Flame retardancy coefficient of fireproof cable trays



Overview

CABLE TRAY Armorduct Systems' Cable Tray has achieved a E90 Fire Rating after carrying out testing in accordance with DIN 4102-12 at FIRES notified Technic.

Key Takeaways

Fireproof cable trays achieve flame retardancy through specialized coatings and compliance with standards such as IEC 60332, which measure flame spread and self-extinguishing behavior.

Flame Retardancy Principles

Fireproof cable trays are designed to limit flame propagation along cables and prevent fire from spreading to adjacent areas. This is achieved through: Fire-resistant coatings applied to the tray surface, which must meet national safety standards for thickness, adhesion, and durability. Material selection for both the tray and coating, ensuring high thermal stability and resistance to ignition.

Proper installation to avoid large-angle inclinations that can accelerate flame spread, as experiments show that tilt angles of 15–30° significantly increase flame propagation rates.

Standards and Testing

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C 60332 standard is widely used to evaluate flame retardancy of cables within trays: IEC 60332-1-2: Tests single cables for self-extinguishing capability in low-risk environments.

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C 60332-3: Assesses flame spread in multiple cables installed together in bundles or trays, simulating high-density installations. These tests focus on flame propagation and self-extinguishing behavior, rather than circuit integrity, providing a benchmark for flame retardancy performance. Other relevant standards include NFPA 850 and IEEE 384, which guide fire protection design for cable trays in industrial and power plant settings.

Factors Affecting Flame Retardancy

Coating thickness and uniformity: Measured with calibrated devices to ensure compliance with fireproof grade specifications. Adhesion quality: Verified through cross-cut or pull-off tests to prevent peeling or cracking under heat. Cable arrangement and tray inclination: Horizontal or low-angle installations reduce flame spread compared to steeply inclined trays.

Firestopping at penetrations: Proper sealing with fire-resistant materials around tray openings prevents fire from spreading through walls or slabs.

Practical Implications

While a specific numeric "flame retardancy coefficient" is not universally defined, performance is quantified through standardized tests like IEC 60332, which provide pass/fail criteria for flame spread and self-extinguishing behavior. Ensuring compliance with these standards, along with proper coating application and installation practices, guarantees that cable trays maintain high flame retardancy and enhance overall fire safety in electrical systems.

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