On-site cable tray fabrication and installation



Overview

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Key Takeaways

On-site cable tray fabrication and installation involve careful planning, material preparation, support fabrication, assembly, and compliance with safety and engineering standards.

Planning and Material Preparation

Before starting on-site work, review the approved shop drawings to understand the layout, lengths, and locations of cable trays and ladders in the building. Inspect all received materials, including cable trays, ladders, fittings, and accessories, for damage or discrepancies, and remove unsuitable items from the site. Store trays horizontally on flat surfaces with timber supports at one-meter intervals, protecting them from moisture and sunlight.

Ensure all tools and equipment comply with contract requirements. Fabrication of Support StructuresOn-site fabrication typically involves mild steel (MS) support structures for galvanized iron (GI) cable trays. Wall-mounted supports are fabricated using MS angles (e.g., 50 x 50 mm, 6 mm thick) at intervals of approximately one meter.



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For longer spans, bridge supports can be fabricated using MS C-channels (e.g., 150 x 75 mm, 5. 7 mm thick) welded to existing structures. All welded areas should be primed with red oxide and finished with enamel paint for corrosion protection.

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I perforated cable trays (e.g., 300 x 50 mm, 1. 6 mm thick) on the fabricated supports using high-tensile bolts, washers, and nuts. Typically, eight M8 hardware sets are used to join two trays with coupler plates.

Bends and other route-specific modifications should be fabricated on-site as required. Ensure isolation at each support using insulating sheets (e.g., G-10, 10 mm thick) to prevent electrical contact with the metal structure.

Material Selection and Corrosion Protection

Cable trays can be made from galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum, or pultruded composites, depending on environmental conditions. Galvanized steel provides sacrificial protection against corrosion, while stainless steel (e.g., AISI 316L) offers high resistance to chlorides and harsh environments. Aluminum trays are lightweight and corrosion-resistant due to a natural oxide layer.

Best Practices and Safety

Ensure all installation work is performed by competent personnel familiar with electrical installation standards. Cable trays are supports for cables, not walkways or ladders, to prevent personal injury and system damage. Maintain proper alignment, support spacing, and load capacity according to design specifications.

Consider thermal expansion, contraction, and mechanical stresses during installation.

Summary

Successful on-site cable tray fabrication and installation require careful planning, precise fabrication of supports, proper material handling, secure assembly, and adherence to safety and engineering standards. Following these steps ensures reliable cable management for power, control, and communication systems in industrial and commercial facilities.

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