Cable Tray Parameters and Schematic Diagram

Overview

Cable trays simplify the wiring system design process and reduces the number of details. Cable tray wiring systems are well suited for computer aided design drawings.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays are engineered systems for supporting and routing electrical and data cables, available in various types, materials, and configurations with detailed specifications and diagrams for installation.

Types of Cable Trays

Ladder Tray: Features two longitudinal side rails with transverse rungs, ideal for heavy cable loads and long runs, providing mechanical support and strain relief. Rung spacing typically ranges from 6 to 12 inches, with radius fittings often spaced 9 inches at the center of the tray width. Ventilated Tray: Has a perforated or slotted bottom to allow airflow, reducing heat buildup for power and data cables.

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Bottom Tray: Provides full support and protection, suitable for sensitive instrumentation or areas requiring minimal electromagnetic interference. Wire Mesh Tray: Lightweight, welded steel wire construction, used for light cabling and flexible routing. Channel Tray: Aesthetic applications with short runs to devices, available in ventilated or solid-bottom designs.

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Materials and Finishes

Steel: Galvanized, pre-galvanized, or stainless steel (AISI 316L) for corrosion resistance. Aluminum: Lightweight, corrosion-resistant, suitable for indoor and outdoor applications. Nonmetallic: Fiberglass or PVC for chemical resistance and non-conductive requirements.

Key Specifications

Load Class: Defines the tray's load-carrying capacity for a given support span. Rung Width: Minimum cable-bearing surface is typically 7/8 inch with radius edges. Splice Connections: Bolted type using high-strength steel splice plates; UL-classified connections can serve as equipment grounding.

Cable Tray Depth: Varies according to cable volume and type, typically 3–6 inches for light duty and up to 12 inches for heavy duty. Bend Radius: Maintain minimum bend radius to prevent cable damage, especially for fiber optic and instrumentation cables.

Installation Considerations

Mounting options include floors, walls, ceilings, and equipment racks. Use J-bolt kits or manufacturer-recommended hardware for secure attachment. Ensure proper grounding and bonding according to NFPA 70 and local codes.

Maintain spacing between supports to optimize structural integrity and reduce material costs.

Diagrams and Design Resources

Manufacturers provide CAD, BIM, and PDMS files for straight sections, fittings, and accessories. Eaton's B-Line series and Hubbell NEXTFRAME® offer modular systems with detailed diagrams for ladder and ventilated trays.

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B technical guides include load tables, material specifications, and recommended layouts for various cable types.

References for Further Design

Hubbell NEXTFRAME® Ladder Tray Guide: Detailed specifications and installation tips. Eaton 26 05 36 Cable Tray Guide: Metal and nonmetallic tray specifications, splice assemblies, and rung spacing. Legrand Cable Tray Technical Guide: Safety, standards, and electrical performance considerations.

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B Cable Tray Technical Guide: Material selection, corrosion protection, and bend radius recommendations. These resources provide comprehensive diagrams, load tables, and installation instructions to ensure proper design, compliance, and safe cable management in industrial, commercial, and data center applications.

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