Spacing of fire cable tray supports



Overview

The length between support positions will change depending on the cable design, size, materials and weight.

Key Takeaways

Fire-rated cable tray supports should typically be spaced between 1. 5 and 3 meters for horizontal runs, with vertical runs supported at intervals not exceeding 1. 5 meters, using fire-resistant materials.

Horizontal Cable Tray Supports

For horizontal runs, supports should be installed at the start, end, and at every turn of the tray. Along straight sections, supports are generally spaced every 1. 5 to 3 meters, depending on the tray type, cable load, and manufacturer recommendations.

Additional supports are required near concentrated loads, such as cable entry or exit points, to prevent sagging and mechanical strain. All supports must be fire-resistant, ensuring the cable system remains intact during a fire.

Vertical Cable Tray Supports

For vertical runs, supports should be fixed to the building structure at intervals not exceeding 1. 5 meters. Cables within vertical trays should be secured at the top and at every 1.

5 meters to maintain stability and prevent undue mechanical stress. Hanging rod supports for vertical trays should be at least 8 mm in diameter to ensure structural integrity.

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Rated and Life-Safety ConsiderationsFire-rated cable trays must use supports that will not fail under fire conditions, typically complying with IEC 60331, NFPA, or BS 7671 standards. For life-safety circuits, trays should be dedicated and separated from other circuits, with a recommended 300 mm horizontal air gap if barriers are impractical. This ensures circuit independence and maintains fire integrity.

General Best Practices

Use metallic or fire-resistant supports; non-metallic clips or ties alone are not sufficient for fire-rated cables. Supports should be aligned and level to distribute cable weight evenly. Extra supports are recommended at corners, T-junctions, and spans exceeding 30 meters.

Ensure proper clearance for maintenance, airflow, and heat dissipation to prevent overheating. By following these spacing guidelines and using fire-resistant materials, cable tray systems can maintain structural integrity, comply with safety standards, and ensure reliable operation during fire events.

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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

Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) – Electrical Trader

Support spacing for cable trays must align with the manufacturer''s instructions, as outlined in NEC 392.30 (A). Generally, standard trays require supports every 6 to 10 feet, while

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

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Explore the essential cable tray support spacing requirements for safe and efficient installations. Learn NEC guidelines for perforated, ladder, and wire

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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®

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Fire-rated supports must be spaced to prevent risk of any cables encroaching into possible passageways, or otherwise be spaced no more than one yard apart. Note 1 - Fire-rated cable

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