Spacing between cable tray mounting brackets and hangers



Overview

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Key Takeaways

The typical spacing for cable tray hangers is up to 1. 5 meters for horizontal runs and less than 2 meters for vertical runs, with additional supports at corners, ends, and long spans.

Horizontal Cable Tray Runs

For straight horizontal sections, hangers or mounting brackets should generally be spaced no more than 1. 5 meters apart to prevent sagging and maintain structural integrity. Additional fixed supports are recommended at the start and end of the tray, at corners, T-junctions, and for spans exceeding 30 meters to distribute the weight of cables evenly and prevent stress on the tray ( ).

Cables within the tray should be secured at the start, end, and at every 3–5 meters along straight sections to maintain order and prevent movement ( ).

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Vertical Cable Tray Runs

For vertical installations, supports should be fixed to the building structure at intervals preferably less than 2 meters. This ensures stability and prevents cables from shifting or becoming stressed due to gravity ( ). Cables should be secured at the top and every 1.

5 meters along the vertical run ( ). Corners, Bends, and JunctionsAt corners or bends, it is recommended to install one hanger on each side, arranged symmetrically, to maintain tray stability and prevent stress on the cables ( ). This is particularly important for heavy cable loads or when using rigid tray materials.

Factors Affecting Spacing

The exact spacing may vary depending on: Tray type and material (steel, stainless steel, or mesh trays)Cable weight and type (power, signal, or mixed)Environmental conditions (temperature, vibration, or exposure to chemicals)Deflection limits (typically a 2% sag is acceptable for flexible systems) ( ).

Summary Recommendations

Horizontal runs: Hangers every 1. 5 meters; additional supports at ends, corners, and long spans. Vertical runs: Supports less than 2 meters apart; cables secured every 1.

5 meters. Corners/bends: Symmetrical hangers on each side. Parallel trays: Maintain at least 0.

6 meters between trays for maintenance and airflow; power and signal trays should be separated by at least 0. 5 meters unless shielded ( ). Following these spacing guidelines ensures structural stability, safety, proper cable management, and compliance with installation standards.

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The length between support positions will change depending on the cable design, size, materials and weight. For example, an MDPE sheathed cable will be stiffer and therefore require a greater distance

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Prior to installing cable in the cable tray, examine cable paths to ensure all areas are free of debris that may interfere with the cable''s installation. The cable tray should never be used as a walkway.

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