Maximum Bending Angle Regulations for Cable Trays



Overview

GUIDE CABLE TRAYS TECHNICAL Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays must follow minimum bending radius requirements rather than a fixed maximum bending angle, ensuring cables are not stressed or damaged during installation.

Key Guidelines

Bending and Radius Considerations: Cable trays are designed to support cables without causing mechanical strain. The maximum bending angle is indirectly governed by the minimum bending radius of the cables being installed. At points where the cable changes direction—such as from horizontal to vertical or vice versa—the internal radius of the bend must not be less than the cable's minimum bending radius.

Supports should be installed on either side of the bend to prevent undue stress on the cable and terminations (Prysmian UK). Strain Relief for Vertical Runs: For long vertical runs, strain relief sections are required to prevent excessive tension. Typically, a short horizontal offset of at least 1 meter is included in vertical runs exceeding 32 meters, and additional measures are needed for runs over 100 meters.

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This ensures the cable is not subjected to continuous vertical tension without relief (Prysmian UK). Standards Compliance: IEC 61537 and BS EN 61537 provide the framework for cable tray systems, including mechanical performance, load capacity, and installation practices. These standards emphasize that trays must support cables without excessive sagging or mechanical stress, indirectly controlling bending angles (IEC Standard Guide).

Manufacturer-specific guides, such as those from Legrand and OBO CMS, recommend following the cable's minimum bending radius and using compatible system components to maintain safety and compliance (Legrand Technical Guide, OBO CMS Guide). Practical Installation Tips: Avoid sharp bends; gradual curves are preferred. Use cable tray fittings like elbows or radius bends designed for the specific tray type.

Ensure that flexible systems, such as J-hanger installations, account for cable stiffness and deflection, typically using a 2% initial offset to prevent stress (Prysmian UK). Only one fixing should be offset from the main vertical run for strain relief, and additional supports may be required for heavier or stiffer cables. Summary: There is no universal "maximum bending angle" for cable trays; instead, installation must respect the minimum bending radius of the cable, provide adequate support at bends, and include strain relief for long vertical runs.

Compliance with IEC 61537, BS EN 61537, and manufacturer guidelines ensures safe, reliable, and code-compliant cable tray installations.

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