Spacing of cable tray supports along the wall



Overview

Discover the essential cable tray spacing requirements for safe and efficient installation. Learn key standards, horizontal and vertical spacing, and more.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray supports against a wall should generally be spaced 4 to 6 feet apart for horizontal runs, with closer spacing for vertical runs and heavy cable loads, following NEC and industry guidelines.

Horizontal Support Spacing

For horizontal cable tray runs mounted against a wall, the National Electrical Code (NEC) recommends supports at intervals not exceeding 5 feet, though a typical design range is 4 to 6 feet to ensure uniform load distribution and prevent sagging. Ladder-type trays require rungs spaced no more than 9 inches apart to support heavy power cables effectively. Supports should be installed at the start, end, and at any turns along the tray, with additional supports every 3 to 5 meters along straight sections.

Vertical Support Spacing

For vertical cable tray runs, supports should be fixed to the building structure at intervals preferably less than 2 meters. Cables within vertical trays should be secured at the top and every 1. 5 meters to maintain stability and prevent sagging.

Hanging rod supports should have a minimum diameter of 8 mm to ensure structural integrity.

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Key Considerations

Tray Type: Ladder, perforated, or wire mesh trays may have slightly different support requirements due to weight and ventilation needs. Load Factors: Supports must account for the weight of cables, potential external loads (wind, seismic activity), and future cable additions. Critical Points: Always provide fixed supports at corners, T-junctions, and where the tray spans long distances (>30 meters) to prevent sagging.

Clearances: Maintain at least 12 inches of vertical clearance above trays for maintenance access.

Best Practices

Ensure supports are level and evenly spaced to avoid uneven stress on the tray. Use adequate banding to balance cable bundles and prevent shifting. Follow manufacturer specifications, as they may require closer spacing depending on tray material and cable weight.

By adhering to these spacing guidelines, cable trays mounted against walls will maintain structural integrity, reduce the risk of cable damage, and comply with NEC and industry standards.

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Cable Support Distances

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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