

Relaxation rate of cables placed in cable trays



AI Overview

Cables in cable trays do not have a formal "relaxation factor," but their installation must account for sag, spacing, and mechanical stress to ensure proper support and ampacity. Mechanical Considerations When cables are installed in trays, especially ladder or ventilated types, they are subject to sag between rungs and potential mechanical stress. Manufacturers and standards recommend maintaining minimum spacing between cables and limiting unsupported lengths to prevent excessive drooping or stress on the insulation and conductors. For example, small-diameter multi-conductor control and instrumentation cables may require 6, 9, or 12-inch rung spacing to avoid visible drooping, even though the cables themselves are not damaged. This spacing effectively acts as a practical "relaxation" consideration. Ampacity and Derating Cable trays also require ampacity adjustments based on the number of cables, their arrangement, and spacing. Single-layer arrangements with proper spacing allow for higher ampacity, while tightly packed bundles require derating to prevent overheating. Maintaining a consistent distance between cables, such as 2.15 times the cable diameter, can allow for a higher adjustment factor in ampacity calculations, which indirectly accounts for the physical relaxation and heat dissipation of the cables. Thermal Expansion and Contraction Cable trays must also accommodate thermal expansion and contraction of cables. While not explicitly called a "relaxation factor," designers consider the flexibility and movement of cables to prevent mechanical stress or insulation damage over time. Proper tray support, spacing, and routing allow cables to expand or contract without overstressing the conductors. Summary While there is no standardized "relaxation factor" for cables in trays, installation practices account fo...

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Cable Tray Raceway Fill and Load Calculations

Cable tray / raceway is integral part of any cable management system. Selection of cable tray is very critical because if cable tray size is not sufficient the cables may become damaged due to

Understanding IEC 61537: A Comprehensive Guide to Cable Tray

If the material of the cable tray has mechanical properties that do not vary by more than $\pm 5\%$ due to temperature changes within a certain range (e.g., steel), the SWL test can be conducted

Experimental study on stress relaxation properties of structural cables

In order to determine the relaxation rates of cables, Wang et al. (2018) performed an experimental investigation on the stress relaxation properties of five distinct types of structural cables ...

Relaxation behavior of a three-layered wire cable under a ...

The interwire contact pressure, relaxation rate, creep rate, and bending moment reduction of the three-layered wire cable increase with the increments in the lay angles of helical layers, the axial force, and

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SOLID-BOTTOM CABLE TRAY Providing additional cable protection, solid-bottom cable tray is sometimes preferred to support and protect numerous small instrumentation and control cables.

Stress relaxation behavior and its effect on the mechanical ...

A finite element model for the axial mechanical property and stress relaxation performance between the wires of the cable is established. The model is verified and validated by

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Not all cable trays are equivalent. The mechanical and electrical characteristics, tests, certifications, overall quality management, recommendations mentioned in this technical guide only apply to our

Cable Tray Installation Guidelines

This document provides guidelines for installing cable in cable trays, including: 1) Calculations for maximum allowable tensions on cables using pulling eyes/bolts or basket grips. 2) Sidewall pressure

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For an approved configuration, the cables and cable trays see their mechanical properties definitely altered but they have fulfilled their purpose: to ensure the installation lasts for a defined period.

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Cable tray sections must be in accordance with the cable types and/or the number of cables installed in it, respecting the maximum filling ratio, according to the cable tray type.

NEC Standards for Cable Trays: Grounding, Fill Capacity

This article provides a comprehensive framework that governs various aspects of cable tray installations, including the types of cables that are deemed acceptable for use, requirements for

Cable spacing as a means of noise mitigation

There are four classification levels of susceptibility for cables. Susceptibility, in this context, is understood to be an indication of how well the signal circuit can differentiate between the

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For ladder or ventilated trough trays, the total sum of the cross-sectional areas of all the cables to be installed in the cable tray must be equal to or less than the allowable cable area for the tray width, as

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Stress relaxation happens to a wire cable that is often wrapped around a pulley during a long-term service process, which causes mechanical performance degradation of the wire cable. In

Installation Of Cable In Cable Trays: NEC, Safety

The use of ladder-type trays as raceways for insulated cables is becoming more prevalent. These raceways are being more heavily loaded with increasing

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In designing supports for a cable tray system, consideration should be given to the loads associated with future cable additions and any additional loading that may be applied to the cable tray system (e.g.,

Ampacity of Power Cables Installed in Cable Trays

Cable ampacity, the maximum current-carrying capacity, is a critical factor in the design and operation of power cable systems. Cables installed in trays have lower ampacity than cables installed in free air

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The document provides guidelines for installing cable in cable trays, including design considerations and formulas for calculating maximum tensions, sidewall pressures, bending radii, and more.

IEC60364-5-52 Cable Ladder Reduction Factor Spacing

Hi all, I was wondering if anyone was familiar with IEC 60364-5-52, Table B.52-20, method of installation E32 (using Cable ladder/tray) and de-rating cable as a result of stacking

Safely Installing, Maintaining and Inspecting Cable Trays

Cable trays are not raceways, but they are treated as a structural component of a facility's electrical system. Cable trays are a part of a planned cable management system to support, route, protect and

Experimental study on stress relaxation properties of structural cables

The relaxation rates of the tested cables under different initial stress levels and temperatures were derived, and long-term relaxation rates were calculated, which could be used in

Precautions for Cable Tray Installation

Cable Tray Installation Guide The correct installation of cable trays is crucial for establishing a reliable and efficient cable system. It ensures that cables are properly supported and protected, reduces the

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Wire Mesh Tray Technical Guide

This depends on the type of data cable, the number of power cables and the type of cable tray. Otherwise, the distance of 8" provides a simple and sensible rule of thumb.

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