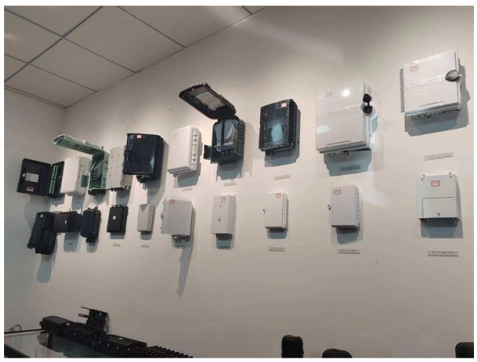
Method for Cross-Binding Cable Trays



Overview

The cross-bonding cable system is a widely used method for minimising the power loss over the cable sheath.

Key Takeaways

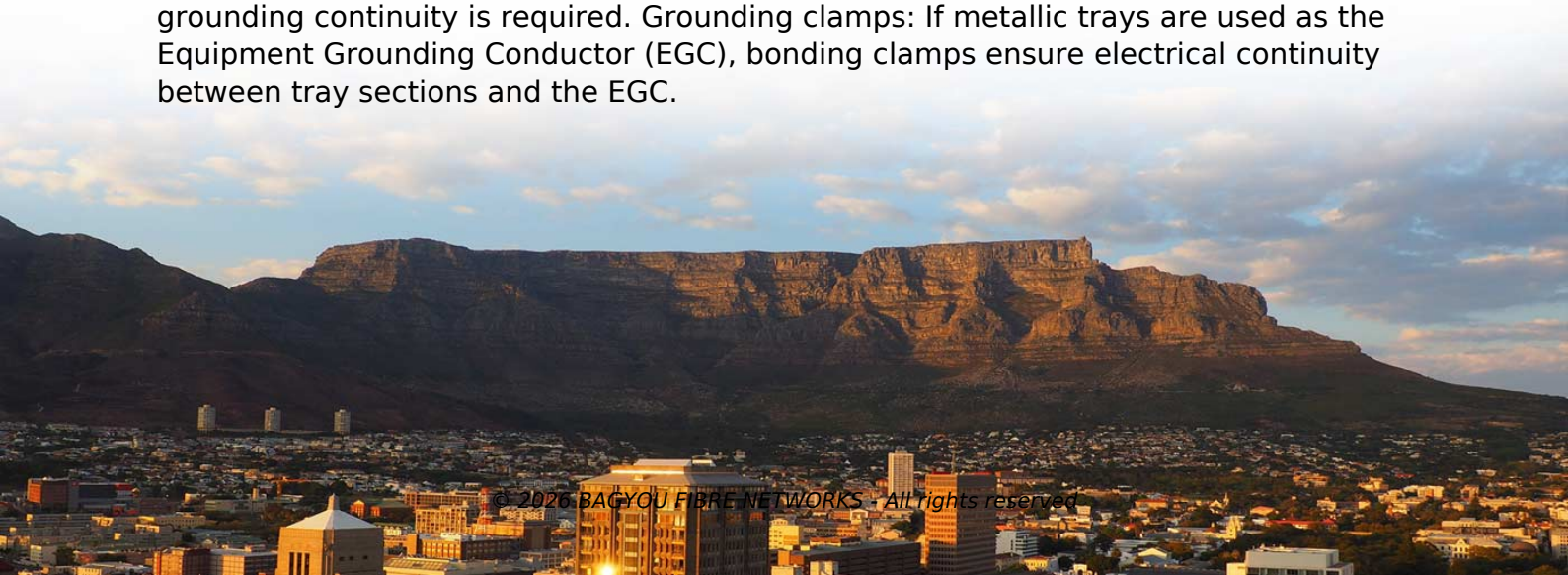
Cable tray cross binding is a method of securing multiple cables across a tray to maintain organization, spacing, and mechanical stability while ensuring proper grounding and safety.

Purpose of Cross Binding

Cross binding is used to keep cables in place, prevent sagging, and maintain the minimum bend radius as cables exit the tray. It also helps organize cables into groups for easier maintenance and reduces mechanical stress on individual cables. This method is particularly important in industrial and commercial installations where multiple power, control, and communication cables share the same tray.

Materials and Tools

Cable ties: Nylon or UV-resistant ties are commonly used for light to medium loads. Straps or clamps: Metal or insulated straps may be used for heavier cables or where grounding continuity is required. Grounding clamps: If metallic trays are used as the Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC), bonding clamps ensure electrical continuity between tray sections and the EGC.



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Method

Group cables: Arrange cables in parallel or trefoil formation depending on the application and electromagnetic interference considerations. Position cross bindings: Place ties or straps at regular intervals across the tray width, typically every 300–600 mm, depending on cable weight and tray type. Secure without over-tightening: Ensure ties are snug but do not compress the cable insulation, which could damage the cables or reduce their lifespan.

Maintain grounding: For metallic trays, ensure that any cross-binding does not interrupt the tray's grounding path. If insulated ties are used, verify that the tray sections remain electrically bonded via grounding clamps. Check spacing and bend radius: Ensure that the minimum bend radius is maintained at tray exits and that cables are evenly spaced to prevent overheating or mechanical stress.

Best Practices

Use ventilated trays for heat dissipation when bundling multiple power cables. Avoid mixing high-voltage and low-voltage cables in the same cross-bound group to reduce interference. Inspect bindings periodically for wear, UV degradation, or loosening.

For aluminum trays, use insulated conductors for bonding to prevent electrolytic corrosion.

Summary

Cable tray cross binding is a critical practice for cable management, ensuring mechanical stability, safety, and organized routing. Proper selection of ties, correct spacing, and attention to grounding and bend radius are essential for reliable and safe installations.

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CABLE TRAY

Figure 4.51 A channel cable tray can be added to an existing cable tray system using this method to add additional approved cabling systems. Refer to the loading information of the existing cable tray

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