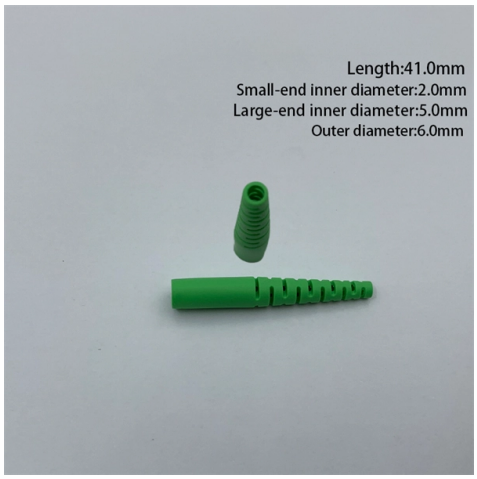
Equipotential lines of cable trays



Overview

There are three wiring options for providing an EGC in a cable tray wiring system: An EGC conductor in or on the cable tray. Each multi-conductor cable with its individual EGC conductor.

Key Takeaways

Equipotential lines in cable trays ensure all conductive parts maintain the same electrical potential, preventing dangerous voltage differences and enhancing safety and electromagnetic compatibility.

Purpose of Equipotential Lines

Equipotential lines, or equipotential bonding, are used in cable tray systems to connect all metallic and conductive components to a common reference potential, typically the building's main earth. This ensures that under fault conditions, such as insulation failure or lightning strikes, no dangerous voltage differences develop between different parts of the system, protecting both personnel and equipment from electric shock or damage.

Safety and Protection

By maintaining a uniform potential across the cable tray and connected equipment, equipotential bonding prevents touch voltages that could occur if different metallic parts were at different potentials. This is particularly critical in industrial environments, hazardous areas, or where sensitive electronic equipment is installed. It also ensures that any fault current is safely directed to ground, reducing the risk of fire or equipment failure.

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Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)Equipotential lines also play a key role in minimizing electromagnetic interference (EMI). By connecting shields of data and power cables to a common potential, the system reduces stray currents and voltage differences that can induce noise in sensitive communication or control systems. This is essential for maintaining signal integrity in structured cabling and fieldbus networks.

Installation Considerations

Short and direct connections: Equipotential bonding conductors should be as short as possible to reduce impedance and ensure effective fault current flow. Multiple earthing points: In complex networks, multiple bonding points may be used to maintain a consistent reference potential across the system. Compliance with standards: Installations should follow standards such as BS EN 50310: 2020, which provides guidelines for designing and verifying telecommunications bonding networks inside buildings.

Summary

In cable tray systems, equipotential lines act as the electrical glue, connecting all conductive parts to a common potential. This prevents hazardous voltage differences, ensures safe fault current paths, and enhances electromagnetic compatibility, thereby protecting both people and equipment while maintaining reliable network performance.

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Regulation 412.2.4.1 treats the cable assembly as equivalent to Class II equipment, so a single insulation fault cannot raise the tray to a dangerous voltage. Leaving it isolated is actually safer.

Equipotential bonding in Ex areas

Equipotential bonding must be consistently effective. In practice, however, conductive parts of the construction or cable tray system are often defined as “equipotential bonding conductors”. These do

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The equipotential bonding system is mounted on cable tray systems. All conductive system parts and electrical equipment are integrated in the Ex equipotential bonding by means of equipotential

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The document discusses grounding and bonding practices for metallic and non-metallic cable trays. Metallic cable trays must be grounded and can serve as an equipment grounding conductor if the

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Effective equipotential bonding is required for all electrical equipment installed. This also applies to systems that are located in potentially explosive atmospheres.

EMC guidelines

There are no distance requirements if the cables are separated by a metal partition that is equipotential with respect to the ECPs. However, the height of the partition must be greater than the diameter of

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More specifically, equipotential bonding in this article will involve cable shields and other conductive bodies through which unwanted currents are diverted from the cables, regardless of these bodies

Mounting instructions

The mounting drawings of the screw-on cable tray systems show either perforated or unperforated cable trays. All the connectors, fittings and accessories shown can be mounted on both perforated and

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Compliance Requirements for Instrument Cable Trays

Installing instrument cable trays properly and in compliance with relevant standards is crucial to ensure safety, functionality, and durability. Below is a detailed guide

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Earthing, Bonding and Cable Layout In this chapter the concepts related to earthing and bonding as well as to cable to cable coupling and segregation are briefly reviewed, with extensive reference to Chap.

Structured Cabling, Grounding & Equipotential Bonding

This includes shielded and symmetrical copper-based twisted-pairs cables (e.g. S/FTP cables) and shield-ed RJ45 modules according to ISO/IEC-11801 or DIN EN 50173 as well as the standard

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Safe in hazardous areas with equipotential bonding on cable tray systems In practice, conductive parts of a structure or cable tray system are frequently defined as "equipotential bonding conductors".

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