

Are cable trays susceptible to rain



Article Overview

Cable trays can be affected by rain and moisture, particularly if they are made from metals prone to corrosion or are not properly weatherproofed.

Susceptibility to Rain and Moisture

Cable trays, especially those made from steel or other reactive metals, are susceptible to corrosion when exposed to rain or humid conditions. Moisture can form a conductive film on the tray surface, accelerating electrochemical corrosion and weakening structural integrity over time . Even if the trays themselves are not conductive, water exposure can degrade cable insulation, increasing the risk of short circuits or electrical faults . Mold growth is another concern in damp environments, which can further damage cables and trays .

Material Considerations

Using corrosion-resistant materials such as stainless steel, coated aluminum, galvanized steel, or fiberglass can significantly reduce the impact of rain . Galvanized steel, for example, forms a protective zinc oxide layer that slows corrosion, while aluminum naturally resists atmospheric agents due to its oxide film . Fiberglass and coated non-metallic options provide additional protection against moisture and UV exposure .

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Cable trays feature flexibility unmatched by conduit, as cables are easier to mark, remove and find in cable trays. Cable trays are

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