Methods for fixing cable trays and integrated supports



Overview

I support systems for cable support structures are used to bridge large loads and support spacings and to cre-ate complex section routes.

Key Takeaways

Properly fixing cable trays and supports involves inspecting for sagging or misalignment, ensuring correct support spacing, using appropriate brackets and accessories, and adhering to manufacturer and code specifications.

Inspect and Identify Issues

Begin by inspecting the cable tray system for common problems such as sagging, misalignment, loose supports, or joint failures. Check for excessive bending caused by overloaded trays or improperly spaced supports, and ensure all tray sections are correctly aligned and securely joined. Look for vibrations or shifting that could damage cables, and verify that all brackets, hangers, and supports are tight and in good condition.

Correct Support Spacing

Support spacing is critical to prevent sagging. Standard intervals are typically 1. 5 to 2 meters (5–6.

5 feet), but always follow the manufacturer's load tables for your specific tray type and cable load. For heavy-duty or densely packed trays, reduce the spacing to provide additional support. Use center suspensions, wall brackets, or ceiling-mounted supports as needed to maintain stability.

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Use Appropriate Accessories

Select tray accessories that match the environment and load requirements. For corrosive or chemical environments, use stainless steel, galvanized steel, or FRP trays. For indoor or light-duty applications, PVC or aluminum trays may suffice.

Accessories such as couplers, splice plates, internal collars, and locking brackets help maintain alignment and allow for modular adjustments. Ensure all accessories are UL, NEMA, or IEC compliant for safety and code compliance.

Realign and Secure Trays

If trays are misaligned, loosen the mounting hardware, adjust the tray sections, and retighten securely. For sagging trays, add additional supports or replace undersized brackets. Ensure that bends, tees, and risers are properly supported and that the tray maintains a continuous, level path.

Use a level or laser line to verify alignment along the entire run.

Maintain and Monitor

After fixing, regularly inspect the system for wear, corrosion, or loosening of supports. Ensure that cable fill ratios do not exceed recommended limits (usually 50%) to prevent overloading and overheating. Keep the system organized with separators or cable organizers to reduce strain on cables and prolong their lifespan.

By following these steps—inspection, correct support spacing, proper accessories, realignment, and ongoing maintenance—you can ensure that cable trays and supports remain safe, stable, and compliant with electrical standards.

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Installation of Cable Tray, Trunking And Accessories

2. Purpose This method statement for the Installation of Cable Tray, Trunking, and Accessories shows and explains the procedure must be followed to install the cable tray and

Support methods

The tray is then attached to the bracket using either a bracket clamp (see page C35) in the case of the “L” bracket or integrated bend-down tabs for the TabLok bracket.

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