Cable Cross-Section and Cable Tray Bends

Overview

When fitting cable trays and their accessories, the products are cut on site to create changes of direction, adjust sections, etc.

Key Takeaways

Proper cable cross-section selection and careful design of cable tray bends are essential for safe, efficient, and long-lasting electrical installations.

Cable Cross-

Section Selection

Cable cross-section is determined primarily by the current-carrying capacity, voltage drop, and environmental conditions. Key considerations include: Current Rating: The cable must safely carry the expected load without overheating. Oversized cables reduce voltage drop but increase cost and space requirements, while undersized cables risk insulation damage and fire hazards ( ).

Voltage Drop: Longer runs require larger cross-sections to maintain voltage within acceptable limits. Environmental Factors: Ambient temperature, grouping of cables, and installation method (e.g., in trays, conduits, or buried) affect the required cross-section. Standards Compliance: Follow local and international standards such as BS EN 61537 for cable tray systems and relevant electrical codes for sizing ( ).

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Cable Tray Bends

Cable tray bends are used to route cables around obstacles or change direction. Proper design ensures mechanical protection and prevents damage: Minimum Bend Radius: Each cable type has a recommended minimum bend radius, typically expressed as a multiple of the cable diameter. Exceeding this radius can damage insulation or conductors ( ).

Gradual Bends: Ladder trays and ventilated trays are designed to allow smooth, gradual bends to reduce stress on cables ( ). Bend Types: Common fittings include horizontal elbows, vertical elbows, tees, and crosses. Each should maintain the minimum bend radius and avoid sharp angles ( ).

Rung Spacing: For ladder trays, a rung spacing of 150–230 mm (6–9 inches) is recommended to support cables and maintain bend radius ( ). Load Class Consideration: The tray's load class affects how many cables can be supported and how bends are handled without sagging or deformation ( ).

Best Practices

Plan Cable Routes: Minimize the number of bends and avoid tight corners. Use Modular Systems: Modular trays allow easier installation and adjustment of bends ( ). Secure Cables: Use ties or clamps to prevent movement, especially at bends, while avoiding over-tightening.

Consider Future Expansion: Leave space for additional cables and ensure bends can accommodate larger bundles if needed. By carefully selecting cable cross-sections and designing tray bends according to these guidelines, installations remain safe, efficient, and compliant with standards ( ).

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In designing supports for a cable tray system, consideration should be given to the loads associated with future cable additions and any additional loading that may be applied to the cable tray system (e.g.,

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Instrument Location Layout and cable routing layout

The Rule: The sum of the cross-sectional areas of all contained multi-conductor cables must not exceed 40% of the internal cross-sectional area of the cable tray.

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