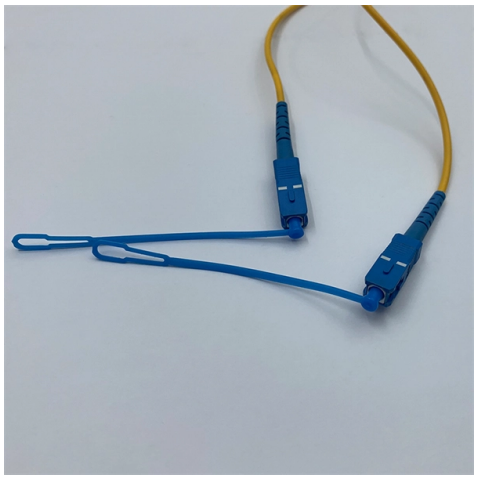
Cable tray function markings



Overview

They facilitate easy identification of different cables and pathways, reducing the risk of errors during maintenance or repairs.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray markings indicate voltage ratings, environmental suitability, safety warnings, and compliance with standards to ensure proper installation and safe operation.

Understanding Tray Cable Markings

Cable tray markings provide critical information about the cable's construction, voltage rating, environmental resistance, and safety compliance. A typical tray cable marking might read: 12 AWG 3C TC-ER-JP SUN RES DIR BUR 600V 90C DRY / 75C WET UL 1277. 12 AWG 3C: Wire gauge (12-gauge) and number of conductors (3), which affects ampacity and voltage drop.

T

C: Tray Cable, listed under UL 1277.

E

R: Exposed Run, meaning the cable can run outside the tray for short distances without conduit.

J

P: Jacketed Power, indicating a multiconductor jacketed cable.

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SUN RE

S: Sunlight resistant, suitable for outdoor or high-UV environments.

DIR BU

R: Direct burial approved, meaning the cable can be installed underground without additional conduit. 600V: Voltage rating of the cable. 90C DRY / 75C WET: Maximum operating temperatures in dry and wet locations.

U

L 1277: Certification standard ensuring compliance with safety and performance requirements.

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Voltage Warning Markings

Cable trays carrying conductors operating over 600 volts must have a permanent, legible warning label stating: “DANGER — HIGH VOLTAGE — KEEP AWAY”. Labels must be placed in readily visible positions along the tray, with spacing not exceeding 10 feet (3 meters). The labels must comply with NEC 110.

21(B), which specifies effective wording, colors, symbols, and font requirements. Handwritten labels are not permitted except for variable information. Exceptions exist for inaccessible equipment in industrial settings where only qualified personnel service the installation.

Environmental and Safety Considerations

Tray cable markings also indicate suitability for environmental conditions: Sunlight resistance ensures the cable jacket can withstand UV exposure without cracking or losing flexibility, critical for outdoor or rooftop installations. Direct burial and wet/dry temperature ratings guide safe installation in underground or high-temperature areas. Compliance with UL standards and NEC codes ensures the cable meets mechanical, electrical, and fire safety requirements.

Summary

Cable tray markings serve as a comprehensive guide for electricians and engineers, providing information on: Voltage and temperature ratingsEnvironmental resistance (sunlight, wet/dry conditions, direct burial)Safety warnings for high-voltage conductorsCompliance with UL and NEC standards Proper interpretation of these markings is essential for safe installation, regulatory compliance, and long-term cable performance.

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