



## News Release

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### Cooper B-Line's New 'FA' Fiberglass Cable Tray Receives American Bureau of Shipping Approval

*New tray offers a practical choice for harsh marine environments.*

**HIGHLAND, IL, August 27, 2010** – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, has received approval from the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) for its new "FA" fiberglass cable tray—an important requirement for shipbuilders, and oil, gas and energy companies in coastal environments.

Specifically, Cooper B-Line's "FA" fiberglass tray now meets the standards of the ABS Building and Classing Steel Vessels 4-8-4A1/9.1. The stringent ABS approval process—which is required by electrical specifying engineers—involves four types of testing, including impact testing, electrical resistance and continuity testing, mechanical and load testing, and a smoke and toxicity flame test.

"As one of only a handful of companies with an ABS-approved fiberglass tray, Cooper B-Line has solidified its leadership position in the cable tray sector," said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. "Major engineering procurement companies will benefit from this increase in fiberglass tray options for harsh marine environments."

All Cooper B-Line fiberglass cable trays feature special construction, and are coated with a surface veil to ensure a resin-rich surface and ultraviolet resistance. "FA" trays also feature rungs that are both mechanically fastened and adhesively bonded to the side rails, and are capable of supporting a 200 lb. concentrated load. The new tray is ideally suited for mass transit and marine applications.

Cooper B-Line previously offered two separate fiberglass trays—one low smoke/zero halogen tray and another electrically continuous tray. The "FA" tray now encompasses both features, and is comprised of a fire-retardant material that dissipates static charges.

A full range of splices, fittings, covers and accessories are also available.

With more than 30 years of experience manufacturing cable tray systems, Cooper B-Line has grown to become the industry leader by offering unmatched quality in both service and products. For more information, please visit [www.cooperbline.com/products/cabletray/ABS](http://www.cooperbline.com/products/cabletray/ABS) or contact a Cooper B-Line sales representative or sales engineer at 800-851-7415 x366.

### **About Cooper B-Line**

Cooper B-Line, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), is a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications. Cooper B-Line's products are used in a variety of settings for the commercial, industrial, utility and OEM markets. For more information, visit [www.cooperbline.com](http://www.cooperbline.com).

### **About Cooper Industries**

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