# Steel structure cable tray installation



## Overview

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## Key Takeaways

Steel support structures provide the mechanical backbone for safe and code-compliant cable tray installations in industrial and commercial settings.

### Overview of Steel Support Structures

Steel structures for cable trays are designed to support the weight of cables and trays, maintain proper alignment, and ensure long-term durability. Common materials include mild steel (MS) and stainless steel, often galvanized or coated to resist corrosion in various environments. The support system must comply with NEC Article 392 and relevant standards such as NEMA VE 1 for load-bearing capacity and material quality.

Types of Steel SupportsWall-Mounted Brackets: MS angles or channels are fastened directly to walls to support horizontal or vertical tray runs. Typical dimensions for MS angles are 50 x 50 mm with 6 mm thickness, installed at intervals of 1 meter for stability. Trapeze Hangers: Suspended from ceilings, these consist of two parallel steel rods or channels supporting the tray from above.

Ideal for long horizontal runs where wall mounting is not feasible. Cantilever Supports: Steel arms welded or bolted to existing structures, supporting trays that extend outward from walls or columns. Bridge Structures: For long spans, steel 'C' channels (e.g., 150 x 75 mm, 5.

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7 mm thick) combined with MS angles can form bridges to support cable trays over obstacles or gaps.

## Fabrication and Installation

Fabrication: Steel supports are cut, drilled, and welded according to approved shop drawings. Wall-mounted supports are typically fastened with high-strength bolts (e.g., M8 or 75 mm Hilti bolts) to ensure secure attachment. Installation: Supports are installed at calculated intervals based on tray load and manufacturer's span charts.

Trays are then mounted using high-tensile bolts, washers, and coupler plates to join sections securely. Alignment and Leveling: Proper leveling ensures smooth cable routing and prevents sagging. Supports must accommodate bends, T-joints, and vertical transitions without compromising structural integrity.

## Material Considerations

Mild Steel (MS): Economical and strong, suitable for most indoor applications. Requires galvanization or painting for corrosion protection. Stainless Steel (AISI 316L): Ideal for corrosive or high-moisture environments.

Chromium and molybdenum content enhances corrosion resistance and durability.

## Aluminum or FR

P: Lightweight alternatives for specific environments, offering corrosion resistance and ease of handling.

## Compliance and Safety

Ensure support spans do not exceed manufacturer recommendations to prevent tray deformation or cable damage. Avoid overfilling trays, which can lead to overheating and code violations. All supports and trays should be bonded and grounded according to NEC requirements to maintain electrical safety.

## Summary

A well-designed steel support structure ensures mechanical stability, proper cable management, and compliance with electrical codes. Selection of support type, material, and installation method should consider load, environment, and future maintenance needs, providing a safe and durable cable tray system for industrial or commercial installations.

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