Cable Tray Hanger Installation Requirements

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

Cable trays must be supported at regular intervals with properly rated hangers to ensure safe load distribution, prevent sagging, and comply with standards such as BS EN 61537.

Support Spacing and Load Capacity

Cable trays should be supported at intervals that prevent excessive deflection and maintain structural integrity. For ladder-type trays, maximum support spacing is typically 3. 6 meters (12 feet), with each hanger rated for a load of 318–340 kg (700–750 lbs).

Solid or ventilated trays may require closer spacing depending on the tray material, width, and cable load. Always consult manufacturer specifications for exact load ratings and spacing. Hanger Types and InstallationCenter-hung supports allow cables to be deposited from both sides, facilitating easier installation.

Wall-mounted or ceiling-mounted brackets are used where center-hung support is not feasible. Hangers must be securely fastened to structural elements capable of supporting the combined weight of the tray and cables. Avoid using trays as walkways or lifting points, as this can damage the system and compromise safety.

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Material and Environmental Considerations

Cable trays are typically made of steel, stainless steel, or aluminum, with galvanization or coatings to resist corrosion. Environmental factors such as humidity, temperature, and chemical exposure should guide material selection. Aluminum trays offer excellent corrosion resistance due to a natural oxide layer, making them suitable for outdoor or industrial environments.

Installation Best Practices

Ensure trays are installed level and aligned to prevent cable stress. Maintain minimum bend radii for cables at tray exits to avoid damage. Use system components designed and tested together to ensure safety and compliance.

Stack and store trays properly before installation to prevent deformation or corrosion.

Compliance and Standards

Cable tray systems should comply with BS EN 61537 for trays and ladders, and BS 6946 for channel support systems. Installation should be performed by competent personnel familiar with electrical installation practices and safety requirements.

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E marking or equivalent certification ensures compliance with relevant European or national standards. By following these guidelines, cable tray installations will maintain structural integrity, support cable loads safely, and comply with industry standards.

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INSTALLATION GUIDE

Center hung tray supports allow for quicker and easier cable installation by allowing cables to be deposited into tray systems from each side. There is a maximum load capacity per hanger of 318 kg

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To install the cable tray supports, first find the required elevation from the floor to the bottom of the cable tray and establish a level line with a laser or a nylon string.

Cable tray manual

Some of these criteria include the required load that the cable tray must support, the distance between the cable tray supports, and ease of handling and installation.

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