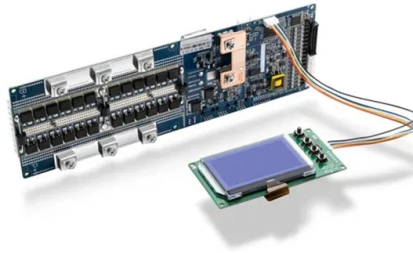


Cables are run in both cable trays and conduits



AI Overview

Yes, cables can be run inside both conduits and cable trays, but the choice depends on protection needs, installation environment, and code requirements. Cables in Conduits Conduits are rigid or flexible pipes made of metal or plastic that completely enclose electrical cables, providing maximum protection against moisture, dust, chemicals, mechanical damage, and accidental impacts . They are commonly used in hazardous environments, outdoor installations, underground runs, or areas where cables are exposed to potential physical damage . Installing cables in conduits is labor-intensive because each cable must be individually pulled through the enclosed piping, and modifications or additions require disassembly or careful planning . Conduits are often mandated by electrical codes in industrial, chemical, or classified locations to ensure safety and compliance . Cables in Cable Trays Cable trays are open, structural systems designed to support multiple cables simultaneously, such as power, control, or data lines . Tray cables (TC or TC-ER rated) are specifically manufactured to run in these trays and can often be installed without additional conduit, provided they are protected from mechanical damage and supported according to code . Cable trays are ideal for long, straight runs in factories, data centers, and large buildings because they allow easy access for maintenance, inspection, and future expansion . Their open design also improves air circulation, reducing overheating and derating of cables . When Both Are Used In some installations, both systems are combined for optimal efficiency. For example, cable trays may be used for the main distribution of cables, while conduits protect cables in high-risk areas, such as near machinery, outdoors, or underground . This approach balances cost, accessibility, and safety, ensuring compliance with electrical codes a...

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11.2 Expansion fittings, flexible connectors, hinged connectors and non-continuous tray runs shall have a ground bonding strap to insure continuity of the cable tray ground system. See STD-G309A. 11.3

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And if the cable needs to run exposed - without conduit - you quickly run out of options that are both code-compliant and reliable. That's where TC-ER cable (Tray Cable with Exposed Run

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