

# **SAFE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION**

- **LOAD CURRENT**
- **SELECTING THE SIZE OF CABLE APPROPRIATE TO LOAD CURRENT**
- **CONSIDERING THE VOLTAGE DROP**

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**Appendix C1-Page 371 to 373 Domestic Installation**

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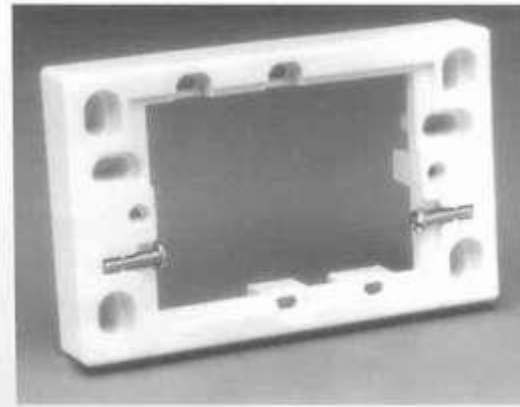


Fig. 5.13 Single-gang plastic mounting block, available in depths of 13 mm, 18 mm and 37 mm HPM INDUSTRIES

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Fig. 5.20 PVC inspection-type elbow and tee GERARD INDUSTRIES

Conduit connector Elbow, Tee





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(b)



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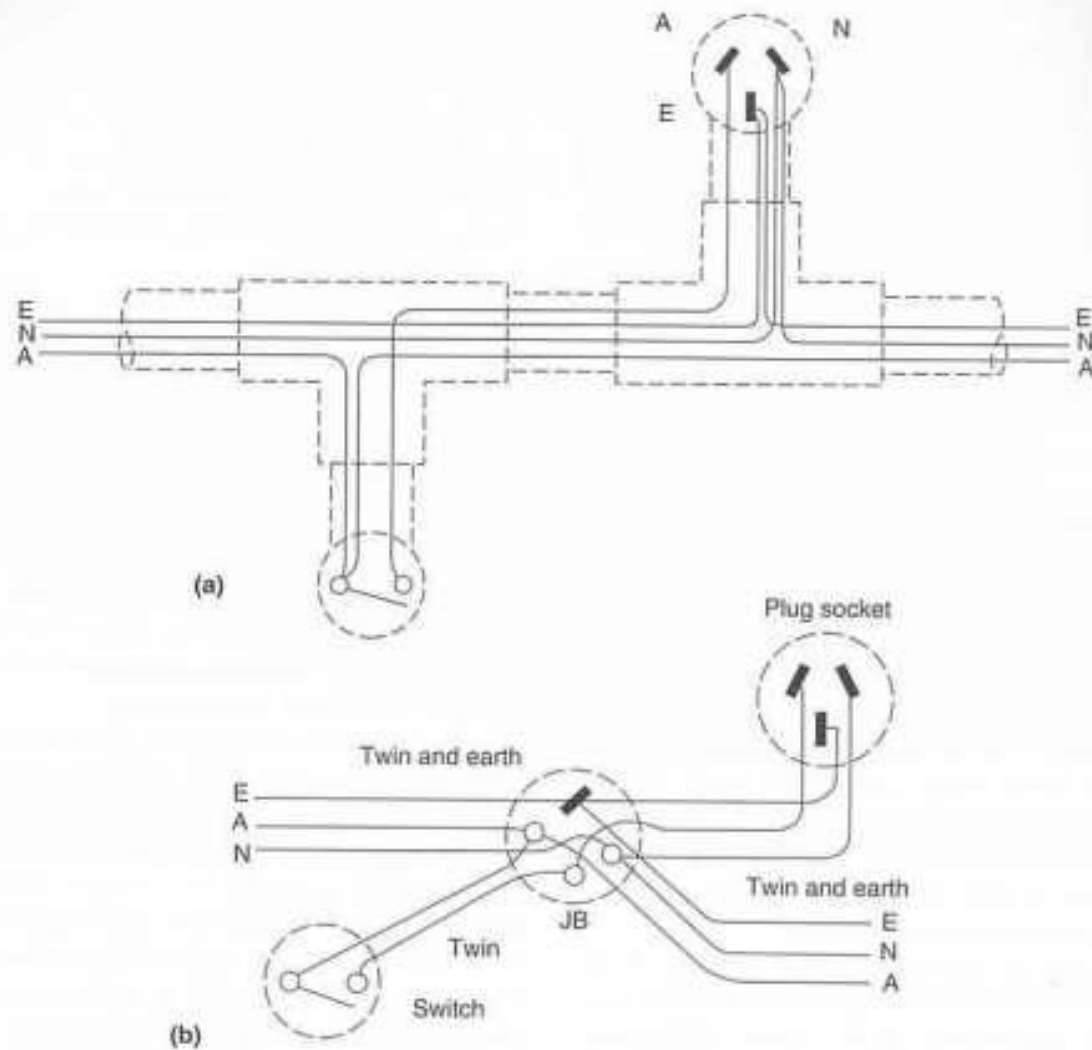


(d)

**5.23** (a) One-way round PVC junction box; (b) Three-way square PVC junction box; (c) Round PVC junction-box take-off plate; (d) junction-box extension ring

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Junction box

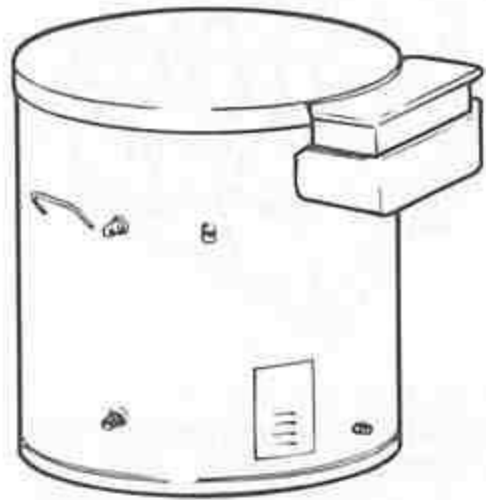


Wiring Circuit

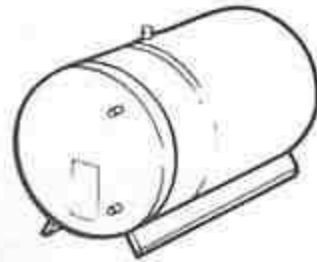
Should mains water pressure be too high, a pressure-reducing valve should be fitted by a plumber into the inlet line. Note that it is normal for some hot water to be released during the latter part of the water-heating cycle; but should leakage persist, this is an indication that inlet water pressure is too high or that the relief valve is faulty. In some states, a cold-water expansion valve is fitted to the cold-water inlet and set to drip continually during the heating cycle.

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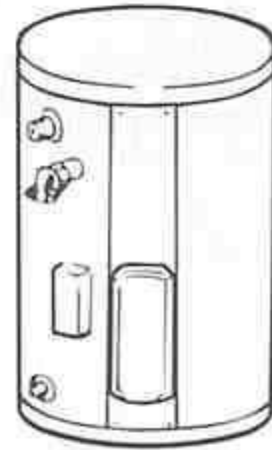
In the small storage system, the unit is located at the hot-water outlets to be supplied; with the larger unit supplying multipoints, the location is as close as possible to the outlet most often used. In a domestic installation, this is usually the kitchen sink. The location of a large tank is influenced by the type of building structure, which also influences the type of heater used. Figure 21.11 illustrates some possible locations and types.



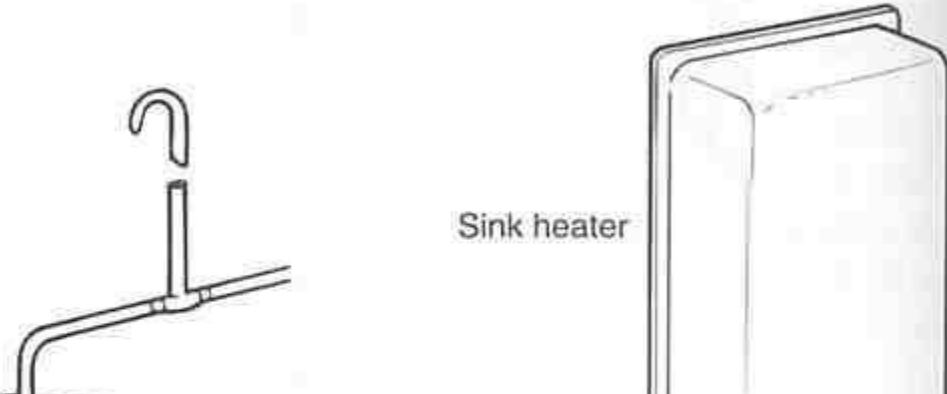
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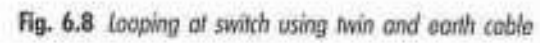


(b) Electrode-type boiler



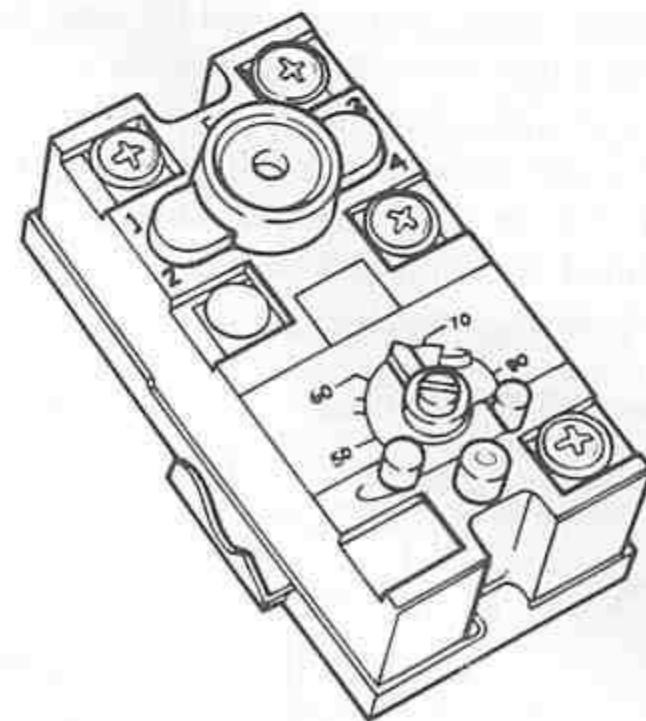
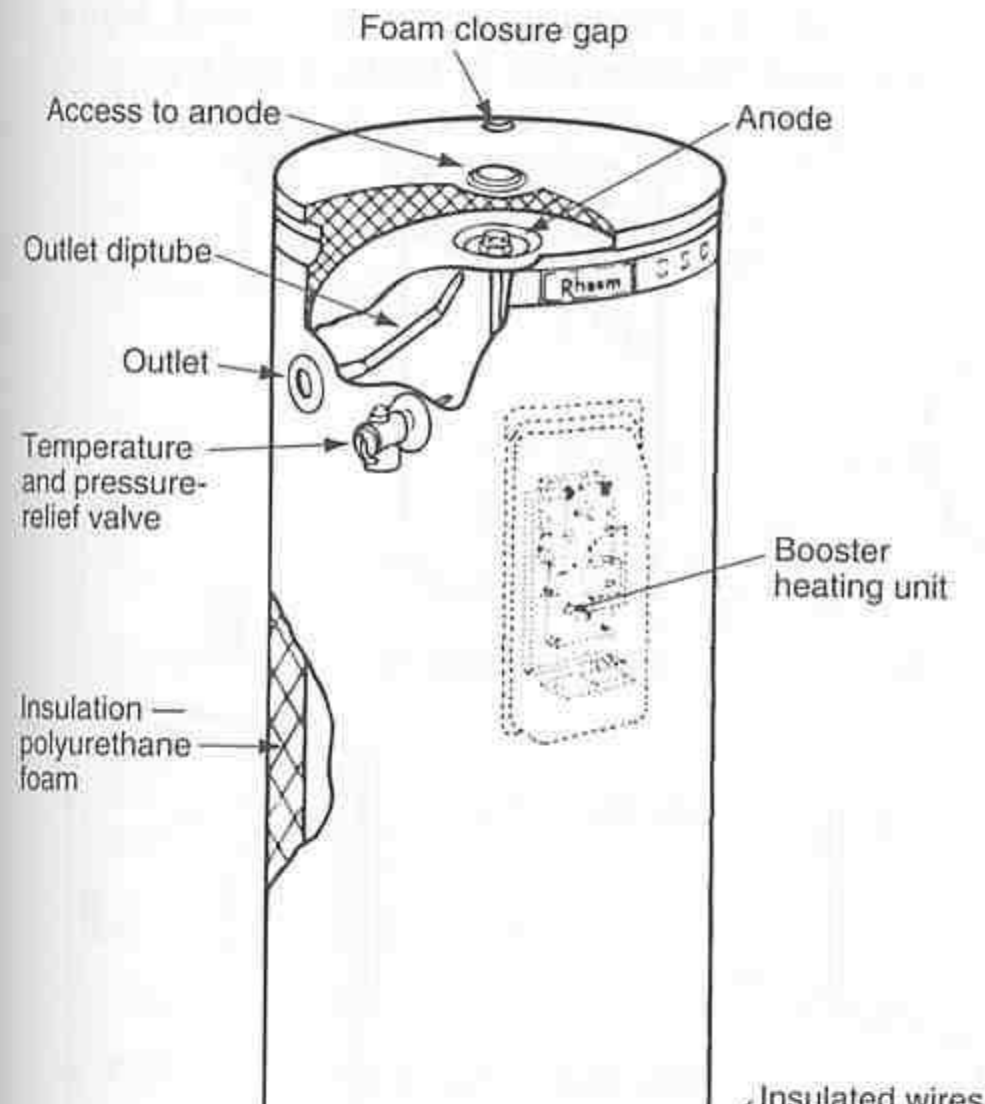
(c) Mains-pressure





falling-level type described below overcomes this problem;

- falling-level type, such as the one illustrated in Figure 21.8(b), where the water level falls as the hot water is drawn off, in a manner somewhat similar to a large urn. The cold water inlet has a magnetic valve con-



**Fig. 21.9(c)** Combined thermostat and overtemperature cut-out  
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nected so that it will not allow cold water into the heater until the water in the heater has reached a predetermined temperature;

- mains-pressure type, which has no feed tank, is unvented and is connected direct to the cold-water main for
  - (a) operation at full mains pressure, or
  - (b) operation at medium pressure with a pressure-reducing and pressure-relief valve.

## PROBLEM (1)

Determine the maximum demand of a single domestic electrical installation supplied at single-phase with the following load:

24 lighting points

10 m of lighting track

9 x 10 A single socket-outlets

8 x 10 A double socket-outlets

1 x 50 W exhaust fan

1x 1 000 W strip heater

1x 15 A socket-outlet

1x 10 000 W range

1x 4800 W water heater

1x 3000 W tennis court lighting

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## MAXIMUMDEMAND

(a) 24 light points -----= 24 pt

Lighting track, Foot Note (d) 2 pt/m x 10m= 20 pt

Exhaust fan (also taken as light point) = 1 pt

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Total light points = 45 pt

Table C1, Load group A Column 2

1<sup>st</sup> 20 pt = 3A

2<sup>nd</sup> 20 pt = 2A

3<sup>rd</sup> 5pt ( part of every 20 pt) = 2 A

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Total = 7A

(b) Tennis court lighting 3 KW outdoor lighting exceeding 1000w

$$75\% \text{ connected load} = 0.75 \times 3000/240 = 9.4A$$

(c) Socket outlet

$$9 \times 10A \text{ Single socket outlet} = 9 \text{ pt}$$

$$8 \times 10A \text{ Double socket outlet } 8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ pt}$$

$$\text{Strip heater} = 1 \text{ pt}$$

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$$= 26 \text{ pt}$$

Load Group B (i)

10A for 1<sup>st</sup> 1 to 20pt, add 5A for additional 20 pt

$$\text{Total } 26 \text{ pt} \text{ ----} = 10 + 5 = 15 A$$



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Total 26 pt ---- =  $10 + 5 = 15 \text{ A}$

(d) 15A socket outlet – Load group B(ii)

1x 15 A socket outlet =  $10 \text{ A}$

(e) 10 KW Range

Load group (c) 50%

$$0.5 \times 10 \times 10^3 / 240 = 20.8 \text{ A}$$

(f) 4.8KW water heater---Storage heater---Load group (F)

$$\text{Full load} = 4.8 \times 10^3 / 240 = 20\text{A}$$

Maximum demand (a)+(b)+(c)+(d)+(e)+(f)

$$7+9.4+15+10+20.8+20= 82.2\text{A}$$



$$= 84.4 \text{ A}$$

### C2.3.2.2 Example 2

Determine the maximum demand of the heaviest loaded phase in a domestic electrical installation comprising—

- 26 lighting points
- 24 10 A single-phase single socket-outlets
- 1 15 A single-phase socket-outlet
- 1 16600 W three-phase electric range consisting of two 5000 W hotplates and one 6600 W oven
- 1 4000 W single-phase airconditioning unit
- 1 12960 W three-phase instantaneous water heater
- 1 3600 W single-phase clothes dryer

and arranged for connection across a three-phase supply as follows:

<i>Red</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>Blue</i>
15 A socket-outlet	15 × 10 A socket-outlets	9 × 10 A socket-outlets
5000 W hotplate	5000 W hotplates	6600 W oven
4000 W airconditioner		
4320 W instantaneous water heater	4320 W instantaneous water heater	4320 W instantaneous water heater
	3600 W clothes dryer	

#### *Solution*

The method of determining the demand in the heaviest loaded phase, in



Equipment	Load Group	Column	RED	WHITE	BLUE
<u>Lighting</u> 26 lights 1 <sup>st</sup> 20 pt = 3A- 2 <sup>nd</sup> 20 pt = 2A Total 5A	A(i)	2			
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<u>10A Socket outlet</u> 15 x 10A socket outlet 9 x 10A socket outlet	B(i)	2			
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Range

5 KW Hot pla

$5 \times 10^3 \times 0.5$

$= \frac{\quad}{240} = 10.9A$

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Equipment	Load Group	Column	RED	WHITE	BLUE
<b>Lighting</b> 26 lights  1 <sup>st</sup> 20 pt = 3A 2 <sup>nd</sup> 20 pt = 2A Total = 5A	A(i)	2			5A
10A Socket outlet  15 x 10A 9 x 10A	B(i)	2		10A	10A

Equipment	Load Group	Column	RED	WHITE	BLUE
<div>Range</div> <div>5 KW Hot Plate</div> <div><math display="block">\frac{5 \times 10^3 \times 0.5}{240} = 10.9A</math></div> <div>6.6 KW Range</div> <div><math display="block">\frac{6.6 \times 10^3 \times 0.5}{240} = 12.7A</math></div>	C	2	10.9A	10.9A	12.7A
<div>Instantaneous Water Heater</div> <div><math display="block">\frac{4.8 \times 10^3 \times 0.33}{240} = 7.5A</math></div>	E	2	7.5A	7.5A	7.5A

Equipment	Load Group	Column	RED	WHITE	BLUE
<b>4KW Aircon</b> 5 KW Hot Plate  $\frac{4 \times 10^3 \times 0.75}{240} = 12.5A$	D	2	12.5A		
<b>3.6 KW</b> Cloth Dryer  $\frac{3.6 \times 10^3 \times 0.5}{240} = 7.5A$	C	2			7.5A
<b>Total</b>			10.9+7.5+12.5	10+10.9+7.5+7.5	5+10+12.7+7.5
			RED=38.9A	WHITE=33.9A	BLUE=34.7A



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**Table 3(2)-Enclosed in air Page 32+33**

**Table 3(3)-Direct buried underground Page 34**

**Table 3(4)Underground wiring enclosure Page 35**

**Depending on Type of cable (column 2), Reference drawing (Column 3), Method of installation (column 5),**

**Current carrying capacity of the cable needs to be selected from Column 4 (Refer the further tables and columns)**

**&**

**Depending on number of circuits, derating factor needs to be chosen from the tables in column 5**

**of Table 3(1) , 3(2), 3(3) & 3(4)**

# Selection

Select the cable size ( Sqmm)  
based on the current

## Voltage drop needs to be concerned

$$V_d = \frac{V_c \times L \times I}{1000}$$

Where  $V_d$  = Three phase voltage drop (Volt)

$L$  = Length of the circuit ( m )

$I$  = Maximum demand current (A)

$V_c$  = Three phase unit voltage drop ( mV/A-m )

## Note

Three phase voltage drop = 1.7321 x Single phase  
voltage drop

Three phase voltage drop = 0.866 x Single phase voltage  
drop

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CONDUCTORS LAID IN TREFOIL--- Table 40 Page  
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**SINGLE-CORE INSULATED AND SHEATHED COPPER  
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**AERIAL WITH BARE OR INSULATED COPPER CONDUCTORS**  
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## Checking

From table 40 to 50,

based on the cable size ( Sq-mm), unit voltage drop  $V_c$  is determined,

Then Voltage drop  $V_d$  is calculated by using

$$V_d = \frac{V_c \times L \times I}{1000}$$

**According to AS3000, the voltage drop must not be more than  $\pm 5\%$  of supply voltage.**

**It means that**

- for three phase 415V, the voltage drop must not be more than 20.75V**
- for single phase 240V, the voltage drop must not be more than 12 V**

If voltage drop is more than 5% of supply voltage, select the one size bigger cable.

- Find  $V_c$  calculate  $V_d$

If voltage drop is still more than 5% of supply voltage, select another bigger size,

- Find  $V_c$  calculate  $V_d$

until  $V_d$  is less than 5% of supply voltage

## Cable Installation Procedure

Cables with minimum cable separation in air as shown for horizontal and vertical mounting and installed—

- (a) spaced from a wall or vertical surface;
- (b) supported on ladders, racks, perforated trays, cleats or hanger;
- (c) suspended from a catenary wire

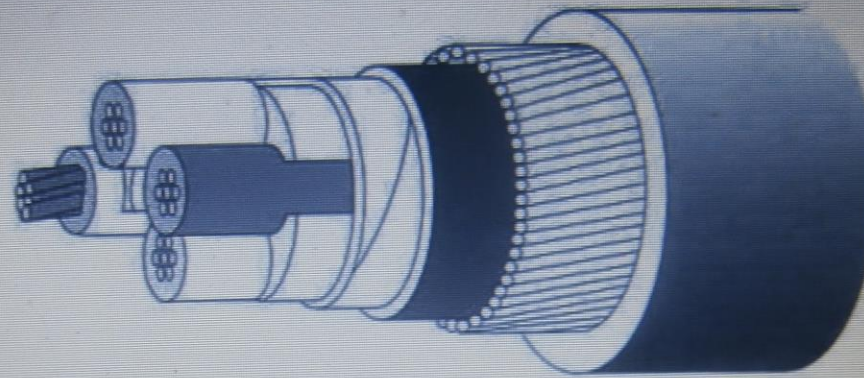


Fig. 4.7 0.6/1 kV PVC-insulated, PVC-bedded, steel-wire-armoured, PVC-sheathed cable made to AS 3147, copper conductors, 75°C three-core circular and earth OLEX CABLES

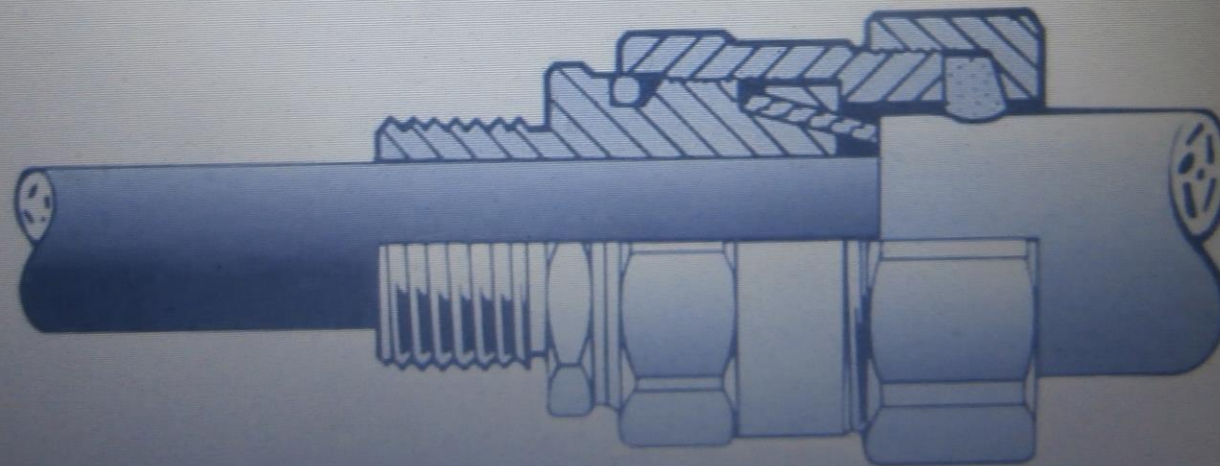


Fig. 4.8 Weatherproof gland for armoured circular PVC cable OLEX CABLES



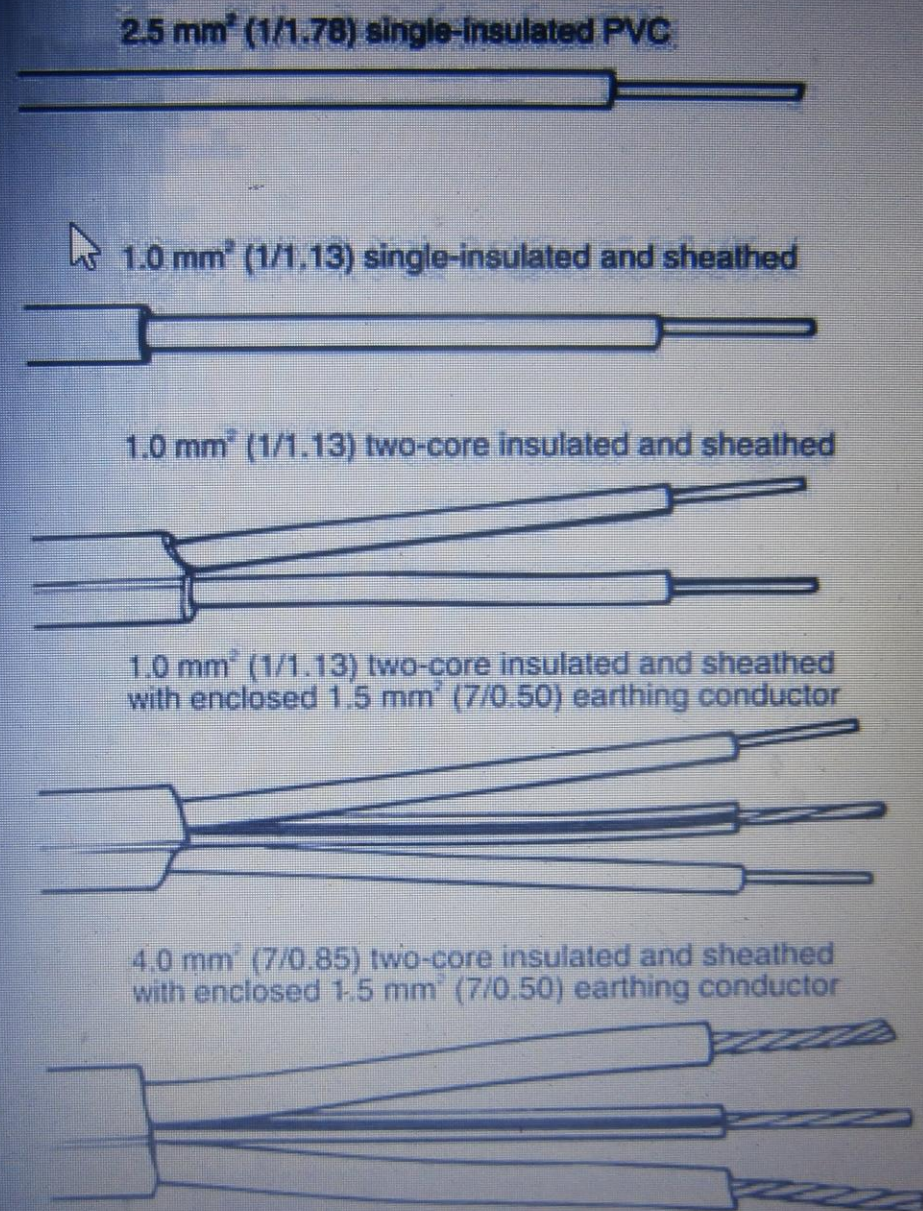


Fig. 4.10 Some commonly used cables

Flat-type TPS wiring, as it is neater. The cable core consists of copper conductors which cable is available in without an earthing sheath. The standard most commonly used are red and black for blue for three-core cable is now commonly used wires. Some energy of black as a switch

Circular-type TPS as the flat type do together with fillers, pattern, taped and sh. This type of cable is commercial installation perforated cable tray stranded copper conductor 300 mm<sup>2</sup> and with the range 16 mm<sup>2</sup> to colour is orange. Core and green/yellow for white, blue and green cables. Cables of CSA cable with red, white and



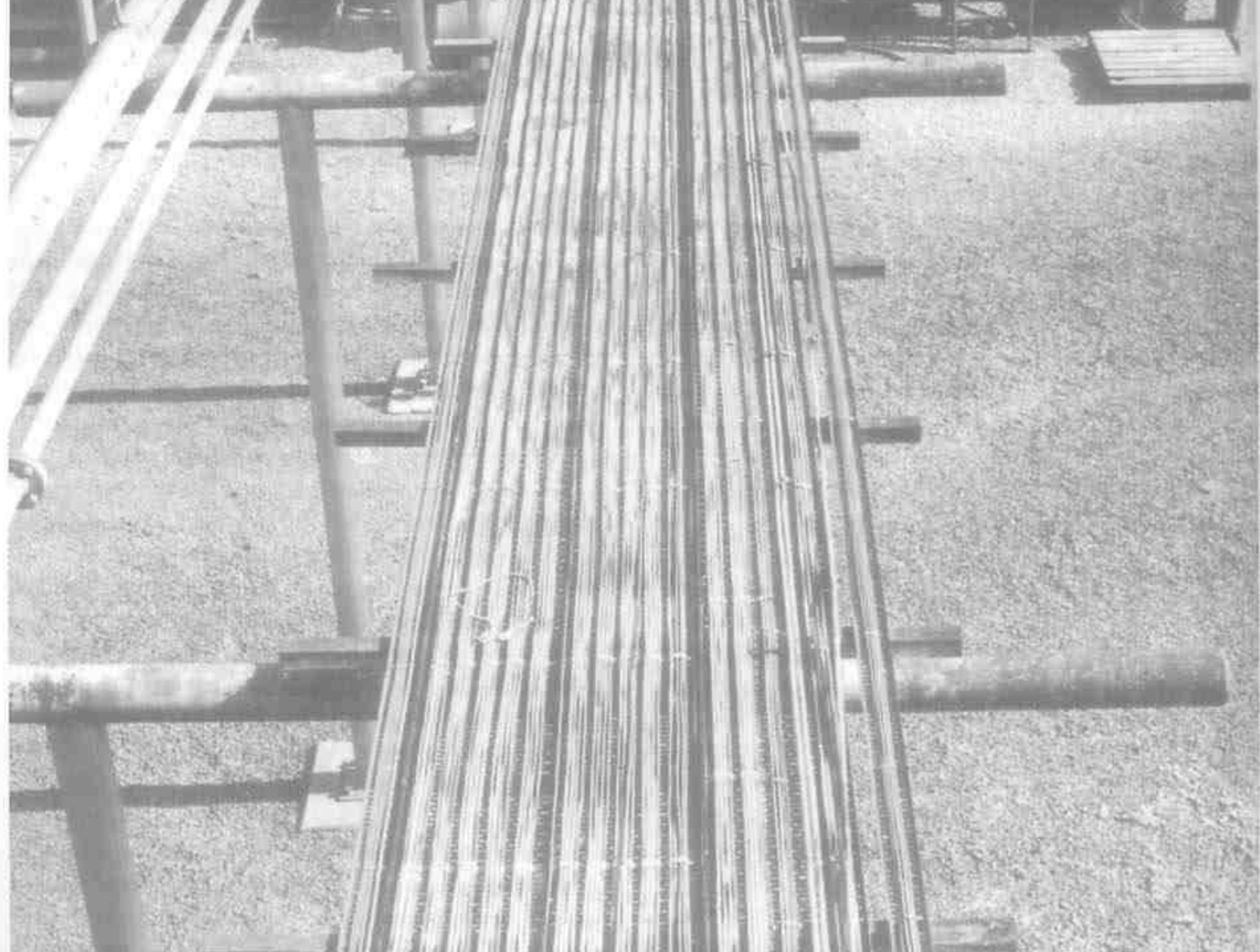
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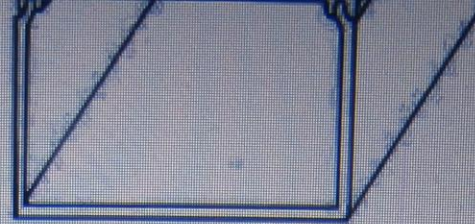


Fig. 7.10(b) PVC trunking

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Fig. 7.10(c) Minidura PVC trunking

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Heat dissipation and some design ventilation slots on the top.

Both types of 7.10 may be drilled and fitted with one-sided adhesive tape to attach them to a suitable surface. They are marketed as Minidura to skirting boards. They are used for enclosures for cables.

Some manufacturers are deliberately designing them in with the general appearance of a skirting board. The most popular is manufactured from PVC. The trunking is available in a range of sizes and can be cut into components for use in domestic services, and the steel faced with a thin layer of steel matched to the trunking.

Skirting trunking is used where the floor covering is not to be fixed to the walls by screws; alternatively, a steel cover strip is fitted over the trunking. It is sometimes mounted on a removable cover it is used under the Rules of Regulation 4.6 are mounted on cable trunking.

Wood trunking or conduit was first introduced, was preferred for enclosed wiring in the early days, usually done by the builder or electrician, but wood is still popular in some cases.



in a structure in which cables are drawn. A conduit or pipe is classed as a 'cable duct' if its diameter exceeds 75 mm.



**Fig. 7.14** *Perforated-tray cable support (background) and ladder support (foreground)* OLEX CABLES

vision studios is one in which the duct is embedded in the floor screed and thus concealed. Access to the duct is made easier by the provision of large boxes at the junction of the duct sections, with flush or recessed removable lids. The ducts are usually partitioned to provide space for other services such as fire alarm, data and communication cabling, radio and public address systems.

Additions or extensions may be tapped direct into the duct with special tools, and the duct may be run right up to the walls to permit the wiring system to be continued by using some other enclosure, such as trunking, conduit, skirting trunking or TPS cable.

The ducts may be of metal, of which there are many types and systems, some patented by the manufacturers. Figure 7.15 shows a two-channel infloor ducting system; three-, four- and five-channel systems also are available. Metal ducting systems have an advantage over insulated types in that they form a complete earthed metal screen against radio and television interference.

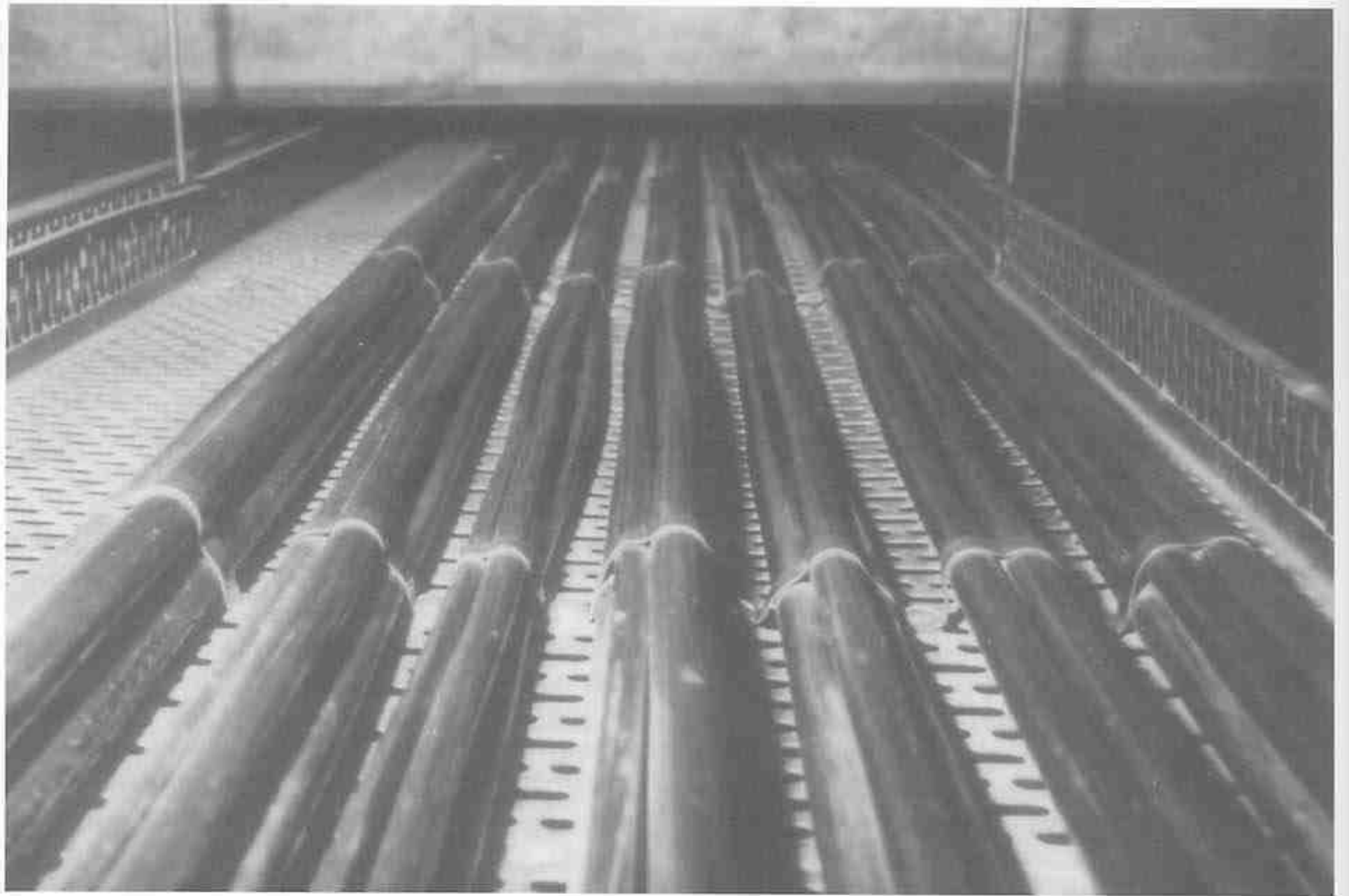
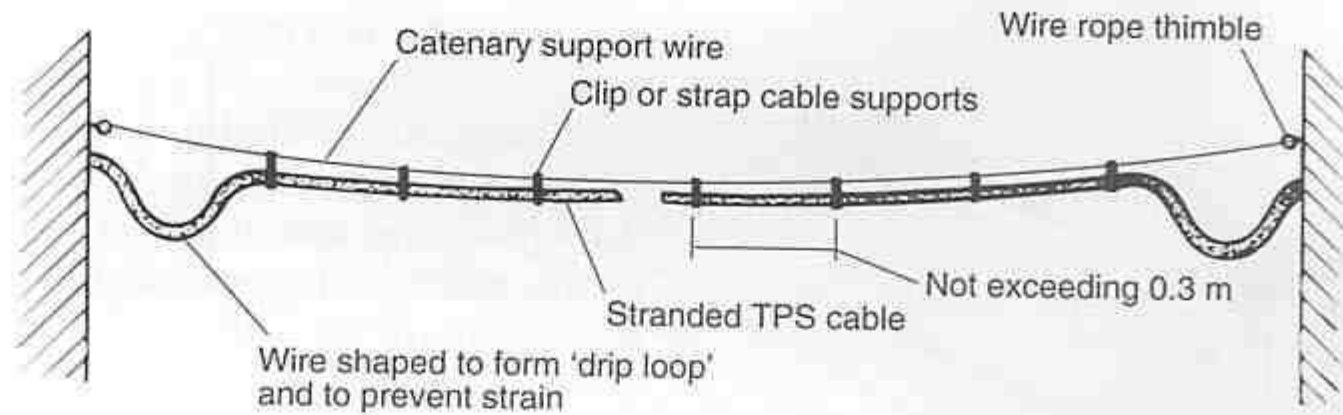


Fig. 10.22 Parallel cables banded to permit flow of circulating currents

(c) suspended from a catenary wire



**Fig. 7.9** Principle of supporting cables by catenary (see Clause 3.15)

4 mm<sup>2</sup> two-core and earth TPS cable is to be supported over a 15 m span by an 8.5 mm<sup>2</sup> low-carbon-steel catenary wire; what minimum sag is permissible? From *Table 3.4*, approximate mass of two-core and earth 4 mm<sup>2</sup> cable is 0.24 kg/m, and mass of catenary wire is 0.07 kg/m, a total of 0.31 kg/m. Closest gross mass value above 0.31 in *Table 3.5* is 0.4 kg/m, and this corresponds to a minimum sag of 0.11 m for a 15 m span.

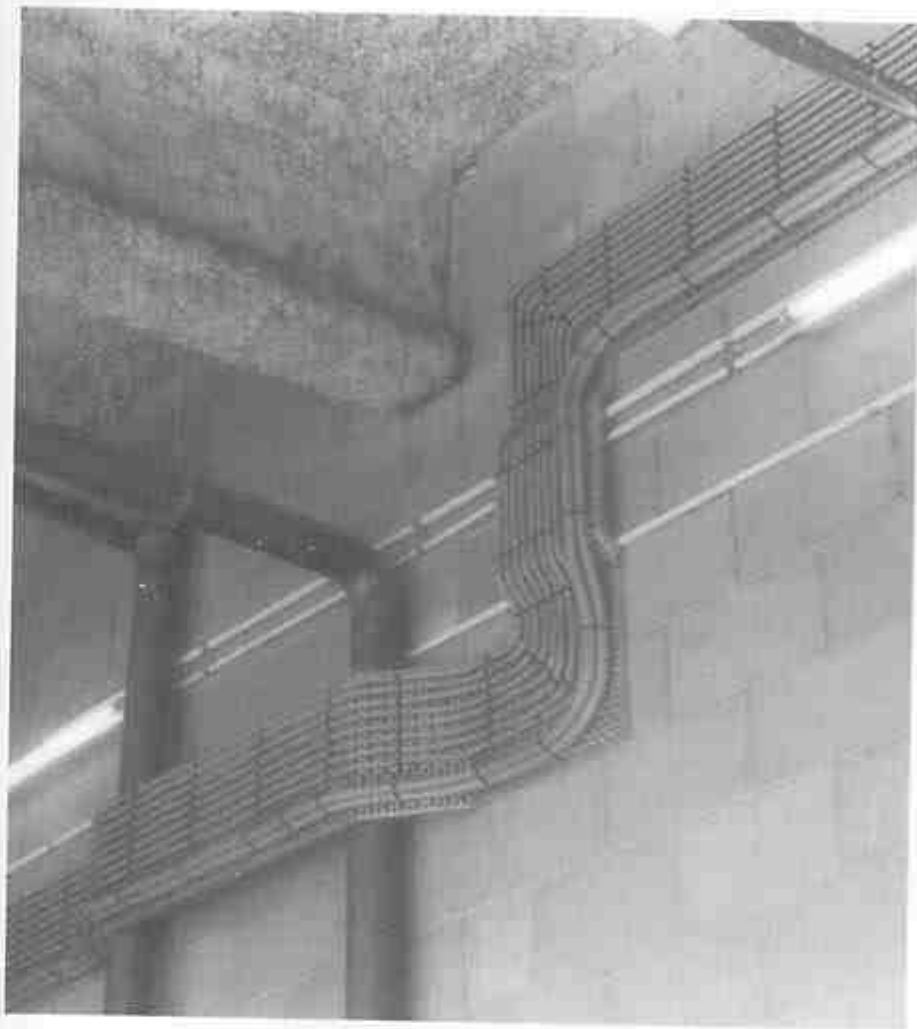
Figure 7.9 illustrates some of the principles of

## Trunking

Some trunking or troughing systems are designed for surface work, while others are suitable for embedding in a concrete 'pour' or being otherwise installed as concealed wiring, provided that access provisions are incorporated in the design. Most of the systems, even those that are concealed, have the advantage of accessibility for repairs or additions.

A system may initially be designed with trunking large enough to accommodate extra or larger cables, and

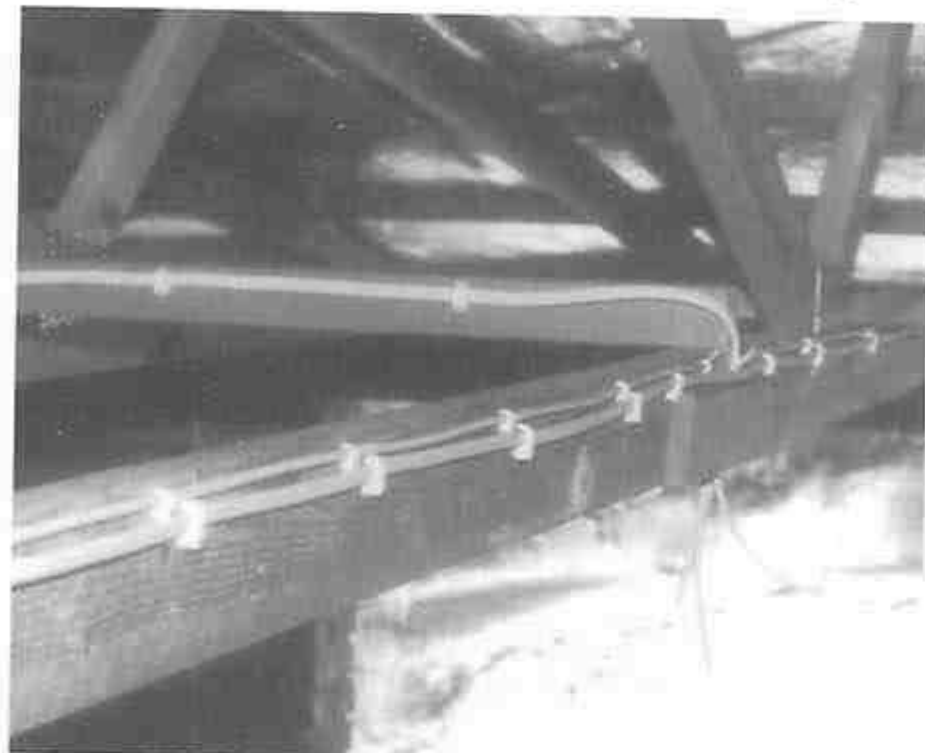




**Fig. 8.5(a)** Cables installed in groups. Mutual heating reduces current-carrying capacity of cables



whichever is the greater (see *Clause 3.20.3.2*). Figure 8.6 shows cables installed in a garage without a ceiling.



**Fig. 8.6** Cables 'likely to be disturbed'

If the cable is installed in a ceiling space having an access space exceeding 0.6 m in height, it must be fixed so as to prevent appreciable sagging of the cable, typically fixed at maximum intervals of 1.2 m. This fixing is not required if the cable is laid on a continuous horizontal surface on which a person may not stand, such as the ceiling of Figure 8.8(c). Where TPS cables cross

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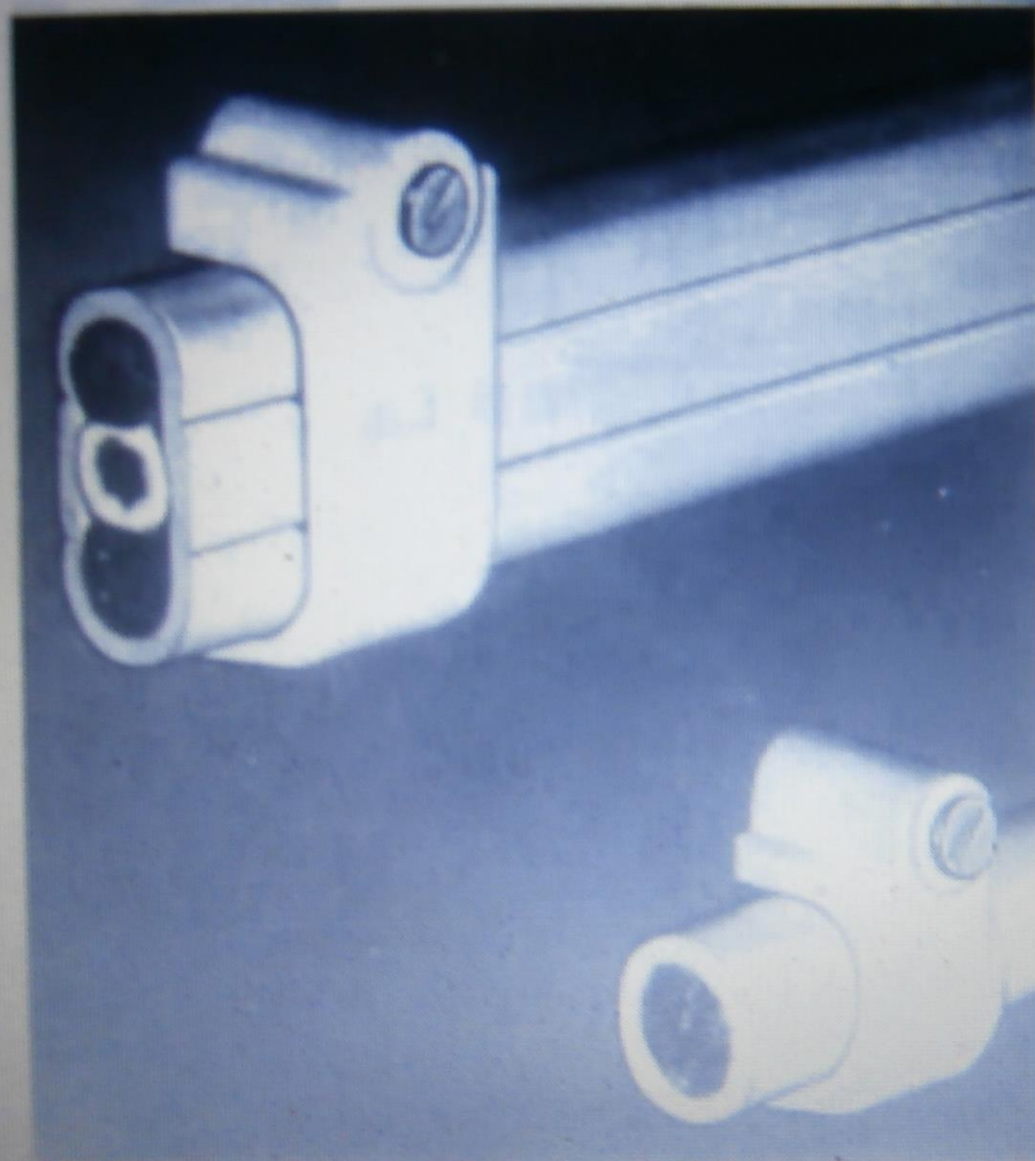


Fig. 8.4(b) Plastic clips for JPS cable.





**Fig. 7.1** Crane collector wires

enclosures or sheathing. Another advantage is that the whole of the installation is readily accessible for repairs, maintenance, additions or alterations, location of faults and the quick isolation of faulty equipment.

The major disadvantage of open wiring lies in its appearance, which is usually poor, thus limiting its

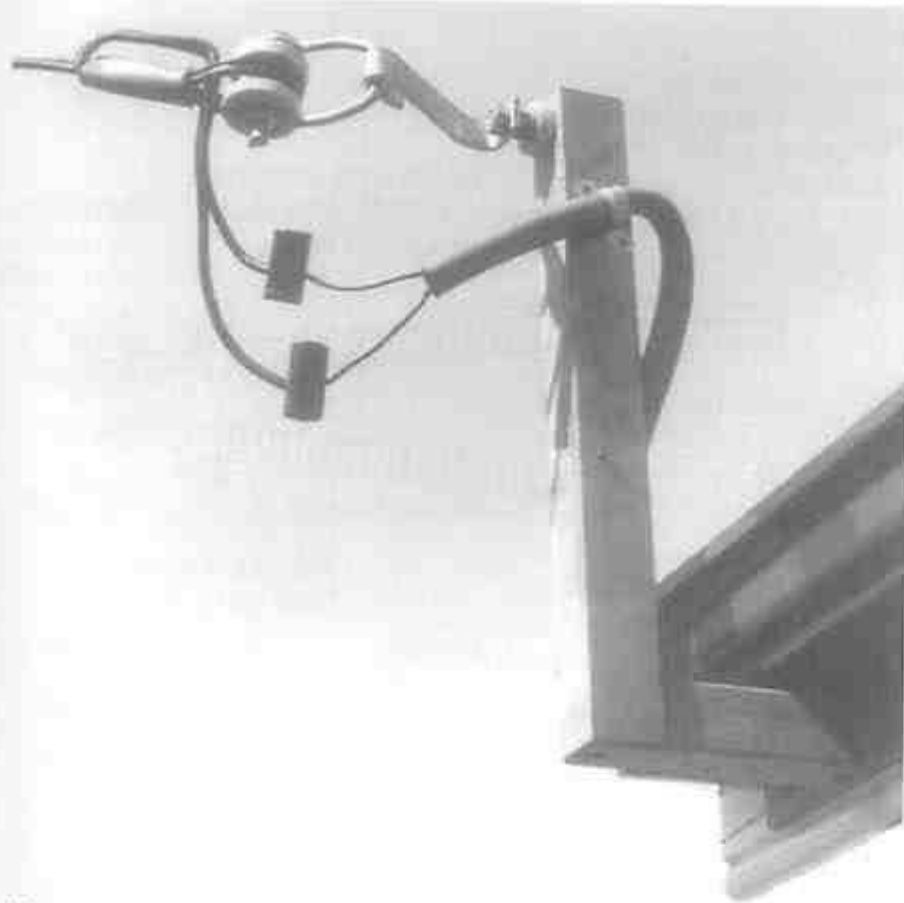
locations, theatres or public halls.

When open wiring utilising bare conductors on suitable insulators is to be used, consideration must be given to the fact that exterior aerial wiring, using mostly bare but sometimes insulated conductors, is a type of open wiring. The use of aerials, however, is so extensive that for the purpose of the *SAA Wiring Rules* it has been given a category of its own ('Aerials'), covered by its own definition (*Clause 0.5.5*) and its own separate Rules.

You must remember that, if the same wiring construction as used for aerials exterior to a building is used within a building, and if bare conductors are employed, then *Clause 3.17* applies. This Rule specifies the necessary spacing and conditions for the support, location and control of the system, together with other precautions to be observed.

Applications for the installation of bare conductors (other than aerials) are limited, but they include collector wires for cranes and trains, busbar wiring on exterior and interior switchboards, outdoor substations, and extra-low-voltage applications such as wiring for electroplating installations.

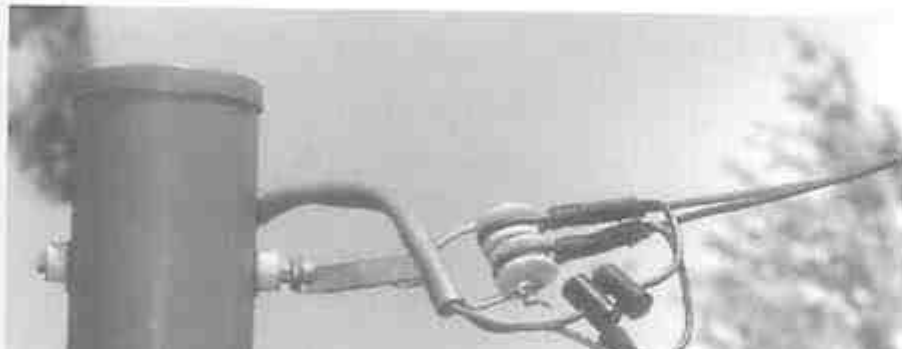
Open busbars are used to carry the heavy current demand of large industrial plant, such as the triple-



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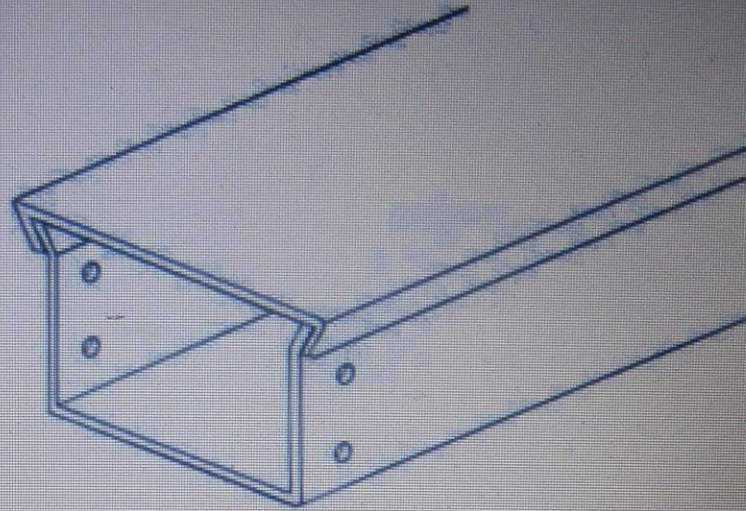


Fig. 7.10(a) *Steel trunking*

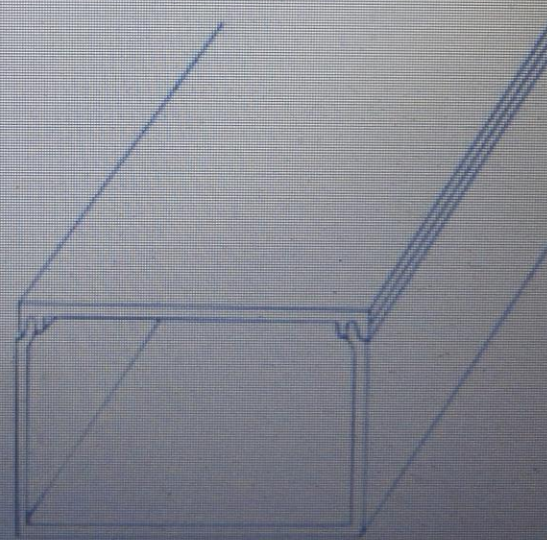


Fig. 7.10(b) *PVC trunking*

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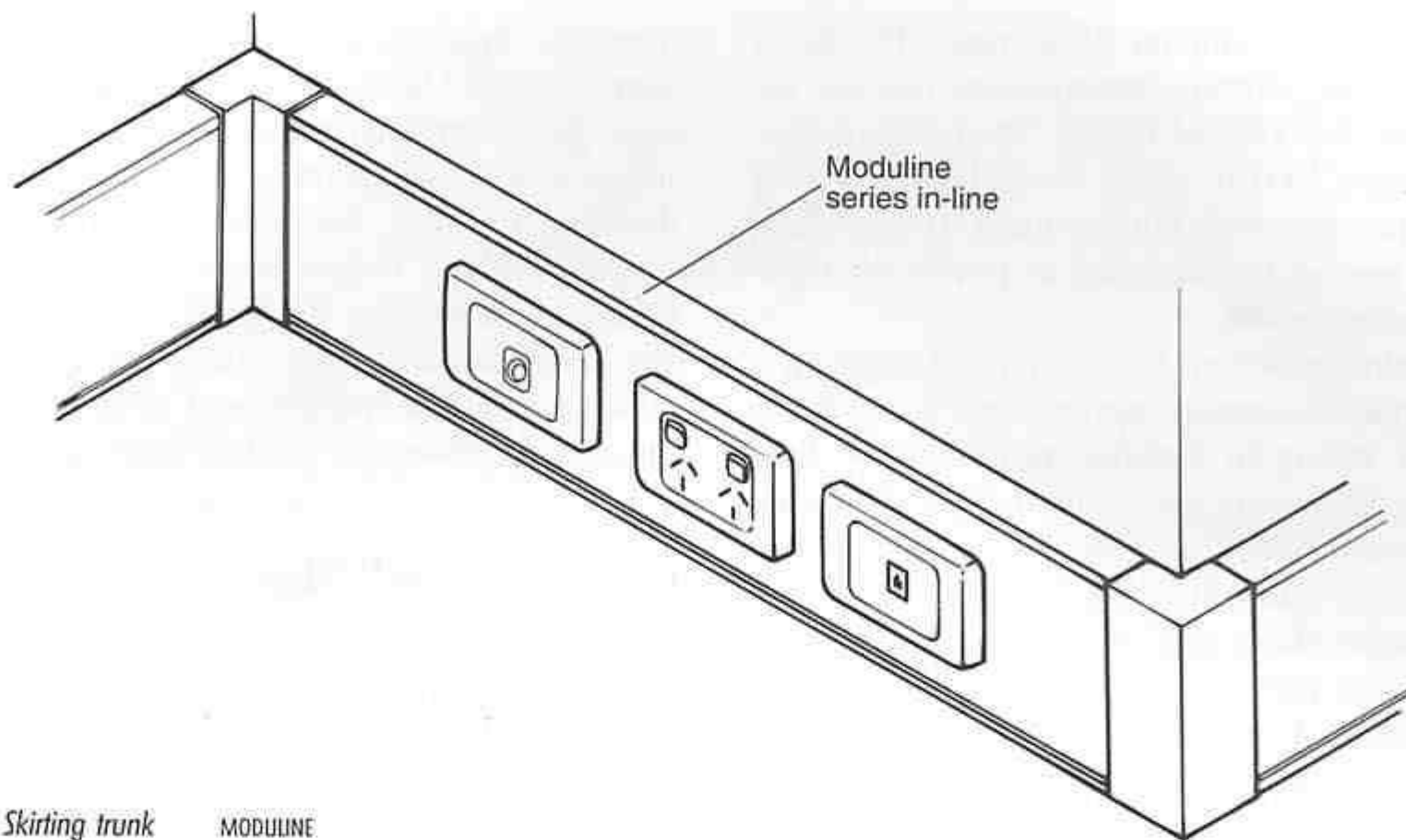
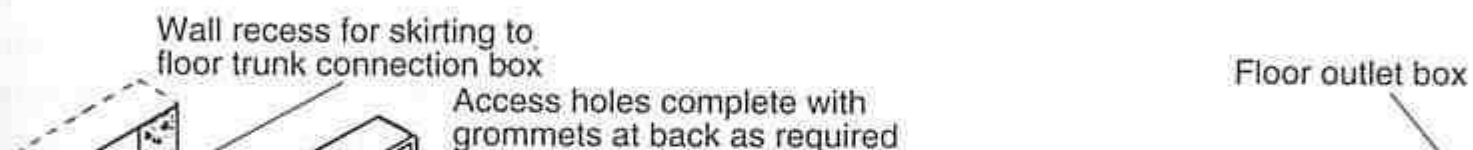


Fig. 7.11(a) Skirting trunk MODULINE



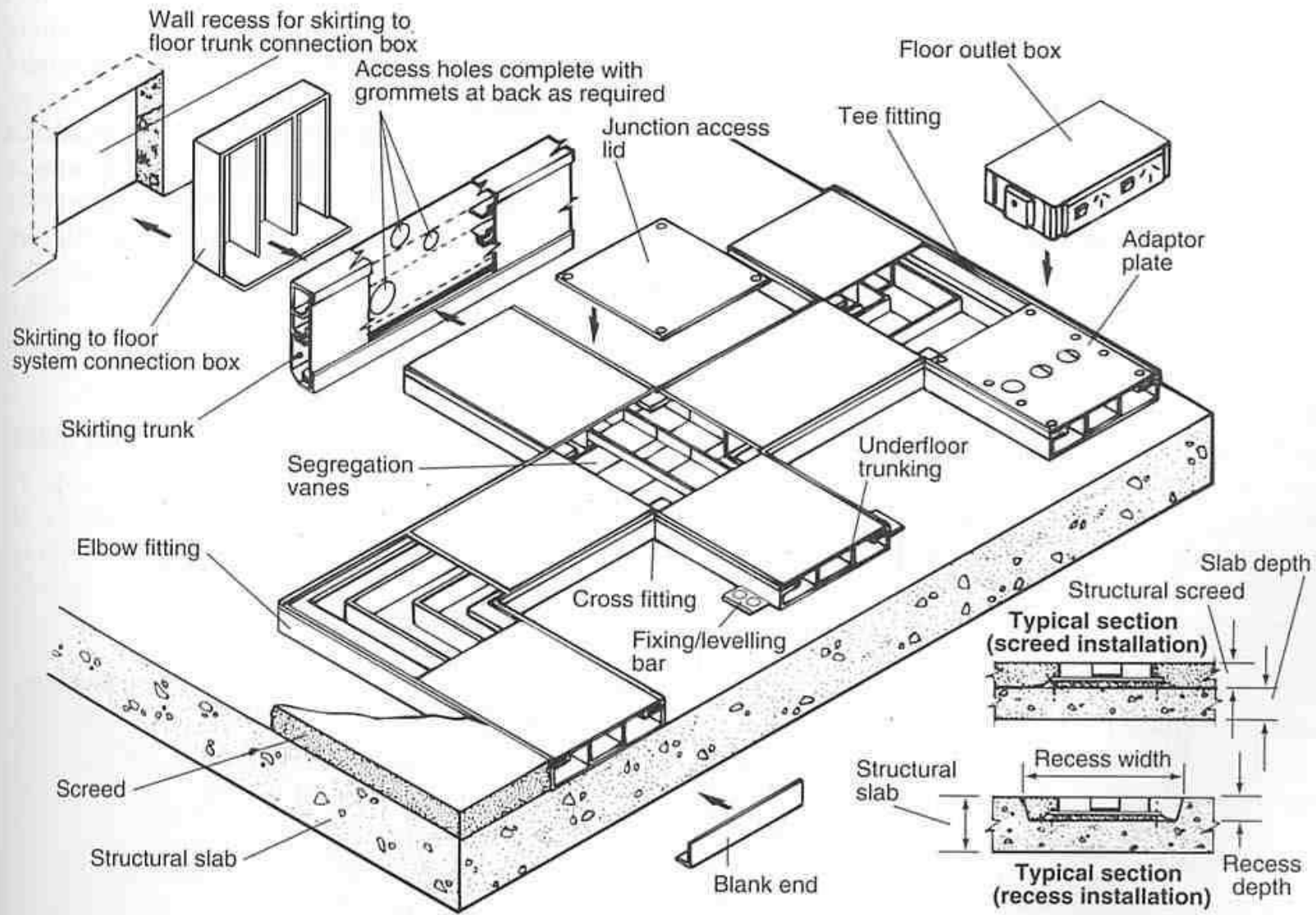


Fig. 7.11(b) Underfloor trunking system MODULINE

rarely used, except sometimes on isolated sections as mechanical protection.

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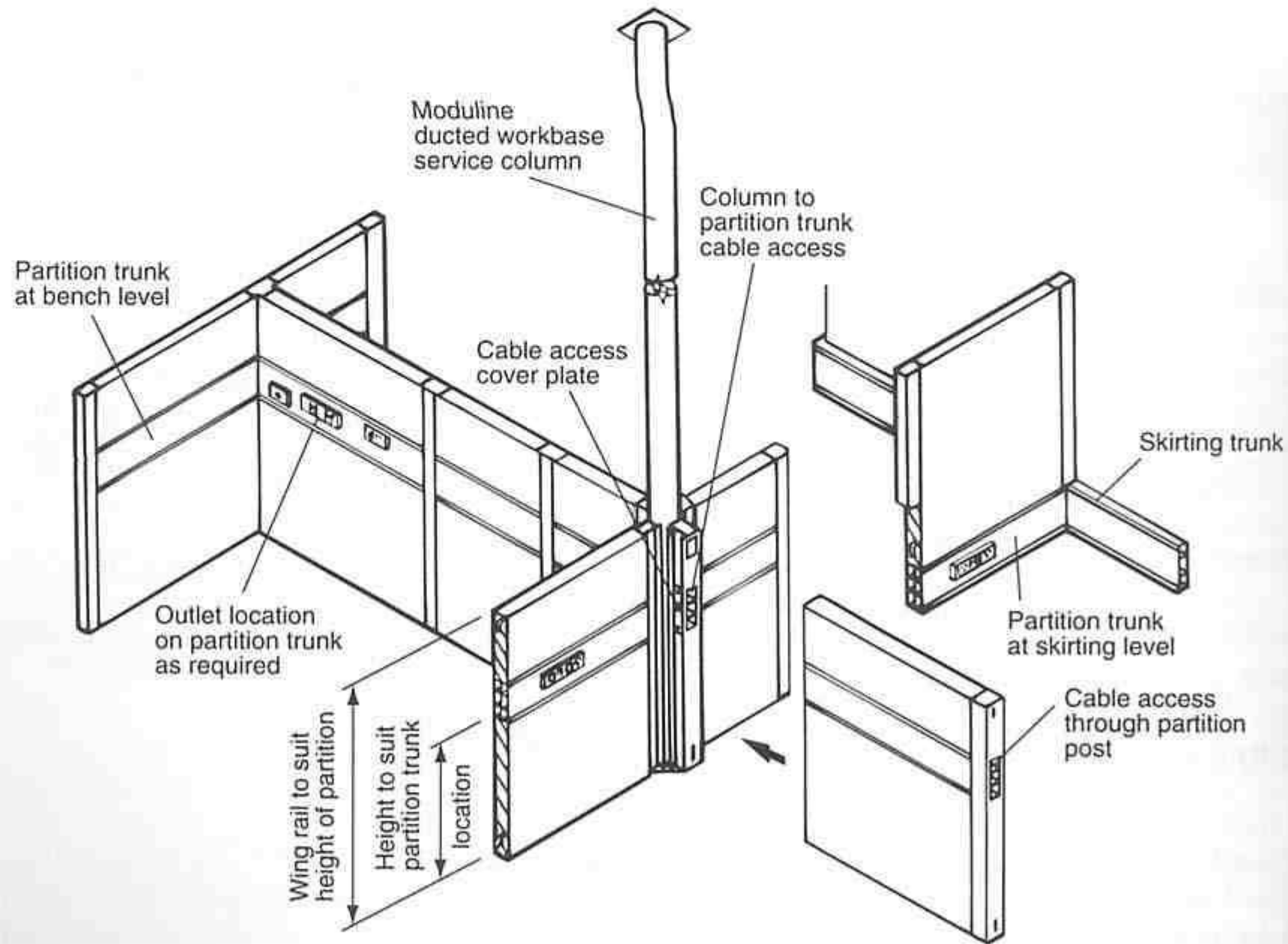


Fig. 7.12 Ducted service column used in conjunction with partition trunking

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## Busway systems

Another system of power distribution widely used in Australia and New Zealand is the busway system, which consists of solid copper or aluminium conductors supported by insulated barriers at intervals within a formed duct, trunk or similar enclosure. Its application lies mainly

circuit breakers (see Fig. 7.16).

The system has the advantage of effectively reducing the number of distribution boards and submains, thereby simplifying the wiring layout. This is indicated in Figure 7.17, where the four distribution boards, four submains and twenty subcircuits, all marked X on the figure, would not be required if the busway system were used. If the distribution boards fed light and power

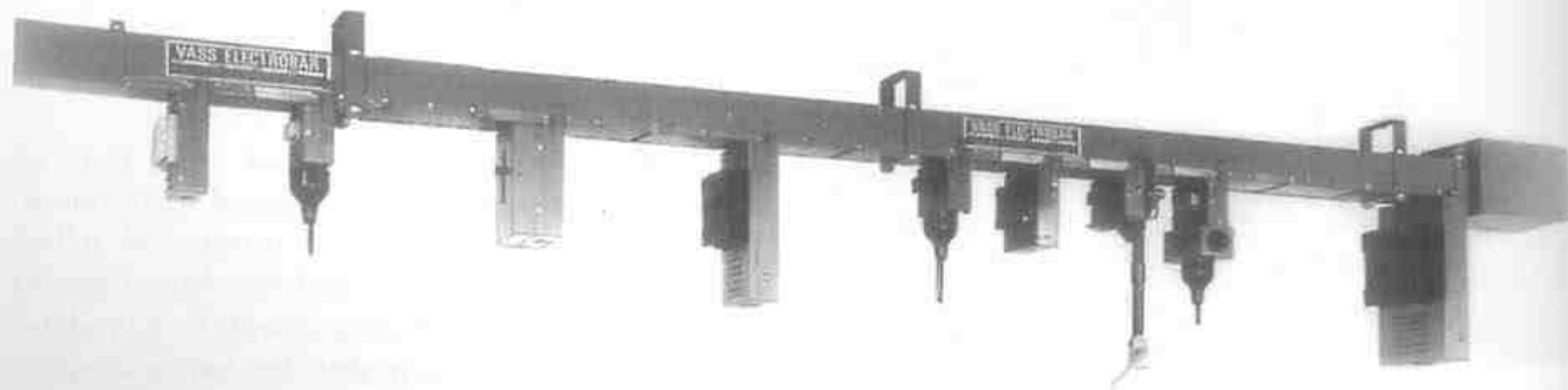


Fig. 7.16 Plug-in busway VASS ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES

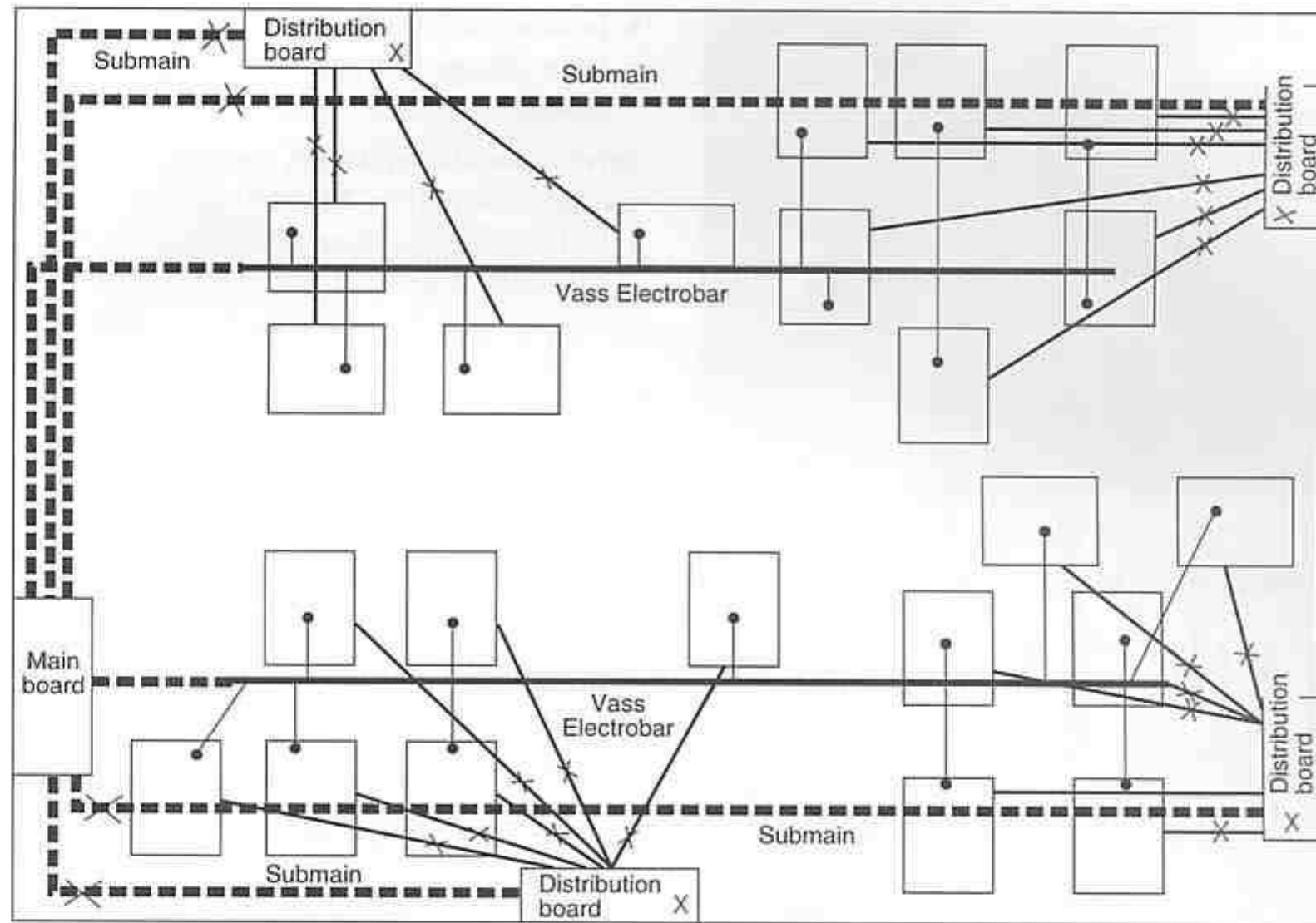


Fig. 7.17 Comparison of conventional wiring and a busway system VASS ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES

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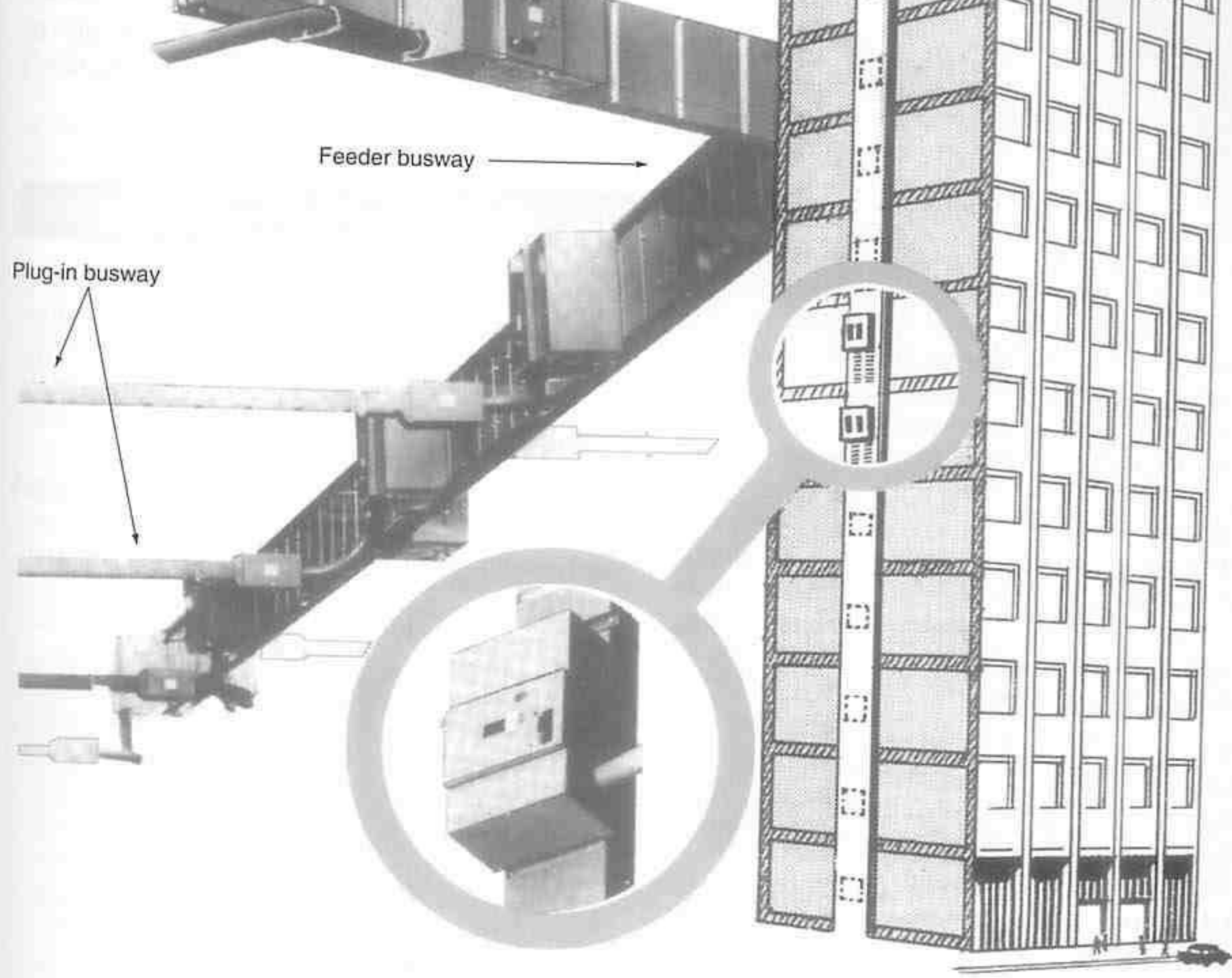


Fig. 7.20 Feeder busway for high-rise building. Inset: typical horizontal take-off feeder

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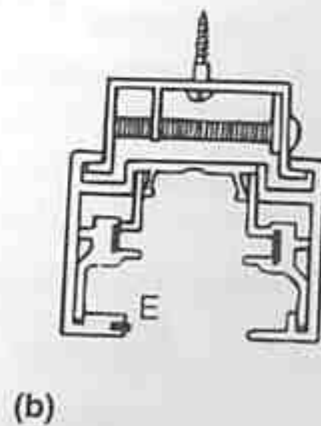
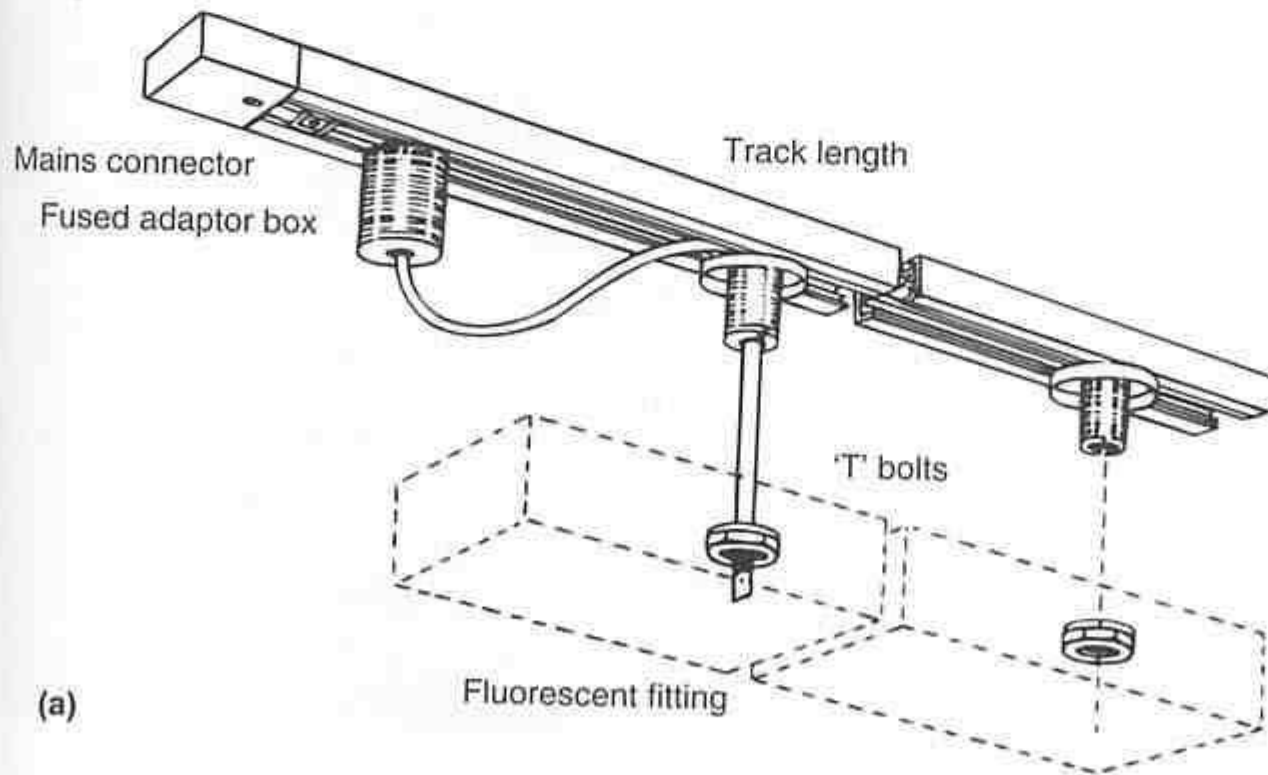
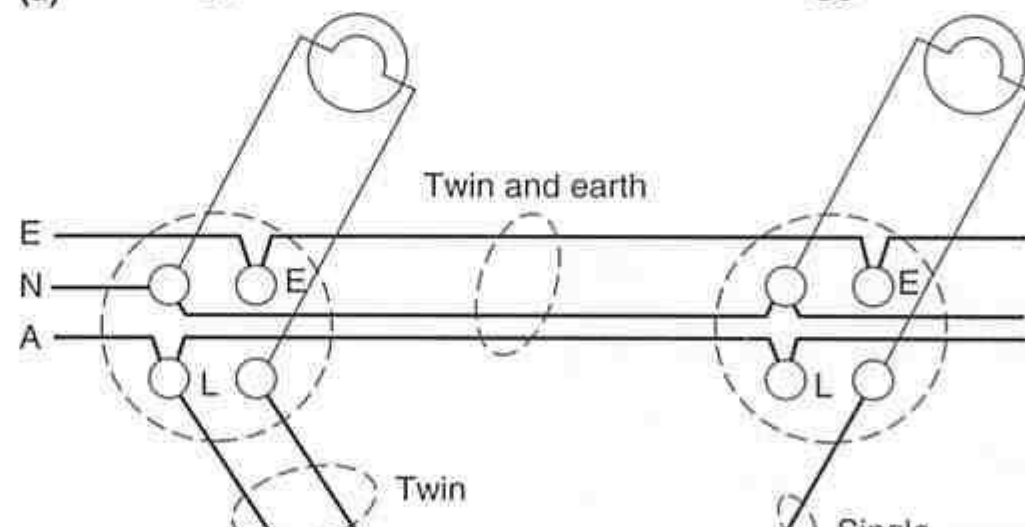
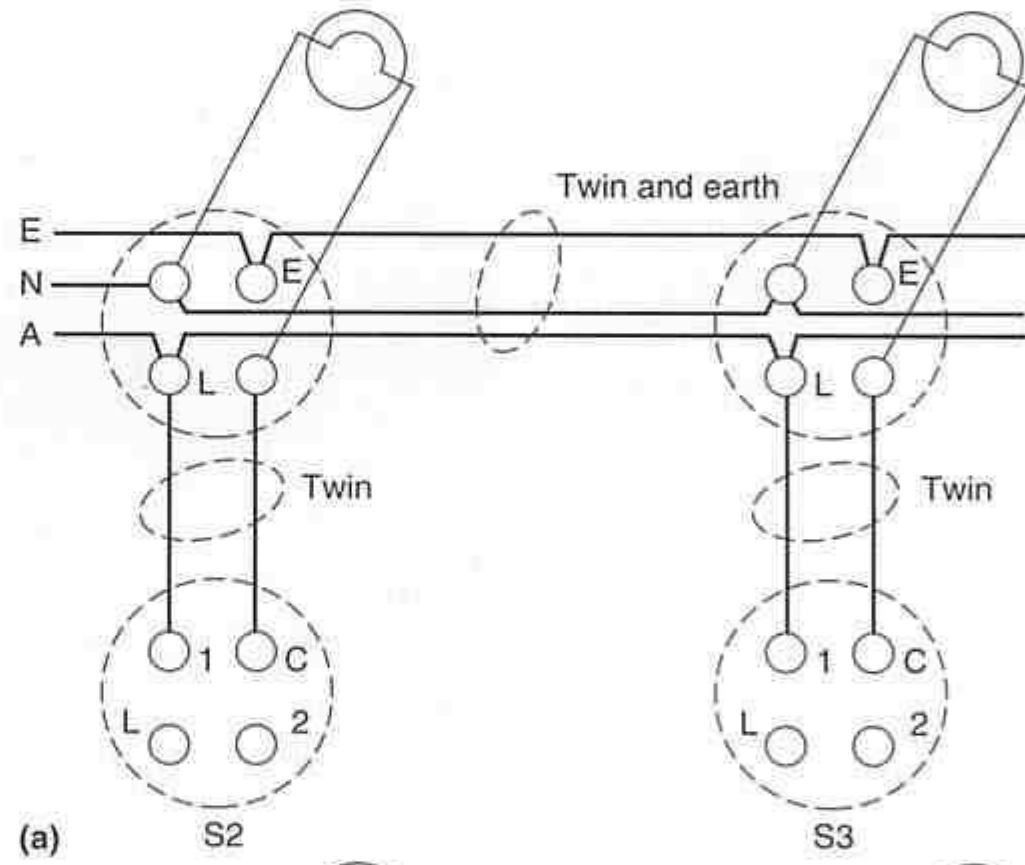


Fig. 7.21 (a) Typical track system; (b) End view of track extrusion module



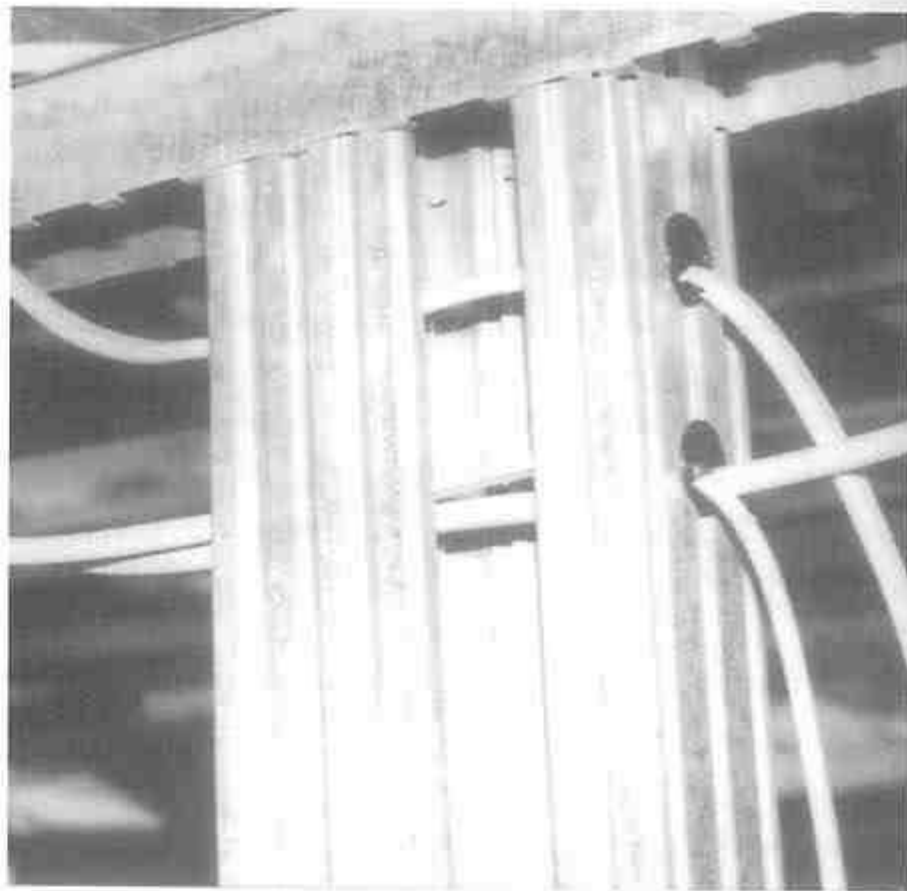
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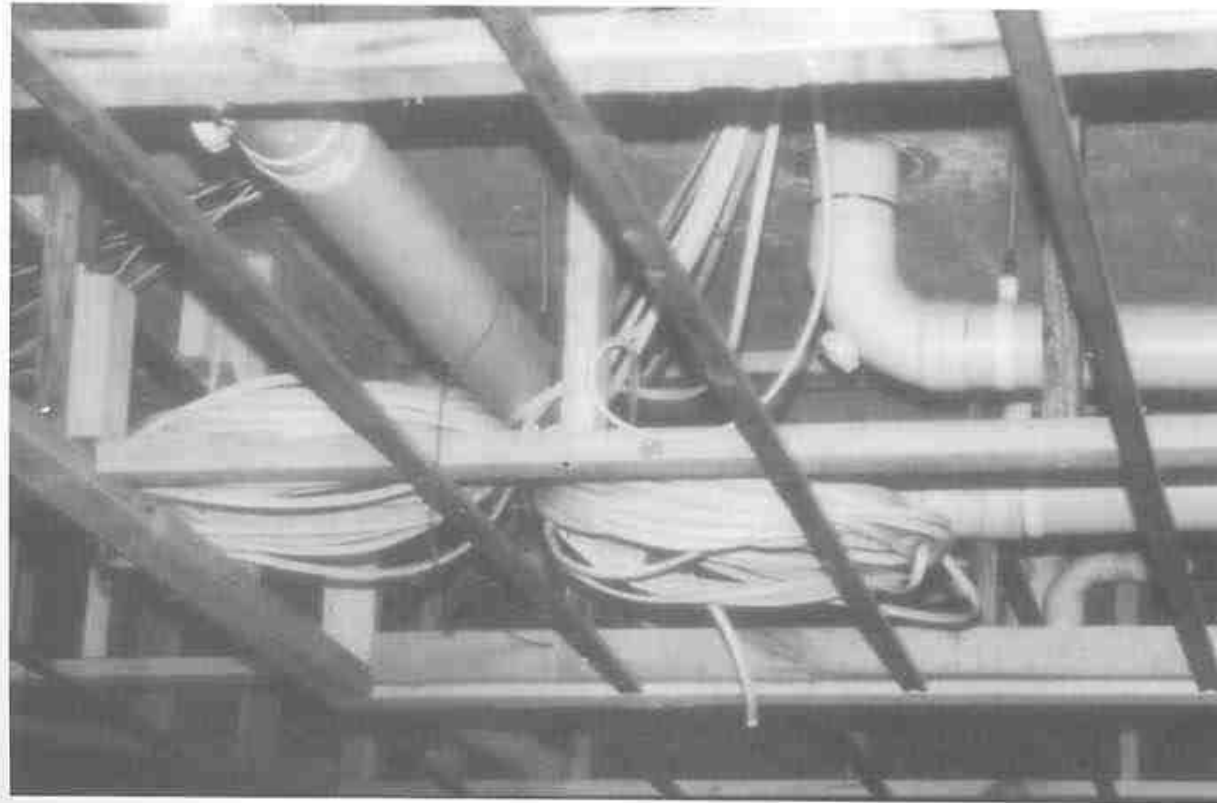




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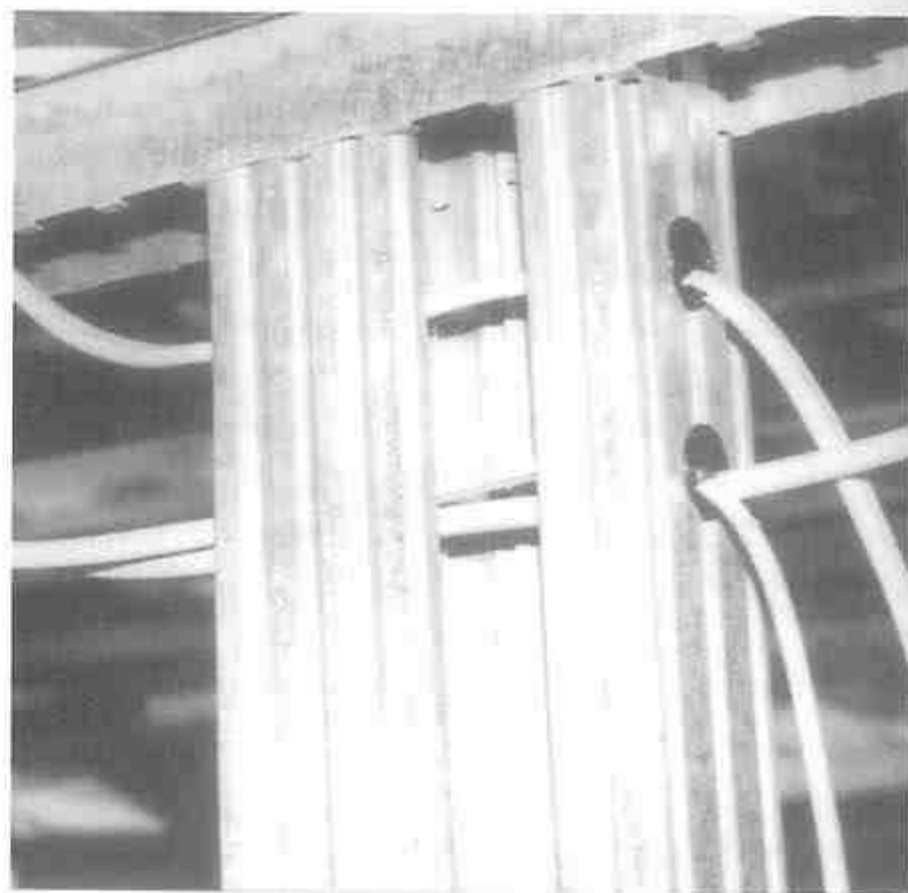
**Fig. 8.7** Methods of installing TPS cables 'not likely to be disturbed': (a) through or in the space between wall studs; (b) through grommets provided in steel-framed walls; (c) on timber work in a ceiling; (d) in a suspended ceiling

Cables of the one circuit touching and installed—

- (a) clipped direct to a wall, floor, ceiling or similar surface;
- (b) in a ventilated trench or open trunking;
- (c) buried directly in a plaster or render on a wall; or
- (d) in a switchboard or similar enclosure.



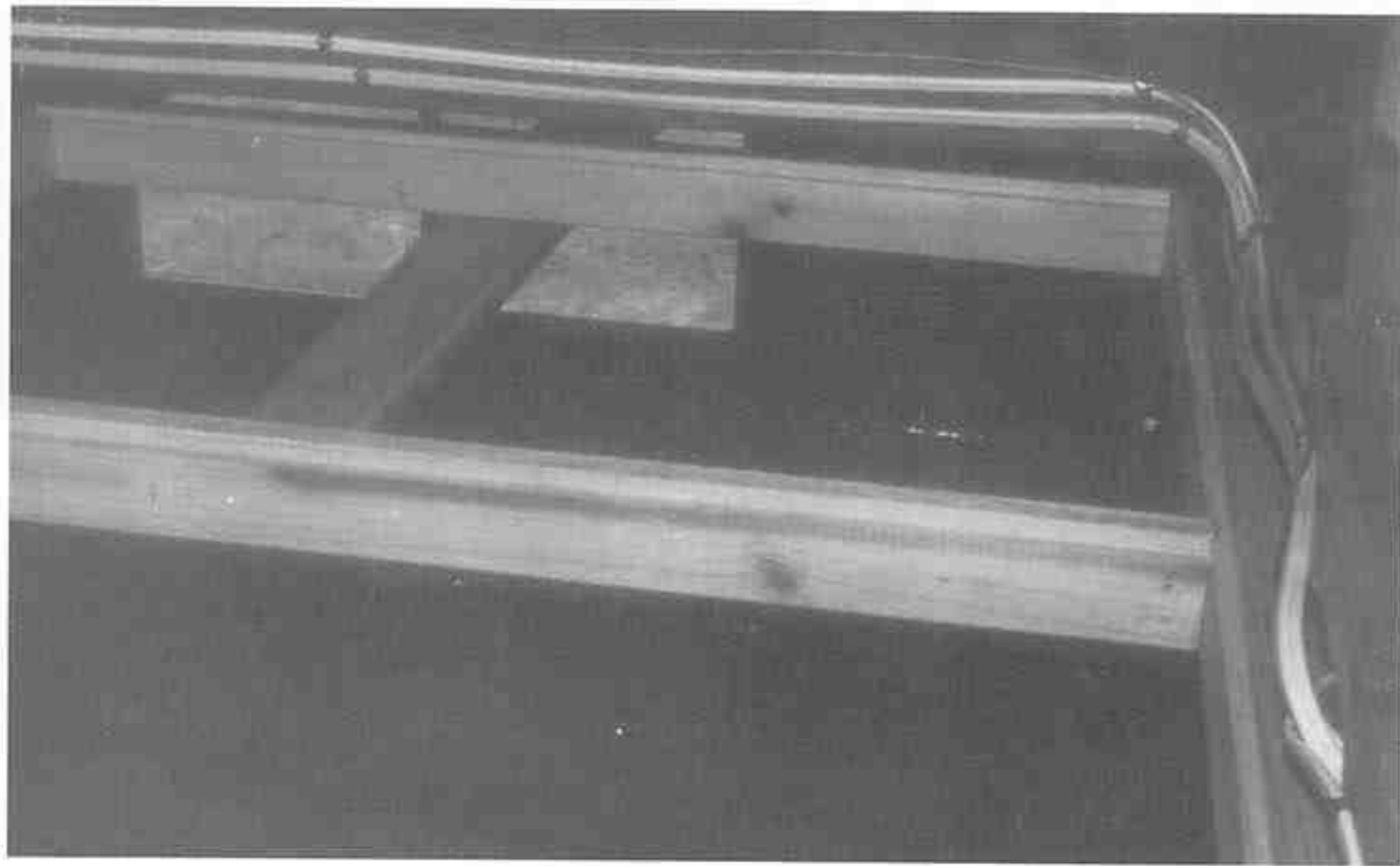
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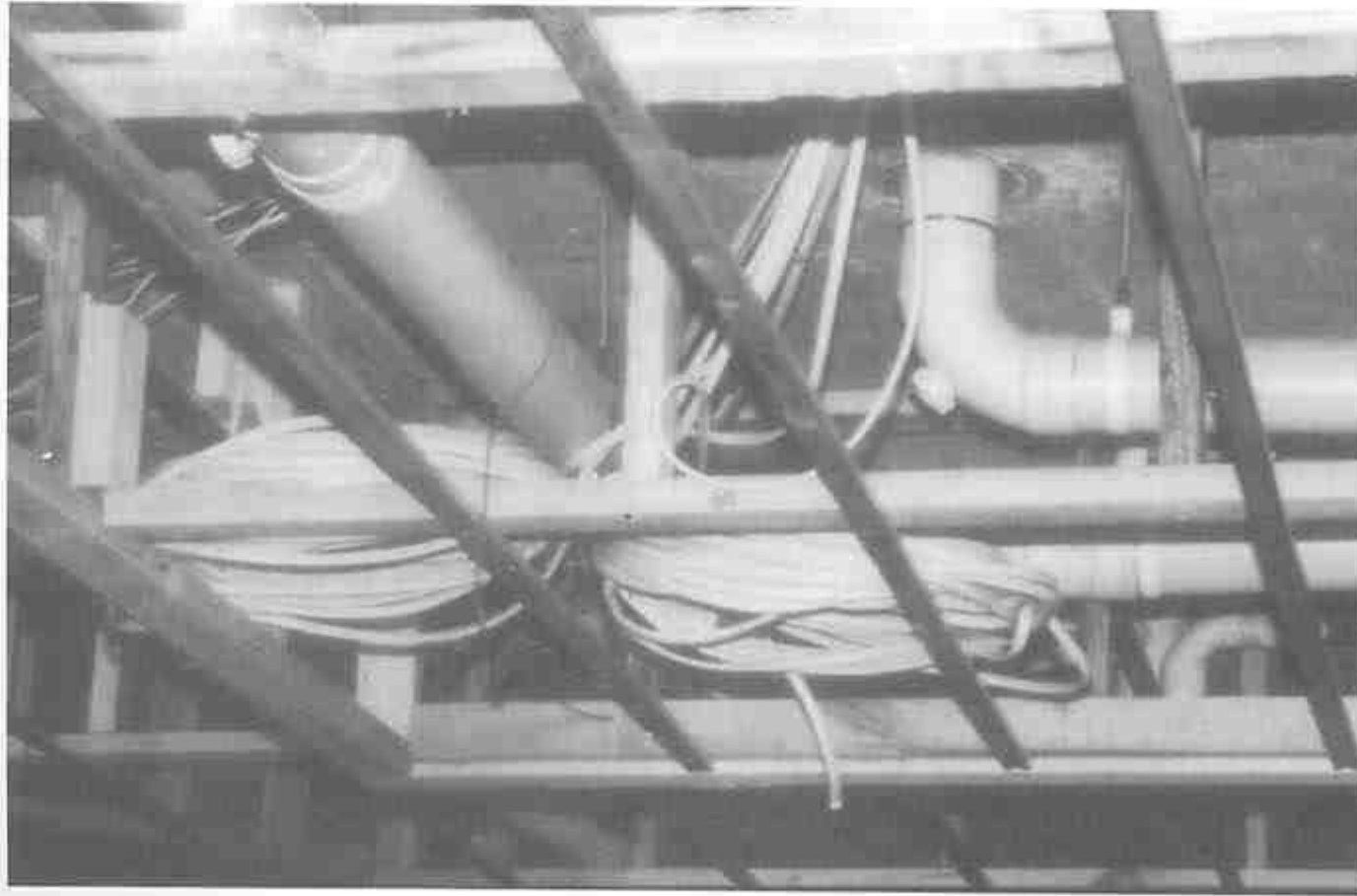
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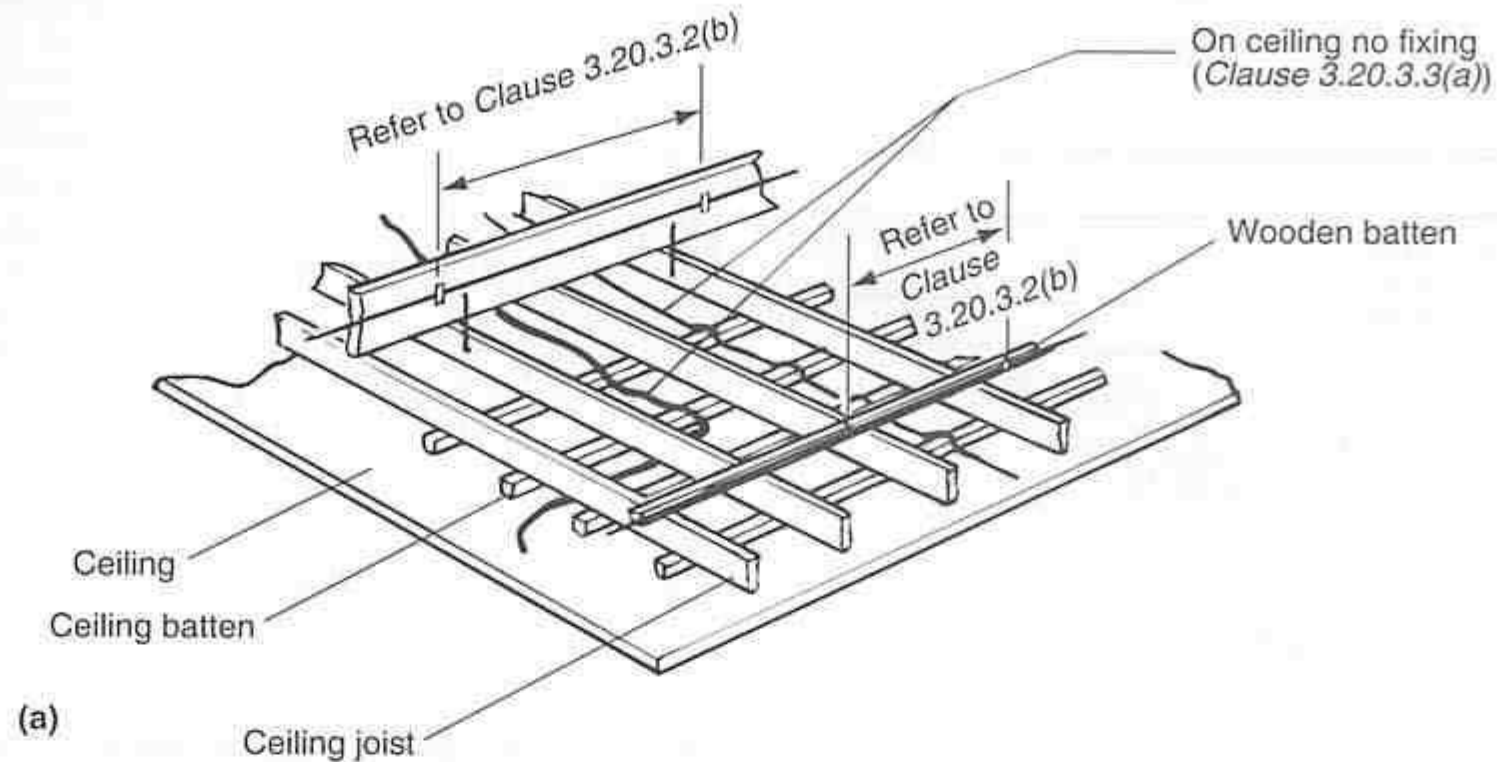


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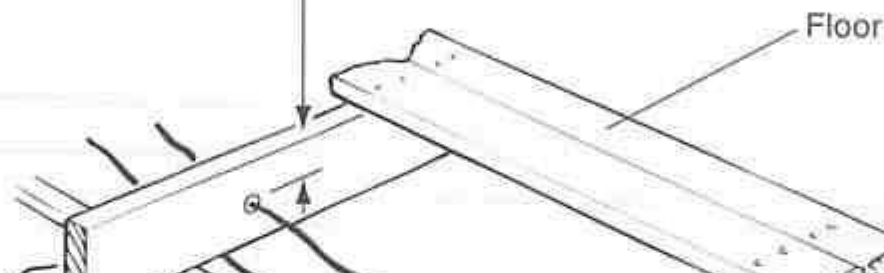


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**Fig. 8.7** Methods of installing TPS cables 'not likely to be disturbed': **(a)** through or in the space between wall studs; **(b)** through grommets provided in steel-framed walls; **(c)** on timber work in a ceiling; **(d)** in a suspended ceiling



Not less than 50 mm  
from top of joist (Clause 3.20.3.4).  
Mechanically protected if closer





Not less than 50 mm  
from underside of floorboards.  
Clips not more than 2 m.  
Could be laid on ceiling

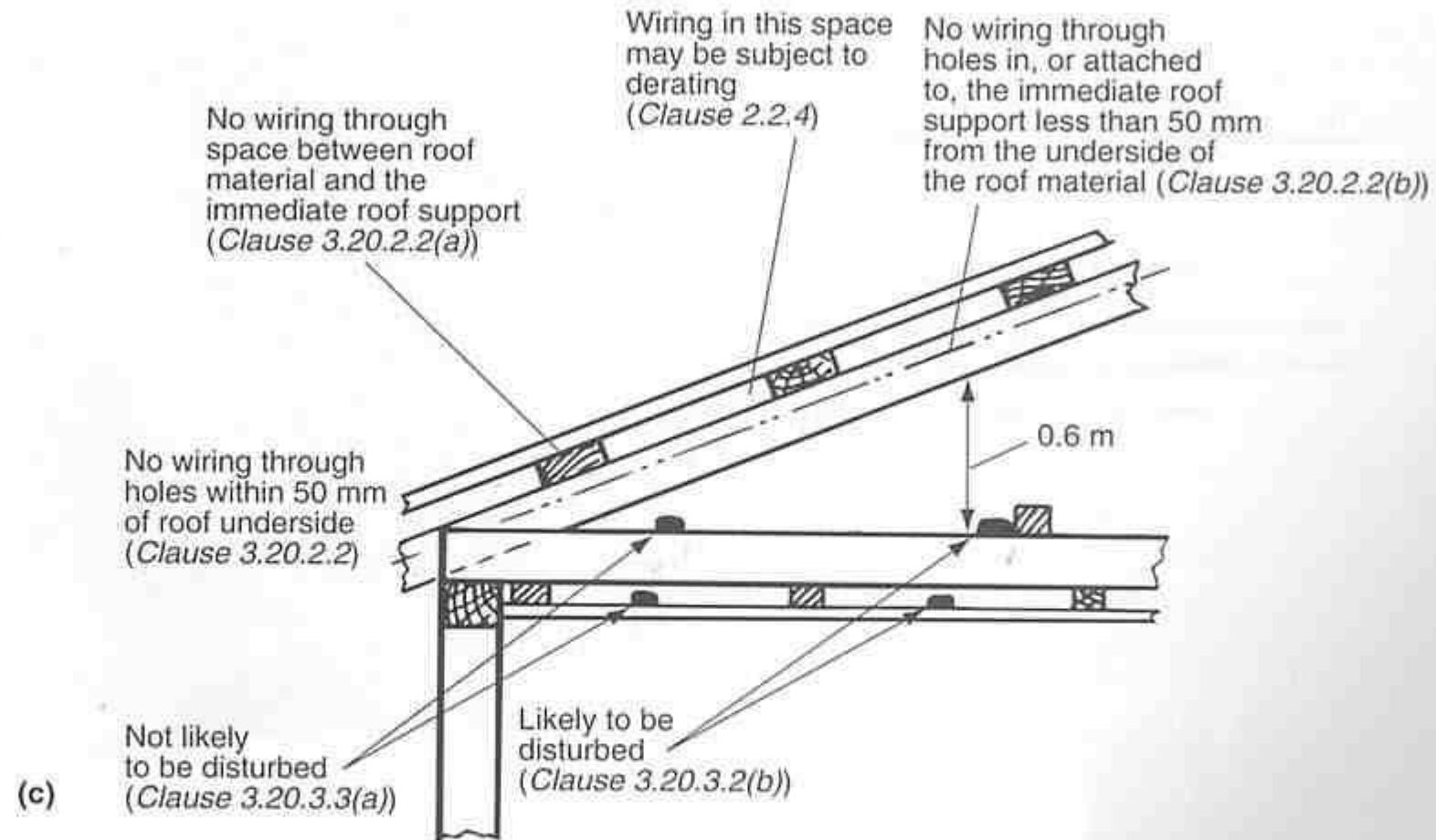


Fig. 8.8 TPS wiring: (a) in a ceiling space; (b) between a floor and an uppermost ceiling; (c) between ceiling and roof

when it is run, for example, in the space between the floor of one storey and the ceiling of the storey below. Again the precautions are against mechanical damage to the cable, due to traffic on the floor or to nails used in the fixing of flooring.

outlets. Thus the whole of the wiring loom or harness, including switch drops where required, is made up at floor level with considerable saving of labour. Material is also saved, as the cable 'tails' usually left at each accessory position in an in-situ installation are eliminated.



**Fig. 8.9** *Cables supported on wall ties (not permitted in Victoria)*



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Cables in wiring enclosures installed in—

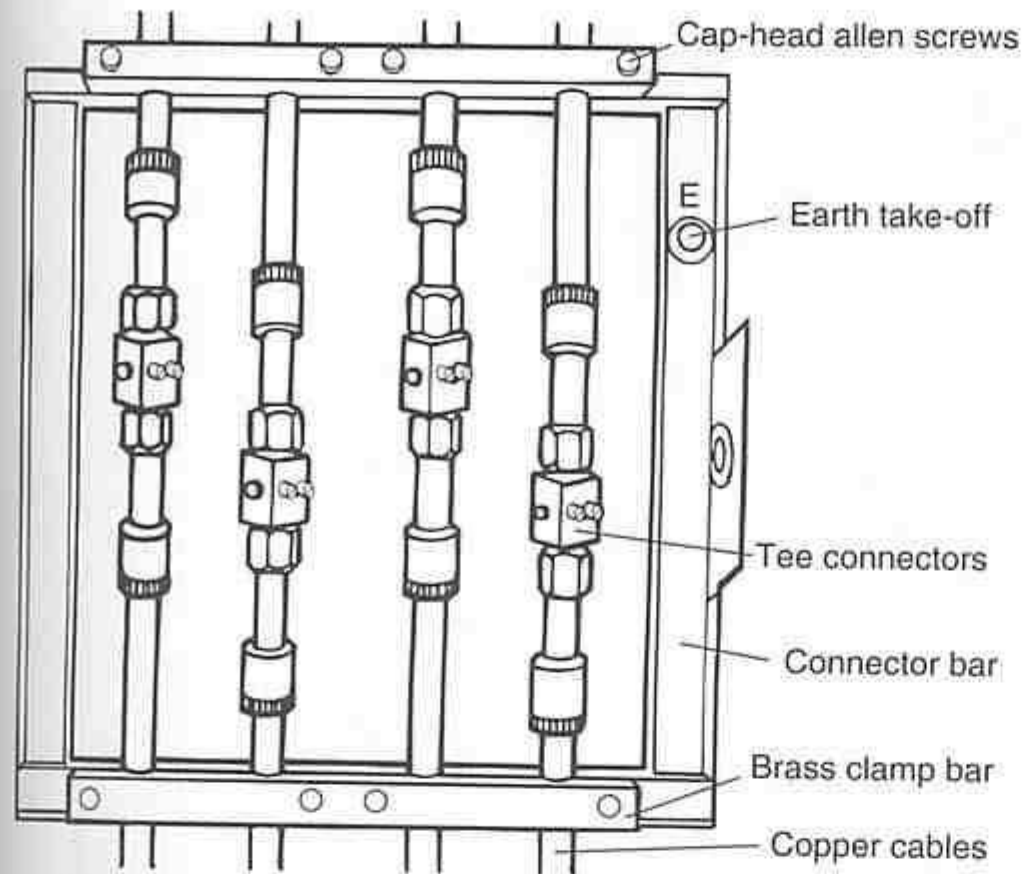
(a) air;

(b) plaster, cement render, masonry or concrete in a wall or floor;

(c) a concrete slab on or above the surface of the ground; or

(d) a ventilated trench.





**Fig. 5.39(b)** Tee-junction box used to facilitate the teeing-off of vertical mains in multistorey buildings where standard cables can be connected to a MIMS cable system  
MM CABLES PYROTENAX

contacts must be 'quick-break' and have a longer travel than ac ones.

Before installing a switch, always check to ensure that it is suitable for a particular application by checking its current rating, voltage rating, type, and whether it is designed for ac or dc operation. Remember that the switch is in series with the load; accordingly, with the load connected and the switch 'off' the full circuit voltage is present across the switch contacts.

Switches are available in a variety of shapes, types and ratings and may be single-, double- or triple-pole, two-way, intermediate, all-insulated, iron-clad, flame-proof and so on in a nearly limitless variety, all of which have the same **basic** function of making and breaking circuit connections in a convenient manner. Some elementary switching circuits are discussed in Chapter 6. Remember where and how this important accessory is connected in a circuit and its principle of operation.

A study of manufacturers' catalogues and the illustrations of Figures 5.40 to 5.42 give some indication of the range of switches and controls available to the electrician. The range is so extensive that, by a review of the listings in a supplier's catalogue, it is usually possible to select a suitable switch for virtually any application.



**Fig. 10.1(c)** *Non-metallic sheathed fire-retardant cable installation*

be such that electrical continuity is maintained when connecting devices and brass screws melt during a fire. At the time of writing (1996), joints and terminations are permitted only for applications with fire ratings of 15 minutes.

Apart from the use of special junction boxes and accessories required in the fire hazard zone, the preparation of joints and terminations for unarmoured fire-retardant cables is similar to that for ordinary PVC-insulated PVC-sheathed cables. As is seen elsewhere in this chapter, the termination and joining of MIMS cables are more complex and require the use of special tools.

General handling and installation methods are similar to those used for PVC-insulated PVC-sheathed cables. However, some types of fire-retardant cables are sheathed with a thermoplastic compound that is softer than conventional PVC; therefore it is necessary to avoid sharp edges and rough faces that might damage the cable.

Another factor to be taken into account is that some cables are designed to work at continuous operating temperatures of up to  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; therefore the effect of sheath temperature on adjacent combustible material must also be considered. Cable runs must be kept clear of such material, including the sheaths of other cables

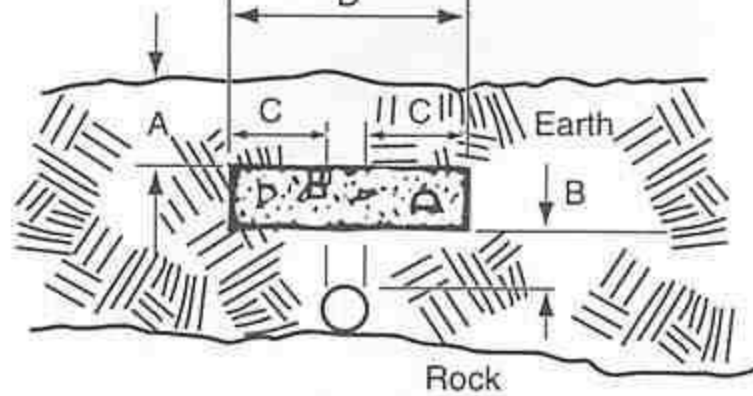
Cables with a minimum depth of laying of—

- (a) 0.3 m under continuous concrete paved areas;  
or
- (b) 0.5 m in other locations.

Cables in a single enclosure laid—

- (a) a minimum of 0.3 m below continuous concrete paved areas; or
- (b) minimum 0.5 m in other locations.

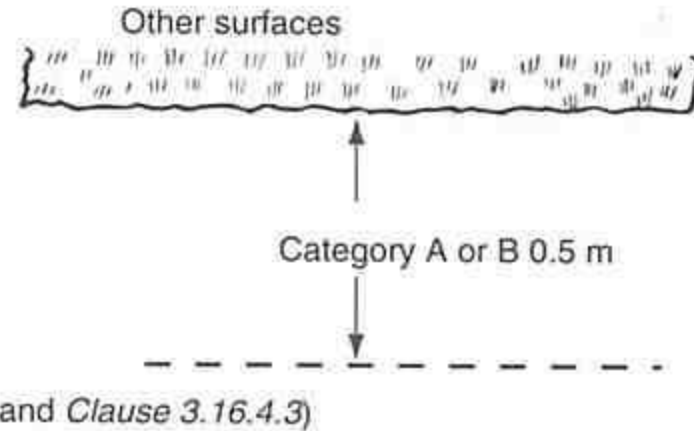
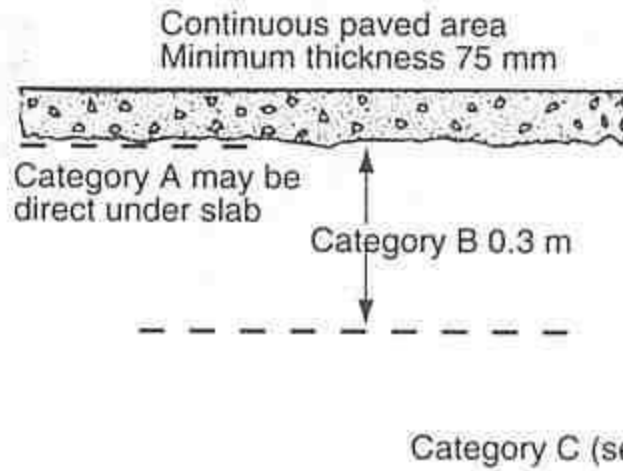




Category C  
Wiring system need not be chased into rock if a category A enclosure, protected as shown, is used

- A: minimum soil cover 50 mm
- B: not more than 75 mm
- C: 40 mm overlap each side of wiring system
- D: minimum 150 mm wide

Fig. 7.24 Underground enclosures



Category C (see Fig. 7.24 and Clause 3.16.4.3)

Fig. 7.25 Depth of laying underground wiring

Note that the current rating of an underground cable is affected by soil temperature, depth of laying, conductor size, whether the cable is buried in the ground or in an underground duct, and whether it is single-core or multi-core. Refer to *Clauses B4.2.3 and B4.2.4 of Appendix B, AS 3000*, and *Tables 25 to 29 of AS/NZS 3008.1.1*.

clearance of 50 mm **above** the wiring system and the channel filled with fine aggregate concrete.

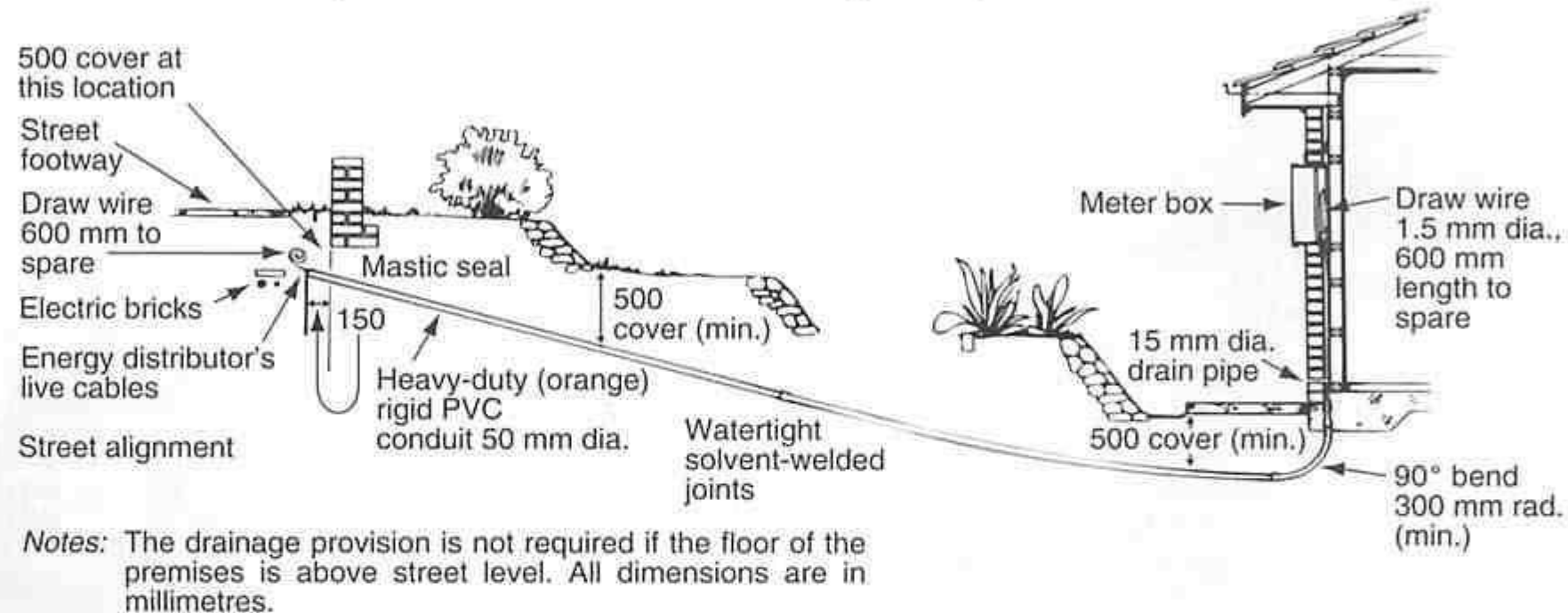
An acceptable alternative to chasing the rock is to install a category A system on top of the rock and provide further protection by using a continuous pour



subcircuit, each circuit of the flat cable assembly is to be regarded as a final subcircuit.

- The track system is erected as a series of complete modules or sections in which the conductors are integral to the track (see Fig. 7.21(b)). In the flat cable

The electrician is usually concerned with wiring on a consumer's premises, to which *Clause 3.16* relates. This Rule sets out the various forms of acceptable enclosures, the depth of laying and protection required, and any other provisions relevant to underground wiring.



Installation of underground supply services will vary from one supply area to another depending on the relevant service and installation rules of the particular energy company.

Fig. 7.22 Underground service to a single domestic dwelling

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Pb. THE MAXIMUM DEMAND CURRENT OF A SUBMAIN IN  
 A NON DOMESTIC INSTALLATION IS CALCULATED TO BE  
80 AMP. THE SELECTED CABLE IS 4 CORES, NON  
 ARMoured, V90 INSULATED AND SHEATHED CIRCULAR  
 CABLE WITH COPPER CONDUCTORS. INSTALLATION OF THE  
 CABLE PLACES IT SECURED FLAT ON A SINGLE  
PER FORATED CABLE TRAY WITH THREE OTHER  
CIRCUITS ALL TOUCHING. THE CABLE TRAY IS  
SUSPENDED 300 mm FROM THE CEILING, OPEN  
 TO AIR AND THE CIRCUIT IS PROTECTED BY  
 CIRCUIT BREAKER. CALCULATE CABLE SIZE  
 CABLE LENGTH = 100m.

TABLE 3(1) ITEM

↳ TABLE

DERATING  
TABLE

PER FORATED  
TRAY  
ALL TOUCHING

NO. OF TIERS  
ROWS OF CABLE  
SUPPORT

TABLE 3(1) (OR) 3(2)

↓  
OPEN

↓  
ENCLOSED

OPEN TO  
AIR → 3(1)

PER FORATED  
TRAY

4 CORES → 3 CORES → ITEM 10, 11, 13

## Problem

4 cores—3 active cores

V90 copper. Open to air = unenclosed, clipped to internal wall

Air---- Table 3 (1) – Unenclosed (AS3008)

Table 3 (2)- Enclosed

3 cores cable- Row 10, 11 & Row 13 ( Clipped directly to wall)-

--Table 13 (75 Deg C)=Col 5 to 7 (AS3008)

**CHOSEN**-- Table 14 (90 Deg C)=Col 5 to 7

Table 15 (110 Deg C)=Col 4 to 5

Derating ---- Table 22 (AS3008)

With 4 other circuits-- 5 circuits

Clipped to wall- Single layer on wall- Touching

Table 22, Row 3 ,5 circuits =Derating factor 0.73

Derated current =  $120 / 0.73 = 178 \text{ A}$

**Table 14 (90 Deg C)=Col 5** (Page 63)--- 178A (213A)-----Size = 70 sqmm

$V_c = ?$

Unenclosed Table 40 (Page 103)--- 70 sqmm (90 Deg C) = 0.615 mv/A-m

$$V_d = \frac{V_c \times L \times I}{1000} = \frac{0.615 \times 50 \times 178}{1000} = 5.47\text{V}$$

5 % of supply voltage =  $5 \times 415 / 100 = 20.75\text{V}$ . Less than 5%,Acceptable



pb 3 CIRCUITS of 4 CORES HFI 90 TP  
 CIRCULAR INSULATED AND SHEATHED NON  
 ARMoured COPPER CONDUCTOR CABLES ARE  
BURIED DIRECTLY IN THE GROUND AT A  
DEPTH OF 0.5m WHERE AMBIENT SOIL  
 TEMPERATURE OF 25°C. THE CABLES ARE  
 SPACED AT A DISTANCE OF 150mm FROM  
 ONE ANOTHER. EACH CIRCUIT IS TO CARRY  
 175A WHEN PROTECTED BY C.B THE

LENGTH OF CIRCUIT IS 50m.  
 CALCULATE THE SIZE OF WIRE.

BURIED DIRECTLY IN TO GROUND → TABLE  
 3(3)

4 CORES → 3 CORES CABLE → ITEM (4) →  
 TABLE 13/14

HFI 90 → 90°C

TABLE 14, COL 23

COL 23/ 24

TABLE 15 - COL 13

TABLE 25(2)

NO. OF CABLES IN GROUP	SPACING
3 CIRCUITS	150mm → 0.15m 0.78

$$\text{CURRENT} = \frac{175}{0.78} = 224 \text{ A}$$

TABLE 14 - COL 23

70 mm<sup>2</sup>

V<sub>c</sub> = ?

TABLE 42

4 CORES - MULTI CORES.

$$70 \text{ mm}^2 \xrightarrow{90^\circ\text{C}} 0.609 \text{ mV/A-m}$$

$$V_d = \frac{V_c L I}{1000} = \frac{0.609 \times 50 \times 224}{1000} = 6.83 \text{ V}$$

5% of 415V =

< 5%

ACCEPTABLE

CABLE SIZE

700

Buried direct to ground Table 3(3) Page 34 (AS3008)

4 cores-- 3 cores cable -- Item 4 -----Derating 25 (2)

---- Table 13/ 14 Col23/ 24

--- Table 15 Col 13

HFI 90--- 90 Deg C-----Table 14 Col 2/ 3 (Page 63)

Table 25(2) (Page 82) (AS3008)

Number of cable group

3 circuits ----- Spacing 150mm (0.15m)== 0.78

Derated current =  $175/0.78 = 224\text{A}$

Table 14 Col 2/3---- 224A ( 229A) ----= 70 sqmm

$V_c = ?$

4 cores-- Multicore== Table 42 (Page 105) (AS3008)

70 sqmm—90 Deg C --- 0.609 mV/A-m

$V_c \times L \times I$

$0.609 \times 50 \times 224$

$$V_d = \frac{\quad}{1000} = \frac{\quad}{1000} = 6.53V$$

5% of 415V==  $415 \times 5 / 100 = 20.75V$

Less than 5% of Supply voltage--- Acceptable

## Problem

2 Single phase socket outlet installed on the circuit protected by fuse , V75 TPI enclosed in air .Non domestic installation.  
Fuse rating is 32 A. Cable length is 56 m.

Also determine earth wire and neutral wire sizes.

Enclosed in air-----Table 3(2) Page 32 (AS3008)

2 Single core cable ----- Row 1      Table 4 ( for 75 Deg C),--Col 15 to17-  
Table 5 (for 90 Deg C)----Col 15 to17  
--Page 36  
Table 6 (for 110 Deg C)—Col 11/12

Derating factor is 1.



From table 4 (Page 36) Col 15----- 32A--- 4 sqmm

Enclosed copper--- Table 41 (Page 104)----- 4 sqmm---9.71 mv/A-m.

It is 3 Phase Vc

For Single phase  $V_c = 3 \text{ Ph } V_c / 0.866 = 9.71 / 0.866 = 11.2 \text{ mv/A-m}$

$$V_d = \frac{V_c \times L \times I}{1000} = \frac{11.2 \times 56 \times 32}{1000} = 20.09 \text{ V}$$

$$5 \% \text{ of } 240 \text{ V} = 5 \times 240 / 100 = 12 \text{ V}$$

From table 4 (Page 36) Col 15----- 32A--- 4 sqmm

Enclosed copper--- Table 41 (Page 104)----- 4 sqmm---9.71 mv/A-m

It is 3 Phase Vc

For Single phase  $V_c = 3 \text{ Ph } V_c / 0.866 = 9.71 / 0.866 = 11.2 \text{ mv/A-m}$

$V_c \times L \times I$

$11.2 \times 56 \times 32$

$$V_d = \frac{\quad}{1000} = \frac{\quad}{1000} = 20,09V$$

$$5 \% \text{ of } 240V = 5 \times 240 / 100 = 12V$$

Select bigger size----6 sq-mm , From table 41 select 6.49mV/A-m

For Single phase  $V_c = 3 \text{ Ph } V_c / 0.866 = 6.49 / 0.866 = 7.49 \text{ mV/A-m}$

$$V_d = \frac{V_c \times L_x \times I}{1000} = \frac{7.49 \times 56 \times 32}{1000} = 13.49 \text{ V}$$

$V_d$  is greater than 5 % of 240V , unacceptable.

Select bigger size----10 sq-mm , From table 41  
select 3.86mv/A-m

For Single phase  $V_c = 3 \text{ Ph } V_c / 0.866$   
 $= 3.86 / 0.866 = 4.45 \text{ mV/A-m}$

$$V_d = \frac{V_c \times L \times I}{1000} = \frac{7.49 \times 56 \times 32}{1000} = 7.98 \text{ V}$$

It is less than 5 % of 240V , acceptable.



Detailed calculation,

Please see on white board