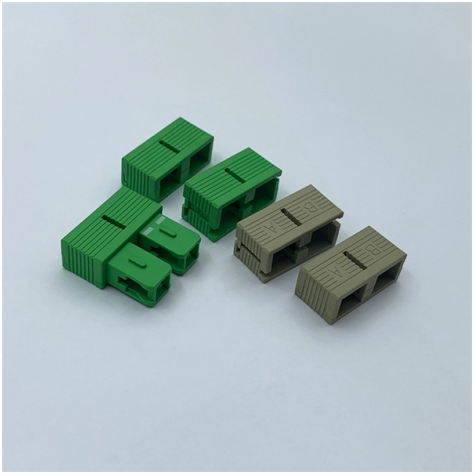
Key points for acceptance of cable tray supports



Overview

Guide to cable support systems A key factor for the load capacity of the cable trays is (in addition to the support spacing and slant height) the material.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray supports must meet structural, material, spacing, and installation standards to ensure safe, reliable, and code-compliant electrical installations.

Material and Structural Requirements

Supports must be made of mechanically strong and corrosion-resistant materials, such as cold-rolled steel, galvanized steel, stainless steel, or aluminum alloys, with surface treatments like hot-dip galvanizing or electrostatic spraying to prevent corrosion. The load-bearing capacity of the support system should meet or exceed the expected cable weight, typically not less than 200 kg/m for vertical trays, and must withstand environmental forces such as wind, snow, or seismic loads. Supports should be designed to securely hold cable trays and fittings, including horizontal and vertical bends, T-pieces, and crossovers, without excessive deflection or movement.

Installation and Spacing



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Support spacing must comply with standards to prevent sagging; for ladder trays, rung spacing is typically 150–230 mm, and the distance between supports depends on tray type and load. Maintain minimum clearances from other building services: at least 300 mm from ventilation ducts or water pipes, and 150 mm between power and weak-current trays, with isolation plates at crossings. When passing through fire compartments, firestop spaces must be reserved, and materials must meet certified fire-resistance standards.

Compliance and Safety

Installation must follow national and international standards, such as DIN EN 61537, BS 6946, or GB 50303, ensuring proper structural support, bonding, and grounding. Supports should not be used as walkways or for personnel support, as this can cause injury or damage to the system. Proper bonding and grounding of the tray system is essential to prevent electrical hazards.

Practical Considerations

Use system components designed and tested together to ensure compatibility and safety. Ensure cable management is effective, preventing overcrowding, overheating, or mechanical damage during installation and future maintenance. Consider environmental factors such as humidity, corrosive substances, and temperature variations when selecting materials and finishes.

By adhering to these key points, cable tray supports can be accepted as compliant, safe, and reliable, providing long-term structural integrity and protection for electrical and communication cables.

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