Cable tray load fixing points



Overview

Guide to cable support systems The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves – here.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray fixing points must be strategically placed to support the tray's weight, cable load, and environmental forces, following manufacturer guidelines and standards like BS EN 61537.

Key Principles for Fixing Points

Support Spacing: Cable trays should be supported at intervals that correspond to their load class and material. The distance between fixing points depends on the tray type (ladder, solid-bottom, or mesh), the total weight of cables, and any additional imposed loads such as equipment, wind, or ice. Typical spans for ladder trays range from 1.

5 m to 3 m, but always follow manufacturer specifications. Types of Fixing Points: Cable trays can be mounted using: Wall brackets for horizontal runs along wallsCeiling or suspended supports for overhead installationsFloor-mounted supports for low-level routingCenter supports for long spans to prevent sagging Load Considerations: The fixing points must accommodate: Tray self-weightCable weight (bundled and balanced at the center)Environmental loads (wind, ice, snow)Short-circuit forces in power installations Installation Guidelines: Use system components designed and tested together to ensure safety and mechanical integrity.

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Ensure even load distribution across supports to prevent bending or deformation. For long runs, intermediate supports may be required to maintain tray alignment and prevent excessive deflection. Mounting elements such as plates, clamps, or J-bolts should be used according to the tray manufacturer's instructions.

Standards Compliance: Follow BS EN 61537 for cable tray systems and BS 6946 for channel support systems to ensure proper load handling and safety. These standards define the mechanical requirements, including safe working loads and test loads for continuous slip and structural integrity.

Practical Tips

Always check the tray's load rating (Load Class) and adjust support spacing accordingly. Avoid using trays as walkways or for supporting personnel, as this can compromise safety and tray integrity. Consider thermal expansion and contraction when planning fixing points for long runs.

Use corrosion-resistant materials or coatings for outdoor or harsh environments. By carefully planning fixing points according to load, span, and environmental conditions, cable trays can safely support cables and equipment while maintaining compliance with industry standards.

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