How to fix cable trays during manufacturing

Overview

When a load is more than the structural capacity of a cable tray, it bends between supports. Safety questions and cable damage can follow from this.

Key Takeaways

Fixing cable trays effectively requires proper support, material selection, alignment, and preventive maintenance to ensure structural integrity and safe cable management.

Inspect and Identify Issues

Start by inspecting the cable trays for common problems such as sagging, loose bolts, corrosion, misalignment, or cracks. Sagging often occurs when trays carry loads beyond their design capacity or when support intervals are too wide. Loose fasteners can compromise stability, while corrosion weakens the tray structure, especially in humid or chemical environments.

Cracks or damaged sections must be replaced immediately to prevent further damage.

Correct Support and Fixing

Adjust support spacing: Standard practice is to support trays every 2. 5 to 3 meters, but high-load areas may require closer spacing, such as 2 meters. Use appropriate brackets and hangers: Ensure supports are compatible with the tray type and load.

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Ladder-type trays distribute weight evenly, while solid-bottom trays may need additional reinforcement. Tighten fasteners: Use lock washers or locking nuts to prevent loosening over time.

Material Selection

Choose materials suitable for the manufacturing environment: Stainless steel or galvanized trays for corrosive or high-humidity areasFRP (Fiber Reinforced Plastic) for chemical exposurePVC or aluminum for indoor or light-duty applications. Apply protective coatings in high-exposure zones to extend tray life.

Organize and Secure Cables

Use internal collars, dividers, and cable ties to prevent tangling and uneven weight distribution. Ensure proper segregation of high-current power cables from sensitive control or communication lines to avoid overheating.

Preventive Maintenance

Conduct regular inspections to detect early signs of sagging, corrosion, or misalignment. Maintain documentation of tray layouts, load capacities, and modifications. Train personnel on installation best practices and safety standards.

Upgrade trays to heavy-duty versions if load requirements increase beyond medium-duty capacity.

Environmental Considerations

Keep trays at safe distances from heat sources, chemical exposure, or high-vibration areas. Plan routing based on the actual manufacturing layout, not just design drawings, to prevent long-term stress and maintenance issues. By following these steps—inspection, proper support, material selection, cable organization, and preventive maintenance—you can ensure cable trays remain stable, safe, and efficient throughout the manufacturing process.

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