Engineering cable tray loss coefficient

Summary of Content

Cable tray loss coefficients quantify the additional electrical and thermal losses caused by cable installation in trays, including heat transfer limitations, proximity effects, and induced eddy currents.

Overview of Cable Tray Losses

When cables are installed in a tray, their current-carrying capacity (ampacity) is affected by several mechanisms:

• Altered Heat Transfer Conditions Cable trays can act as heat sinks or restrict airflow, depending on their geometry (open, ventilated, or closed) and material. Reduced convective cooling increases the cable temperature, effectively derating the ampacity. Cable grouping intensifies mutual heating, further impacting thermal performance ( ).

• Proximity Effect In metallic trays, the magnetic fields of adjacent conductors interact, causing non-uniform current distribution within the conductors. This increases the AC resistance of the cables, particularly at higher frequencies or with larger cross-sections. Typical derating due to proximity effect ranges from 0.14% for small cables (16 mm^2) to 5.3% for large cables (240 mm^2) ( ).

• Induced Eddy Currents in the Tray Alternating currents in the cables induce eddy currents in metallic trays, generating additional heat through Joule heating. While generally small compared to conductor losses, improper phase arrangement or magnetic tray materials can cause significant heating, potentially raising tray temperatures to around 70°C in severe cases ( ).

Factors Affecting Loss Coefficient

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