Cable tray suspension standards



Overview

Four different mesh cable tray types are available, depending on the requirements, area of application and cable quantity.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray suspension must comply with IEC 61537, NEMA VE-1/VE-2, and BS EN 61537 standards, ensuring proper support spacing, load capacity, material selection, and safety. Key Standards and GuidelinesIEC 61537 is the international standard for metal cable tray systems, covering construction, mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, electrical continuity, fire resistance, and installation compatibility.

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N 61537 provides similar guidance for European installations, while NEMA VE-1 and VE-2 define support locations and installation practices for North American applications. Compliance ensures safety, durability, and performance across industrial, commercial, and utility environments.

Support Spacing and Load Considerations

Support intervals: For straight sections, the recommended support spacing is typically 1/4 of the tray span to minimize deflection and stress at splice points. Load capacity: Cable trays must withstand the weight of installed cables, environmental loads, and any additional mechanical forces, including short-circuit forces in power systems. Load testing is often required to validate tray strength.

Fittings and bends: Supports should be placed near bends, T-pieces, crossovers, and reductions to maintain structural integrity and prevent sagging.

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Material and Corrosion Protection

Cable trays are usually made of steel, stainless steel, or aluminum, with galvanization or other coatings to resist corrosion in harsh environments. Material selection should consider ambient conditions, chemical exposure, and temperature variations.

Installation Best Practices

Use system components designed and tested together to ensure safe and reliable support. Avoid using cable trays as walkways or ladders, as they are intended solely for cable support. Ensure proper ventilation and fill ratio to prevent overheating of cables.

Maintain electrical continuity if trays are used as grounding paths, following standard testing procedures.

Summary

Proper cable tray suspension requires adherence to recognized standards (IEC 61537, BS EN 61537, NEMA VE-1/VE-2), correct support spacing, load capacity verification, corrosion-resistant materials, and careful installation practices. Following these requirements ensures structural integrity, safety, and long-term reliability of cable management systems in industrial and commercial installations.

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Where necessary, cable tray systems and cable ladder systems can be used for the arrangement of cables into groups. This document does not apply to conduit systems, cable trunking systems and

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