray installation reduces overheating risks. Perforated or wire mesh trays improve airflow, dissipate heat, and prevent insulation damage. Cables should be segregated by voltage type, routed along the shortest and straightest paths, and supported to prevent sagging or deformation.

Horizontal and vertical deviations should be minimal (≤2mm/m horizontally, ≤3mm/m vertically), and trays must be securely mounted on supports.

Inspection and Maintenance

Regular inspection is crucial to ensure fireproofing integrity. Check for rust, moisture accumulation, UV damage, coating degradation, and sealing effectiveness. Preventive maintenance helps identify potential fire hazards, such as overloaded trays, damaged insulation, or blocked ventilation, before they escalate.

Summary

Fireproofing cable trays in high-rise buildings requires a multi-layered approach: selecting fire-resistant materials, applying intumescent coatings or protective tapes, ensuring proper ventilation, implementing firestop systems at penetrations, and conducting regular inspections. These measures collectively reduce fire risks, maintain cable functionality, and protect occupants and property in high-rise structures.

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