Cable tray support fabrication and installation techniques



Overview

A Guide to Installing and Supporting Electrical Cable TraysThis guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and perform.

Key Takeaways

Proper cable tray support installation ensures safe, reliable, and code-compliant routing of electrical cables, using strategically spaced supports, appropriate materials, and standardized fabrication techniques.

Cable Tray Support Principles

Cable trays are rigid structural raceways designed to support and route electrical cables over long distances. Supports must be strategically positioned to maintain structural integrity and prevent sagging. Typically, supports are placed at the quarter points of spans between connectors, avoiding the center of spans or directly under connectors, to reduce stress on joints and maintain alignment.

For elbows, bends, and T-pieces, additional supports are required to handle directional changes and mechanical loads.

Support Spacing and Load Considerations

Horizontal spans: Standard support spacing depends on tray type (ladder, ventilated, or solid-bottom) and load. Ladder trays often allow spans of 3–4 meters (10–13 ft) for standard loads, while solid trays may require closer spacing. Vertical runs: Supports should be installed at intervals that prevent tray deflection and maintain cable integrity.

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Outdoor and long runs: Expansion connectors are required at building expansion joints and at intervals of approximately 30 meters (100 ft) to accommodate thermal expansion.

Fabrication and Material Selection

Cable trays are typically fabricated from steel, stainless steel, or aluminum, with galvanization or powder coating for corrosion protection. Fabrication involves cutting, bending, and welding tray sections to form straight runs, elbows, T-pieces, and crossovers. Mesh trays are welded wire systems suitable for light instrumentation cables, while ladder trays provide excellent ventilation for heat dissipation.

Installation Techniques

Mounting: Trays are fastened to supports using brackets or guides that allow longitudinal movement to accommodate expansion and contraction. Bonding and grounding: All trays must be bonded together with jumpers, and grounded at least every 15 meters (50 ft) and at both ends to maintain electrical continuity. Conduit drop-outs should also be bonded to the tray using compression lugs or grounding bushings.

Cable placement: Cables should be installed neatly, following contract drawings, with proper spacing to prevent overheating and mechanical damage. Minimum bend radii must be maintained at tray exits. Fittings: Horizontal and vertical bends, reductions, and end closures are used to route cables efficiently while maintaining structural integrity.

Safety and Compliance

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C Article 392, NEMA VE 2, and manufacturer instructions for installation. Ensure that trays are not used as walkways or ladders, as they are designed solely for cable support. Use components designed and tested as a system to ensure safety and reliability.

Summary

Effective cable tray support installation combines strategic support placement, proper material selection, precise fabrication, and adherence to electrical codes. By following these guidelines, electrical systems achieve mechanical stability, thermal management, and long-term safety, while facilitating future maintenance and upgrades.

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The installation work will start by marking the routing & location of support against cable tray. Ensure that work area is ready and safe in co-ordination with safety, mechanical & civil

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