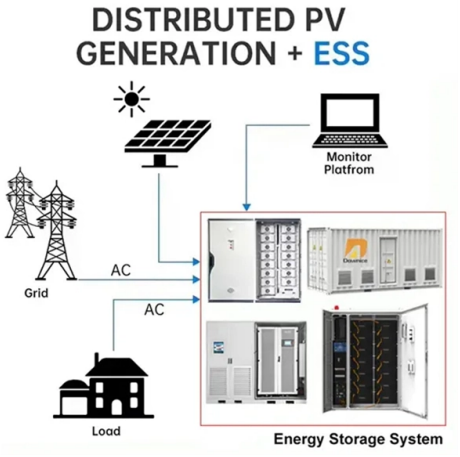
Installation of Extra-Large Cable Trays



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

Extra-long cable trays require careful planning, proper support spacing, and secure mounting to ensure safety, compliance, and mechanical integrity.

Planning and Tray Selection

Before installation, plan the tray route based on site layout, clearance requirements, and load capacity. Choose the appropriate tray type—ladder, perforated, or solid-bottom—depending on cable type, airflow needs, and environmental conditions. Ladder trays are preferred for long runs as they allow easy cable entry and ventilation, reducing overheating risks.

Ensure the tray material (aluminum, steel, or FRP) suits the environment and load requirements.

Support Methods and Spacing

For extra-long spans, support spacing is critical. Use manufacturer load charts to determine maximum span distances. Common support methods include: Trapeze or swing supports: Ideal for ceiling suspensions, allowing vertical adjustment and leveling.

Cantilever wall brackets: Suitable for wall-mounted runs. Center-hung supports: Facilitate easier cable installation from both sides. Maximum support spacing typically ranges from 1.

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5 to 3. 6 meters, depending on tray type and cable weight. Ensure all supports are level and capable of handling the total anticipated load.

Installation Steps

Install supports first: Secure trapeze hangers or brackets with threaded rods, washers, and cross members, ensuring proper alignment and level positioning. Assemble tray sections: Connect tray segments using manufacturer-approved fittings and connectors, maintaining straight and level alignment. Lay cables carefully: Use cable tray rollers for long runs to prevent kinks and damage.

Organize cables by voltage and function, leaving slack for expansion or future adjustments. Bonding and grounding: For metallic trays, ensure proper electrical continuity using bonding jumpers across sections. Grounding is essential for safety and code compliance.

Labeling and documentation: Clearly label cables and maintain a wiring map for troubleshooting and future maintenance.

Compliance and Safety

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C Article 392 for cable types, fill limits (40% for power cables, 50% for control cables), separation requirements, and prohibited areas. Avoid overfilling trays to prevent overheating and mechanical stress. Ensure vertical clearance of at least 12 inches for maintenance access.

Practical Tips for Extra-

Long Runs

Use intermediate supports to prevent sagging and maintain mechanical integrity. Consider modular tray sections for easier handling and installation. Verify load capacity at each support point, especially when handling heavy cable bundles.

Plan for future expansion by leaving extra space in the tray. By following these guidelines, extra-long cable tray installations can be safe, code-compliant, and maintainable over time.

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