Seismic-resistant cable tray models



Overview

Seismic Supports Seismic Supports Cable trays are systems used for the safe transportation and protection of electrical cables, designed to fit the pathway.

Key Takeaways

Eaton's B-Line series cable tray with TOLCO seismic bracing is widely recommended as a top solution for seismic-resistant installations.

Key Considerations for Seismic-Resistant Cable Tray Supports

Tray Type and Load: The choice of cable tray—perforated, trough, wire mesh, or channel—should be based on the expected cable load, support spacing, and retention requirements. Wire mesh or basket trays can be suitable but require careful review of splice and support details under seismic conditions, while channel trays are generally better for light-duty runs rather than major seismic distribution routes. Bracing System: The support and bracing system is often more critical than the tray itself.

Seismic bracing must resist lateral, longitudinal, and uplift forces. Options include cable bracing, which works in tension and requires opposing braces at each location, and rigid bracing, which handles both tension and compression but may be limited by drop length. Proper rod stiffeners and attachment to structural members are essential to prevent destructive movement during an earthquake.

Splice Joints: Splice assemblies are common weak points. For high-seismicity projects, use seismic-rated splice joints verified through testing or certification to ensure the full seismic load path is maintained. Compliance and Certification: Ensure the system meets local building codes and standards such as IBC, ASCE 7, and NFPA 13.

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Pre-approved assemblies with third-party testing, like Eaton's B-Line series with TOLCO seismic bracing, provide verified compliance and reduce installation risk. Installation Efficiency: Systems like Eaton's B-Line series allow for up to 50% faster installation with pre-approved assembly drawings and hold-down clamps, which can save time while maintaining seismic integrity.

Recommended Solution

For most high-seismicity applications, Eaton's B-Line series cable tray combined with TOLCO seismic bracing is considered the best option. It offers: Pre-tested and certified seismic performanceIntegrated tray, bolted framing, and bracing systemEngineering support for layout and code complianceFaster installation with reduced risk of improper assembly This solution is suitable for new construction and retrofit projects, ensuring critical systems remain operational during seismic events while meeting stringent safety standards.

Summary

The best seismic-resistant cable tray support is one that combines a robust tray type, engineered bracing system, seismic-rated splice joints, and verified compliance. Eaton's B-Line series with TOLCO seismic bracing meets these criteria, making it a reliable choice for hospitals, data centers, high-rises, and other critical infrastructure in earthquake-prone regions.

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Kit contains items needed for seismic bracing long cable tray runs. Each kit contains: (4) 11'' cables with mounting eyelets (2) Metal brackets for attachment to support members (4) Cable clamp collars (4)

Test-based approach to cable tray support system analysis and

The seismic model (either for response spectrum analysis or equivalent static analysis) of the cable tray support system must incorporate clip angle nonlinear stiffnesses which mimic realistic

Seismic Bracing Systems for Cable Trays Catalog

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