How to lay cables in a multi-bend cable tray

Overview

Cable tray is considered to be a system. It must provide continuous support for cables, and the electrical continuity of the cable tray system must be maintained.

Key Takeaways

When laying cables through multiple bends in a cable tray, maintain proper bend radius, use smooth curves or pre-fabricated bends, secure cables neatly, and avoid sharp edges to prevent damage. Key Considerations for Bends1. Respect Minimum Bend Radius: Each cable type has a manufacturer-specified minimum bend radius.

Exceeding this can damage insulation or conductors. For multiple bends, ensure that the radius is smooth and gradual rather than sharp, especially for power and data cables. 2.

Use Pre-

Fabricated or Field Bends: Cable trays can be fitted with pre-fabricated bends of various radii (e.g., 12”, 24”, 36”, 48”) to accommodate complex layouts. If field bending straight sections, bolt pieces together carefully to avoid creating sharp angles that stress cables. 3.

Smooth Cable Routing: Run cables along the inside edges of the tray, avoiding crossing or piling them. Use cable ties or clips to secure bundles, preventing movement and reducing strain at bends. 4.

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Protective Measures: Cover sharp edges or rough connectors with protective strips or padding to prevent insulation damage. Inspect cables for cuts or defects before installation. 5.

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Planning and Length Allowance: Allow extra cable length at bends, joints, and terminations to accommodate routing without tension. Pre-plan the sequence of installation to ensure orderly placement and minimize handling damage. 6.

Team Training and Tools: Ensure installers are trained in cable handling and tray installation. Use appropriate tools for lifting, securing, and testing cables to avoid over-tightening or forcing cables through bends. 7.

Environmental Considerations: In areas with heat, moisture, or corrosive substances, select suitable tray materials (galvanized steel, stainless steel, or aluminum) and consider additional protection for cables.

Summary

To safely lay cables through multiple bends in a tray: Maintain the minimum bend radius for each cable type. Use pre-fabricated bends or carefully fabricated field bends. Secure cables neatly with ties or clips.

Protect cables from sharp edges. Allow extra length for bends and terminations. Train personnel and use proper tools.

Consider environmental factors for material selection and protection. Following these practices ensures cable integrity, compliance with standards, and long-term reliability of the installation.

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