

SECTION 26 0536
CABLE TRAYS FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Metal cable tray systems:
 - 1. Metal wire mesh/basket cable tray.

1.2 RELATED REQUIREMENTS

- A. Section 07 8400 - Firestopping.
- B. Section 26 0526 - Grounding and Bonding for Electrical Systems.
- C. Section 26 0529 - Hangers and Supports for Electrical Systems.
- D. Section 26 0553 - Identification for Electrical Systems: Identification products and requirements.

1.3 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- A. ASTM B633 - Standard Specification for Electrodeposited Coatings of Zinc on Iron and Steel; 2013.
- B. NECA 1 - Standard for Good Workmanship in Electrical Construction; 2010.
- C. NECA/BICSI 568 - Standard for Installing Building Telecommunications Cabling; National Electrical Contractors Association; 2006.
- D. NEMA FG 1 - Fiberglass Cable Tray Systems; 1993 (with Rev 1; 1994).
- E. NEMA VE 1 - Metal Cable Tray Systems; 2009.
- F. NEMA VE 2 - Cable Tray Installation Guidelines; 2013.
- G. NFPA 70 - National Electrical Code; Most Recent Edition Adopted by Authority Having Jurisdiction, Including All Applicable Amendments and Supplements.

1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Coordination:
 - 1. Coordinate the arrangement of cable tray with structural members, ductwork, piping, equipment and other potential conflicts installed under other sections or by others. Coordinate the work with other trades to avoid installation of obstructions within cable tray required clearances.
 - 2. Coordinate arrangement of cable tray with the dimensions and clearance requirements of the actual products to be installed.
 - 3. Coordinate the work with placement of supports, anchors, etc. required for mounting.
 - 4. Notify Architect/Engineer of any conflicts with or deviations from the contract documents. Obtain direction before proceeding with work.

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- B. Preinstallation Meeting: Convene one week prior to commencing work of this section; require attendance of all affected installers. Review proposed routing, sequence of installation, and protection requirements for installed cable tray.
- C. Sequencing:
 - 1. Do not begin installation of cables until installation of associated cable tray run is complete.

1.5 SUBMITTALS

- A. See Section 01 3000 - Administrative Requirements, for submittal procedures.
- B. Product Data: Provide manufacturer's standard catalog pages and data sheets for cable tray system components and accessories. Include dimensions, materials, fabrication details, finishes, and span/load ratings.
- C. Shop Drawings: Include dimensioned plan views and sections indicating proposed cable tray routing, required clearances, and locations and details of supports, fittings, building element penetrations, and equipment connections.
- D. Manufacturer's Instructions: Indicate application conditions and limitations of use stipulated by product testing agency. Include instructions for storage, handling, protection, examination, preparation, and installation of product.
- E. Project Record Documents: Record actual routing of cable tray and locations of supports.

1.6 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Conform to requirements of NFPA 70.
- B. Manufacturer Qualifications: Company specializing in manufacturing the products specified in this section with minimum three years documented experience.
- C. Product Listing Organization Qualifications: An organization recognized by OSHA as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) and acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction.

1.7 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Receive, inspect, handle, and store products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and NEMA VE 2, except do not store cable tray outdoors without cover as permitted in NEMA VE 2.
- B. Handle products carefully to avoid damage to finish.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 CABLE TRAY SYSTEM - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Provide new cable tray system consisting of all required components, fittings, supports, accessories, etc. as necessary for a complete system.
- B. Provide products listed, classified, and labeled as suitable for the purpose intended.
- C. Do not use cable tray for applications other than as permitted by NFPA 70 and product listing/classification.

- D. Provide cable tray system and associated components suitable for use at indicated span/load ratings under the service conditions at the installed location.
- E. Unless otherwise indicated, specified span/load ratings are according to NEMA VE 1 (metal cable tray systems) or NEMA FG 1 (fiberglass cable tray systems) with safety factor of 1.5 and working load only (no additional concentrated static load).
- F. Unless otherwise indicated, specified load/fill depths and inside widths are nominal values according to NEMA VE 1 (metal cable tray systems) or NEMA FG 1 (fiberglass cable tray systems) with applicable allowable tolerances.

2.2 METAL CABLE TRAY SYSTEMS

- A. Comply with NEMA VE 1.
- B. Finishes:
 - 1. Zinc Electroplated Steel: Comply with ASTM B633.
- C. Metal Wire Mesh/Basket Cable Tray:
 - 1. Material: Zinc electroplated steel.
 - 2. Tray Depth: 2 inches.
 - 3. Span/Load Rating: As indicated on drawings.
 - 4. Mesh Spacing: 2 by 4 inches.
 - 5. Tray Width: 4 inches.

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Verify that work likely to damage cable tray system has been completed.
- B. Verify that the dimensions and span/load ratings of cable tray system components are consistent with the indicated requirements.
- C. Verify that mounting surfaces are ready to receive cable tray and associated supports.
- D. Verify that conditions are satisfactory for installation prior to starting work.

3.2 INSTALLATION

- A. Install products in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Install cable tray in accordance with NECA 1 (general workmanship), and NEMA VE 2.
- C. Unless otherwise indicated, arrange cable tray to be parallel or perpendicular to building lines.
- D. Arrange cable tray to provide required clearances and maintain cable access.
 - 1. Minimum Clearance Above and Adjacent to Cable Tray: 12 inches.
 - 2. Cable Tray for Telecommunications Cables: Maintain recommended separation from sources of EMI greater than 5 kVA in accordance with NECA/BICSI 568.

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- E. Install cable tray plumb and level, with sections aligned and with horizontal runs at the proper elevation.
- F. Metal Wire Mesh/Basket Cable Tray: Field fabricate fittings in accordance with manufacturer's instructions, using only manufacturer-approved connectors classified for bonding.
 - 1. Inside Radius of Fittings: 12 inches.
- G. Cable Tray Movement Provisions:
 - 1. Provide suitable expansion fittings where cable tray is subject to movement, including but not limited to:
 - a. Where cable tray crosses structural joints intended for expansion.
 - b. Long straight cable tray runs in accordance with NEMA VE 2.
 - 2. Use expansion guides in lieu of hold-down clamps where prescribed in NEMA VE 2.
 - 3. Set gaps for expansion fittings in accordance with NEMA VE 2.
- H. Cable Provisions:
 - 1. Use suitable fixed barrier strips to maintain separation of cables as indicated and as required by NFPA 70.
 - 2. Use suitable drop-out fittings or bushings where cables exit cable tray as required to maintain minimum cable bending radius.
 - 3. Use suitable cable support fittings for long vertical cable tray runs with heavy cables.
- I. Provide end closures at unconnected ends of cable tray runs.
- J. Cable Tray Support:
 - 1. Use manufacturer's recommended hangers and supports, located in accordance with NEMA VE 2 and manufacturer's requirements, but not exceeding specified span unless otherwise approved by Engineer. Provide required support and attachment components in accordance with Section 26 0529, where not furnished by cable tray manufacturer.
 - 2. Provide independent support from building structure. Do not provide support from piping, ductwork, or other systems.
- K. Grounding and Bonding Requirements, in Addition to Requirements of Section 26 0526:
 - 1. Comply with grounding and bonding requirements of NEMA VE 2.
 - 2. Metal Cable Tray Systems: Use suitable bonding jumpers or classified connectors to provide electrical continuity.
 - 3. Provide suitable equipment grounding conductor in each cable tray, except where cable tray contains only multiconductor cables with integral equipment grounding conductors. Do not use metal cable tray system as sole equipment grounding conductor.
 - a. Equipment Grounding Conductor for Steel Cable Tray: Use bare or insulated copper conductor.
 - b. Equipment Grounding Conductor for Aluminum Cable Tray: Use insulated copper conductor only; do not use bare copper conductor.

- c. Minimum Equipment Grounding Conductor Size: 6 AWG copper.
 - d. Bond equipment grounding conductor to each cable tray section using suitable listed ground clamps. Separate bonding jumpers are not required where properly bonded equipment grounding conductor provides equivalent continuity.
 - L. Conduit Termination:
 - 1. Use listed cable tray conduit clamps (evaluated for bonding connection) to terminate conduits at cable tray.
 - 2. Provide insulating bushing at conduit termination to protect cables.
 - 3. Provide independent support for conduit.
 - M. Cable Installation:
 - 1. Comply with cable installation requirements of NEMA VE 2.
 - 2. Use appropriate cable pulling tools, applied to prevent excessive force on cable tray system and maintain minimum cable bending radius.
 - 3. Use cable clamps or cable ties to fasten conductors/cables to vertical and horizontal runs of cable tray.
 - a. Distance Between Fastening Points for Vertical Runs: 18 inches.
 - b. Distance Between Fastening Points for Horizontal Runs: As required to maintain spacing and confine conductor/cable within the cable fill area.
 - N. Penetrations: Install firestopping to preserve fire resistance rating of building elements, using materials and methods specified in Section 07 8400.
 - O. Identification Requirements, in Addition to Those Specified in Section 26 0553.
 - 1. Use warning labels to identify cable tray with the word message "WARNING! Do Not Use As A Walkway, Ladder, Or Support For Personnel. Use Only As A Mechanical Support For Cables, Tubing and Raceways." at maximum intervals of 20 feet.
 - P. Install cable tray covers where indicated and as follows:
 - 1. For first 6 feet of cable tray extending vertically from a floor penetration.
 - 2. Where cable tray passes under open walkways.
- 3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL
- A. See Section 01 4000 - Quality Requirements, for additional requirements.
 - B. Inspect cable tray system for damage and defects.
 - C. Repair cuts and abrasions in galvanized finishes using zinc-rich paint recommended by manufacturer. Replace components that exhibit signs of corrosion.
 - D. Correct deficiencies and replace damaged or defective cable tray system components.
- 3.4 ADJUSTING
- A. Adjust tightness of mechanical connections to manufacturer's recommended torque settings.

3.5 CLEANING

- A. Remove dirt and debris from cable tray.
- B. Clean exposed surfaces to remove dirt, paint, or other foreign material and restore to match original factory finish.

3.6 PROTECTION

- A. Protect cable tray system from subsequent construction operations.

3.7 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. Perform the following tests and inspections:
 - 1. After installing cable trays and after electrical circuitry has been energized, survey for compliance with requirements.
 - 2. Visually inspect cable insulation for damage. Correct sharp corners, protuberances in cable trays, vibrations, and thermal expansion and contraction conditions, which may cause or have caused damage.
 - 3. Verify that the number, size, and voltage of cables in cable trays do not exceed that permitted by NFPA 70. Verify that communications or data-processing circuits are separated from power circuits by barriers or are installed in separate cable trays.
 - 4. Verify that there are no intruding items such as pipes, hangers, or other equipment in the cable tray.
 - 5. Remove dust deposits, industrial process materials, trash of any description, and any blockage of tray ventilation.
 - 6. Visually inspect each cable tray joint and each ground connection for mechanical continuity. Check bolted connections between sections for corrosion. Clean and retorqued in suspect areas.
 - 7. Check for improperly sized or installed bonding jumpers.
 - 8. Check for missing, incorrect, or damaged bolts, bolt heads, or nuts. When found, replace with specified hardware.
 - 9. Perform visual and mechanical checks for adequacy of cable tray grounding; verify that all takeoff raceways are bonded to cable trays. Test entire cable tray system for continuity. Maximum allowable resistance is 1 ohm.
- B. Prepare test and inspection reports.

3.8 PROTECTION

- A. Protect installed cable trays and cables.
 - 1. Install temporary protection for cables in open trays to safeguard exposed cables against falling objects or debris during construction. Temporary protection for cables and cable tray can be constructed of wood or metal materials and shall remain in place until the risk of damage is over.
 - 2. Repair damage to galvanized finishes with zinc-rich paint recommended by cable tray manufacturer.

3. Repair damage to paint finishes with matching touchup coating recommended by cable tray manufacturer.

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