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What is used to seal cable tray openings

Overview

FIRSTO firestops are designed to seal multi-cable and cable tray penetrations of fire-rated walls and floors.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray openings must be sealed with approved firestop and penetration sealing systems to prevent fire, smoke, and other hazards while maintaining accessibility for future cable changes.Purpose of Sealing Cable Tray Openings

Sealing cable tray openings is essential to restore the fire resistance of walls and floors, prevent the spread of smoke, fire, water, or gas, and maintain the structural integrity of the building. Unsealed penetrations can become weak points in fire-rated walls or floors, allowing hazards to propagate rapidly throughout a building .

Firestopping Requirements
• Tight and reliable sealing: Openings must be sealed without visible cracks or voids, ensuring complete coverage around cables and trays .

• Fire-resistant materials: Use fire-rated boards, firestop packs, firestop mastic, or mineral wool. Gaps between firestop packs and cables should not exceed 1 cm^2, and packing thickness should meet design requirements .

• Large openings: Install a fire-resistant backing plate before sealing to provide structural support and maintain fire integrity .

• Cover plates: Should be square, evenly painted, and properly dimensioned to close the opening securely .

Approved Sealing Systems

Several modular and tested systems are available for cable tray penetrations:

• FIRSTO System: Modular firestop system for multi-cable and cable tray penetrations, easy to install and allows future cable additions or removals while preventing fire and smoke spread .

• Roxtec Seals: Flexible modular solutions for wall and floor penetrations, protecting against fire, water, and gas. They allow high cable density and easy modifications without compromising safety .

• Flamro Penetration Seals: Approved systems for electrical, IT, and telecommunication cables, restoring fire resistance and complying with building authority regulations .

• ZAPP-ZIMMERMANN Seals: Through-penetration firestop systems for rigid and flexible walls and floors, suitable for sheathed cables, telecommunication, and optical fiber lines .

Installation Considerations

• Sequence: Install busways, distribution boxes, conduits, and cables before sealing openings .

• Accessibility: Ensure layout allows for maintenance and future cable changes without compromising the seal .

• Mechanical protection: Some systems, like FIRSTO, can withstand heavy mechanical loads, ensuring durability in high-traffic or industrial areas .

• Compliance: All materials and systems must be tested and certified according to local building codes and fire safety standards .

Summary

Proper sealing of cable tray openings is critical for fire safety, structural integrity, and operational reliability. Using certified firestop systems, modular seals, and fire-resistant materials ensures compliance with regulations, prevents hazard propagation, and allows for future cable modifications with minimal effort and cost .

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