How to determine if a cable tray is galvanized

Overview

Learn how to choose the right galvanized cable tray for safe, efficient cable management: compliance, load capacity, and installation tips.

Key Takeaways

A galvanized cable tray can be identified by its zinc coating, metallic sheen, and resistance to rust, with hot-dip galvanized trays having a thicker, more uniform layer than pre-galvanized trays.

Visual Inspection

Surface Appearance: Galvanized trays typically have a shiny, metallic finish. Pre-galvanized (PG) trays are smoother and polished, while hot-dip galvanized (HDG) trays often show a slightly spangled or mottled texture due to the zinc crystallization during immersion in molten zinc. Color and Patina: Over time, galvanized trays develop a light gray patina (zinc oxide or zinc carbonate) that protects the steel underneath.

Untreated steel will rust quickly, showing reddish-brown corrosion. Thickness and Coating TypePre-Galvanized (PG): Zinc is applied before fabrication, resulting in a thin coating (12–20 microns) suitable for indoor, dry environments.

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Dip Galvanized (HDG): Steel is dipped in molten zinc after fabrication, producing a thicker coating (65–85 microns) that covers edges, holes, and corners, ideal for outdoor or high-moisture environments.

Physical Tests

Scratch Test: Lightly scratch a small, inconspicuous area. If the underlying steel is exposed and rusts quickly, the tray may not be properly galvanized.

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G trays maintain protection even if scratched due to the sacrificial nature of zinc.
Magnet Test: While a magnet will stick to both galvanized and uncoated steel, galvanized steel may feel slightly smoother or have a different texture due to the zinc layer.

Documentation and Standards

Check manufacturer specifications or certification papers. Galvanized trays often comply with NEMA VE 1 or IEC 61537 standards, which indicate proper zinc coating and corrosion resistance. Look for zinc coating weight or thickness on the product label; HDG trays usually specify ≥275 g/m² zinc coating.

Summary

To determine if a cable tray is galvanized, combine visual inspection, coating thickness assessment, and documentation verification.

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G trays are preferable for outdoor or corrosive environments due to their thicker, more durable zinc layer, while PG trays are suitable for indoor, dry conditions. Proper identification ensures long-term corrosion resistance and compliance with safety standards.

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