Sloping Installation of Cable Tray Supports



Overview

This publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports.

Key Takeaways

Installing cable trays on a slope requires careful planning of support spacing, slope alignment, and cable management to ensure safety, structural integrity, and code compliance.

Planning and Preparation

Before installation, review the approved shop drawings to determine tray layout, slope angles, and lengths of sloped sections ( ). Ensure all materials, including trays, ladders, fittings, and accessories, are inspected for damage and comply with project specifications ( ). Store trays horizontally on a flat surface with timber supports to prevent warping or moisture damage ( ).

Support and Alignment

Cable trays on a slope must be adequately supported to prevent sagging or excessive stress on the tray and cables. Use center-hung supports or wall brackets, ensuring the maximum load per hanger is not exceeded (typically 318–340 kg) and support spacing does not exceed recommended limits, often around 3. 6 meters for ladder trays ( ).

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For sloped runs, supports should be aligned along the slope to maintain a continuous, stable path for cables.

Slope Considerations

When installing on a slope, calculate the sloped section length using trigonometry or a cable tray offset calculator to determine the correct straight tray length between bends ( ). This ensures smooth transitions and prevents cable strain. Avoid abrupt changes in slope; gradual inclines reduce stress on cables and facilitate easier cable pulling.

Cable Management

Ensure proper cable fill and spacing to prevent overheating and mechanical damage ( ). Ladder trays are preferred for power cables due to ventilation and convenient tie points, while ventilated troughs may be better for smaller control or instrumentation cables that could sag between rungs ( ). Secure cables at regular intervals along the slope to maintain organization and prevent movement.

Safety and Compliance

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C Article 392 or local electrical codes for installation, grounding, and bonding requirements ( ). Do not use trays as walkways or for supporting personnel, and avoid using trays as lifting points during handling ( ). Ensure all sloped installations are performed by competent personnel familiar with electrical installation practices and safety procedures ( ).

Summary

Proper installation of cable trays on a slope involves: Reviewing shop drawings and verifying materialsCalculating sloped section lengths and offsetsInstalling supports along the slope with correct spacing and load limitsManaging cable fill and securing cables to prevent saggingFollowing electrical codes and safety guidelines By adhering to these practices, sloped cable tray installations can maintain structural integrity, facilitate safe cable routing, and ensure long-term reliability.

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