Flat iron laid along the cable tray



Overview

This publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports.

Key Takeaways

Flat iron (MS angles) can be used as support structures along cable trays, installed at regular intervals and securely fastened to ensure stability and safe cable management.

Purpose of Flat Iron Supports

Flat iron, typically mild steel (MS) angles, is used to fabricate support structures for cable trays. These supports provide a stable base for cable trays, ensuring they can carry the weight of cables and withstand forces generated during operation, including short-circuit events or environmental loads like wind and ice. They are not intended for walking or as ladders, but solely for supporting cables.

Installation Guidelines

Fabrication and Placement: MS angles (e.g., 50 x 50 mm, 6 mm thick) are fabricated to match the cable tray layout. Supports are usually mounted on walls or existing metal structures at intervals of approximately 1 meter. For longer spans, bridge structures using C-channels or additional angles may be welded to existing supports to maintain rigidity.

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Fastening: Supports should be securely fastened using high-strength bolts (e.g., M8 or Hilti make) to walls or structural members. Proper washers and nuts are used to ensure a stable connection. Welding may be applied where necessary, followed by primer and enamel coating to prevent corrosion.

Isolation and Protection: To prevent electrical conduction or damage to cables, isolation materials such as G-10 sheets or FRP pieces can be placed between the flat iron support and the cable tray. This ensures electrical safety and reduces wear on cable insulation. Alignment and Leveling: Supports should be aligned horizontally and vertically to maintain a level cable tray.

Timber or temporary supports can be used during installation to hold the flat iron in position. Proper leveling ensures even load distribution and prevents sagging of the cable tray. Integration with Cable Tray: Once the flat iron supports are installed, the cable tray (perforated, ladder, or trough type) is mounted on top.

Coupler plates and high-tensile bolts are used to join tray sections securely. The tray type should be chosen based on cable type, ventilation, and load requirements.

Additional Considerations

Spacing: Standard support spacing is typically 1 meter, but may vary depending on tray type, cable weight, and environmental conditions. Corrosion Protection: Surface treatments such as galvanization, powder coating, or enamel painting are recommended to prevent rust and extend the lifespan of the support structure. Safety Compliance: Installation should follow relevant standards such as BS EN 61537 for cable trays and BS 6946 for channel supports.

Only competent personnel familiar with electrical installation practices should perform the work. By following these guidelines, flat iron supports can provide a durable, safe, and compliant foundation for cable trays, ensuring proper cable management and long-term reliability.

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GUIDE CABLE TRAYS TECHNICAL

NEMA VE 1-2017 Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

INSTALLATION GUIDE

The cable must not be dropped, but laid into the tray. If electrical connections are not made immediately, the ends of the cable if sheathed, should be sealed from moisture contamination.

Method Statement installation of Cable Trays and Ladders

This method statement covers the site installation of the cable tray & ladders and the requirements of checks to be carried out.

ITER Cabling Handbook

If trenches contain only one row of cable tray, it is acceptable to have access to the cable tray from the ground level without the need for an excavated access space along the cable tray path.

Cable tray manual

Instead of large conduits, cable channel may be used very effectively to support cable drops from the cable tray run to the equipment or device being serviced and is ideal for cable tray runs involving a

Cable Tray Installation Method Statement

Below is the detailed cable tray installation method statement not only for cable tray but also applicable for GI ladder and trunking for indoor and outdoor applications

B-Line series Cable Tray Design Considerations

Our wind certification report provides you with list of acceptable B-Line series cable tray supports, fittings and covers based off of the environmental conditions, cable loading, and type of cable tray in your

Cable Tray Spacing Standards for Installation and Safety

Key Factors Impacting Cable Tray Spacing Understanding cable tray spacing is key to meeting safety regulations and maintaining system

Installation Of Cable In Cable Trays: NEC, Safety

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Installation of Cable in Cable Trays ensures proper routing, cable management, NEC compliance, grounding, fire safety, and load capacity.

Technical Guidelines for Cable Tray Installation and

Arrangement: Cables must be laid in a neat, parallel fashion, avoiding twists and crossovers. Fixing: Use cable ties or clips at regular intervals to secure cables in

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How to Install Cable Tray: A Comprehensive Guide to Different Cable ...

Welcome to our step-by-step guide on installing cable trays! In this video, we''ll explore the different types of cable trays available and provide detailed instructions for their installation.

Best practice guide to cable ladder and cable tray systems

Cable ladder and cable tray systems The following recommendations are intended to be a practical guide to ensure the safe and proper installation of cable ladder and cable tray systems

Cable tray installation requirements-ZM Technology Co., Ltd.

As a supporting project of the wiring project, the cable tray has no special normative guidance, and the specifications and forms of various manufacturers lack universality.

Linear Hot Spot Detectors for Cable Tray in Power Plants

provide an ideal solution for the temperature monitoring of cable trays. The are installed on top of power cables in the cable tray. HSD sensors are mounted in a sinusoidal wave configuration along the tray

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