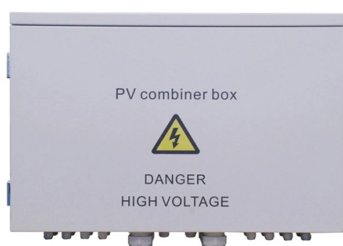


How to calculate fireproof sealing of cable trays



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Fireproof sealing of cable trays requires selecting appropriate firestopping materials, calculating gap areas, and ensuring proper packing and installation according to standards. Key Steps for Calculation and Installation

1. Determine the Opening Size and Tray Type Measure the cable tray dimensions and the penetration opening. For ladder-type trays, the opening should typically be 1.5 inches larger than the tray on all sides to allow proper placement of firestop materials . For larger or non-standard trays, consult engineering judgment or manufacturer guidance.
2. Select Firestopping Materials Common materials include fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, mineral wool, and intumescent caulks. For UL-listed systems, products like 3M self-locking pillows and moldable putty are used to fill gaps around the tray . Ensure materials are compatible with the wall or slab type (concrete, gypsum, etc.) and meet the required F-rating and T-rating.
3. Calculate Gap Area and Packing Requirements

- The gap between firestop packs and cables should not exceed 1 cm².
- Minimum packing thickness is generally 24 cm for effective fire resistance .

- For slab penetrations, provide 20–30 mm of firestopping and install a fire-support plate at the top . 4. Installation Sequence
- Install a fire-resistant backing plate for large openings.
- Place firestop packs in an orderly sequence around the cables.
- Seal all gaps internally and externally to ensure no voids remain.
- Apply cover plates of consistent dimensions to close the opening . 5. Fire Protection Calculation Tools For precise sizing, use tools like the Cable Tray Fire Protection Calculator, which considers suppression density, detection systems, and cable separation according to NFPA 850 and IEEE 384 standards . These calculations help determine the required firestop material quantity and layout. 6. Inspection and Maintenance After installation, inspect for tightness, alignment, and absence of cracks. Periodically check coating integrity and sealing effectiveness, especially for outdoor or high-humidity environments .

Practical Example

For a 4" x 12" ladder tray passing through a concrete wall:

- Recommended opening: 7" x 15"
- Use medium 3M self-locking pillows and two sticks of moldable putty per opening .
- Ensure all gaps are sealed and cover plates are installed. By following these steps, you can calculate and implement fireproof sealing for cable trays that meets safety standards and ensures reliable fire containment.

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