Methods for creating cable tray suspension holes



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 tray suspension holes can be created using pre-punched designs, field drilling, or specialized mounting kits to ensure secure and code-compliant installation.

Pre-

Punched Holes

Many cable trays, especially ladder and ventilated types, come with pre-punched holes along the side rails or rungs. These holes allow for easy attachment of suspension rods, brackets, or accessories without additional drilling, reducing installation time and maintaining structural integrity. Pre-punched holes are typically sized to accommodate standard fasteners and are spaced according to manufacturer recommendations.

Field Drilling

For solid bottom trays or custom installations, field drilling is often required. Recommended practices include: Hole size: Commonly 5/16” to 3/8” for suspension bolts or spring nuts. Placement: Drill holes at least 1” from the tray edge to prevent weakening the tray structure.

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Spacing: Follow manufacturer or NEC guidelines for support spans, typically every 4–6 feet for ceiling suspensions. Tools: Use a drill with appropriate metal bits, ensuring clean edges to avoid burrs that could damage cables.

Suspension Kits and Brackets

Modern suspension systems, such as wire or bracket-based kits, allow tool-free or minimal-drill installation. These kits often include: Adjustable wire drops or rigid bracketsPre-engineered mounting points compatible with standard tray holesTemplates for marking and drilling additional holes if needed Best PracticesAvoid cutting structural members; attach trays to existing beams or supports. Deburr drilled holes to prevent cable insulation damage.

Consider environmental factors: For outdoor or humid locations, include weep holes in solid bottom trays to prevent water accumulation.

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C Article 392 and NEMA VE 1 standards for spacing, load capacity, and material compliance. By combining pre-punched holes, careful field drilling, and suspension kits, installers can achieve a secure, efficient, and code-compliant cable tray suspension system.

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