Cable tray load ratio



Overview

Cable Tray Raceway Fill and Load CalculationsOnce the load/foot has been determined, the weight on each cable tray support can be determined by multiplying.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray load rating defines the maximum weight a tray can safely support over a specified span, based on cable type, tray material, and support spacing.

Understanding Cable Tray Load Ratings

Cable tray load rating is the maximum weight per unit length that a cable tray can safely carry without excessive deflection or structural failure. This rating depends on several factors: Tray type and material: Ladder, ventilated, or solid-bottom trays made from steel, aluminum, or fiberglass have different load capacities. Tray width and rung spacing: Wider trays or those with closer rungs can support heavier loads.

For example, Eaton's B-Line series uses stronger rungs for 42- and 48-inch trays, and rung spacing affects cable support and bending radii. Support span: The distance between tray supports directly affects load capacity. Longer spans reduce the maximum allowable load.

Cable type and fill: Heavier cables, such as large power or armored cables, increase the load. Fully packed trays carry more weight than partially filled ones. Environmental factors: Outdoor trays may experience additional loads from snow, ice, wind, or seismic activity.

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NEMA Load Classes

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) defines load classes for cable trays, historically using a combination of span and weight designation. For example, a “20C” tray can support 100 lbs/ft when supported every 20 feet.

Modern NEMA V

E 1 standards require trays to be marked with the exact rated load for a specific span, allowing designers to match tray selection to installation requirements.

Practical Load Considerations

When calculating cable tray loads: Sum the weight of all cables: Include copper or aluminum conductors, armored cables, and data cables. Account for temporary loads: Maintenance personnel, tools, or equipment placed on the tray must be considered. Include environmental loads: Snow, ice, and wind can add significant weight to outdoor trays.

Check manufacturer specifications: Always verify the tray's rated load and recommended support spacing before installation.

Summary

Cable tray load rating ensures safe and reliable support for electrical and communication cables. Proper selection involves considering tray type, material, width, rung spacing, support span, cable weight, and environmental factors.

Following NEM

A standards and manufacturer guidelines helps prevent structural failure, cable damage, and safety hazards in industrial and commercial installations.

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The cable tray calculator determines the required tray width and type based on the number and size of cables to be installed, ensuring adequate fill levels and derating compliance.

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Flextray load and fill recommendations

Cables will nearly completely fill the cable tray when reaching the 50% cable fill, due to empty space between the surface of the cables. TIA recommends 40% fill ratio.

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