Fabrication of Multiple Horizontal Cable Trays



Overview

ENGINEERING manufactures all construction accessories to enable on site installation of cable tray systems. These include splice plate connectors, channels, clamps brackets and hangers.

Key Takeaways

Fabrication of multiple horizontal cable trays involves selecting appropriate materials, designing support structures, and assembling trays with proper fittings to ensure safe, durable, and code-compliant cable management.

Material Selection

Cable trays are typically fabricated from mild steel, stainless steel, aluminum, or pultruded fiberglass, depending on environmental conditions and load requirements. Mild steel is often galvanized for corrosion protection, while stainless steel (AISI 316L) offers superior resistance in corrosive environments. Aluminum provides a lightweight option with excellent corrosion resistance due to its natural oxide layer, and fiberglass-reinforced trays are used where chemical resistance and high strength-to-weight ratio are required.

Support Structure Fabrication



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Horizontal cable trays require a rigid support system to maintain alignment and load-bearing capacity. Supports are typically fabricated from MS angles or C-channels, welded or bolted to walls, ceilings, or existing structures. For long spans, bridge supports may be fabricated to connect multiple trays, ensuring stability and proper spacing.

Supports are usually installed at 1-meter intervals for standard trays, with adjustments based on tray width, load, and cable weight.

Tray Assembly and Fittings

Cable trays are assembled using splice plates, clamps, brackets, and hangers. Fittings such as horizontal elbows, reducers, and covers allow directional changes, width adjustments, and protection from environmental factors. Trays are joined securely to maintain structural integrity and prevent sagging.

Covers, either solid or louvered, provide additional protection against dust, sunlight, and accidental contact.

Installation Best Practices

Ensure proper alignment and leveling of trays to avoid stress on cables. Maintain adequate spacing between trays for heat dissipation and cable separation. Use isolation materials (e.g., G-10/FRP sheets) where trays contact metal supports to prevent galvanic corrosion.

Follow NEMA and IE

C standards for load capacity, maximum span, and support intervals. Consider thermal expansion and contraction in long horizontal runs to prevent tray deformation.

Safety and Compliance

Proper fabrication and installation ensure mechanical stability, electrical safety, and compliance with industrial standards. Cable trays must withstand environmental conditions, mechanical loads, and provide easy access for maintenance. Using standardized materials and fittings reduces installation errors and ensures long-term reliability.

By following these guidelines, multiple horizontal cable trays can be fabricated and installed efficiently, providing a durable, flexible, and safe cable management system for industrial or commercial applications.

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