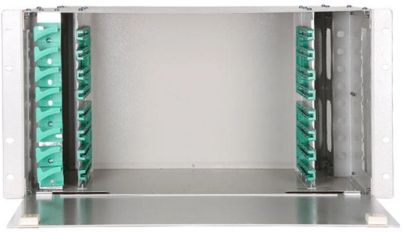
Waterproofing holes in roof cable trays



Overview

When it comes to the roof don't ignore that hole!A common sighta 'hole' in the roof with pipes, cables and ducts coming out of it and heading off to their.

Key Takeaways

Effective waterproofing of roof cable tray penetrations involves using service risers, flashing, sealants, and proper drainage to prevent water ingress and maintain roof integrity. Key Waterproofing Strategies1. Service Risers and Upstands For roof penetrations, service risers or upstands are commonly used to create a waterproof and windproof seal around cable trays as they enter the building.

These structures provide both structural support and a barrier against water, ensuring the penetration remains watertight over time. 2.

Flashing and Sealants

Flashing: Install flashing around the high side of the penetration to divert water away from the cable tray. For metal roofs, profiled trays or collar flashings can match the roof contours and prevent ponding. Sealants: Use neutral-cure silicone rubber or GRP (glass-reinforced plastic) weathering systems to seal gaps between the tray and roof surface.

Sealants should bond surfaces rather than fill voids and allow for thermal movement. 3.

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P weathering systems are versatile, cold-applied liquids that can be tinted to match the roof and accommodate penetrations of any size or shape. 4. Drainage Considerations Ensure that penetrations do not block roof drainage channels.

Properly designed flashings and trays should allow water to flow around the penetration, preventing accumulation and potential leaks. 5.

Installation Best Practices

Maintain gaps between cables and sealant edges to allow for expansion and contraction, preventing cracks and leaks. Collaborate with roofing and M&E contractors early to select solutions compatible with roof type, insulation, and future service access. Consider long-term maintenance and accessibility for future cable additions or modifications.

Sealant pockets are economical but may limit service access, whereas housings like Line Shacks allow easier maintenance.

Summary

To waterproof holes in roof cable trays effectively, combine service risers, flashing, and high-quality sealants while ensuring proper drainage and allowance for thermal movement. Using specialized weatherproofing systems and planning for future access enhances durability and reduces the risk of leaks, protecting both the roof and the electrical infrastructure.

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The next set of holes that require sealing are the ones that contain the non-metallic sheathed (Romex) style or an equivalent type of cable. Outside

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It usually requires a combination of upstands and access risers, along with careful waterproofing and expert knowledge to ensure that wind uplift

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