Adding flat iron during cable tray installation



Overview

A Guide to Installing and Supporting Electrical Cable TraysThis guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and perform.

Key Takeaways

Flat iron (GI) supports are installed to securely mount cable trays, ensuring proper alignment, load distribution, and compliance with electrical codes.

Preparation and Planning

Before installation, review the approved shop drawings to mark the cable tray routes, including horizontal and vertical runs, bends, and tees, ensuring no clashes with other services. Verify that all materials, including cable trays, flat iron supports, threaded rods, nuts, and washers, are available and free from damage. Ensure the work area is clean and safe for installation.

Support Installation

Threaded Rods: Use 10mm GI threaded rods for trays below 300mm width and 12mm rods for trays above 300mm. Fix the rods to the ceiling slab or wall using UNIFIX or equivalent anchors. Flat Iron (GI) Slotted Channels: Install GI slotted C-channels (41 x 41 x 2 mm) onto the threaded rods using appropriate nuts and washers.

These channels act as the primary support for the cable tray. Tray Mounting: Place the cable tray onto the flat iron supports, ensuring it is aligned, leveled, and securely fastened. Maintain sufficient spacing between supports to prevent sagging and stress on cables.

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Maximum support spacing is typically 3.6 meters, with a load capacity of 318–340 kg per hanger.

Alignment and Clearance

Ensure the tray is level and straight along its entire run before installing cables. Maintain adequate clearance around the tray for cable installation and future maintenance. For trays passing through walls or partitions, provide non-combustible covers for protection.

Electrical Continuity and Safety

Install earth link straps between tray sections to ensure effective electrical continuity, even if a separate protective earth conductor is not used. Follow fire-stopping requirements when trays pass through fire-rated elements. Only qualified personnel familiar with electrical hazards should perform the installation.

Material Handling and Storage

Store trays and fittings on flat surfaces with timber supports to prevent bending or damage. Offload trays carefully using cranes or forklifts, avoiding direct attachment to tray edges. Stack trays by type and size, and protect from moisture and direct sunlight if stored outdoors.

By following these steps, flat iron supports will provide a stable, code-compliant foundation for cable trays, ensuring long-term safety and reliability of the electrical installation.

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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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To install the cable tray supports, first find the required elevation from the floor to the bottom of the cable tray and establish a level line with a laser or a nylon string.

Method Statement installation of Cable Trays and Ladders

This method statement covers the site installation of the cable tray & ladders and the requirements of checks to be carried out.

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Installation Of Cable In Cable Trays: NEC, Safety

Installation of Cable in Cable Trays ensures proper routing, cable management, NEC compliance, grounding, fire safety, and load capacity.

Cable Tray and Conduit Installation Method Statement

Step-by-step cable tray and conduit installation method with safety, quality and inspection procedures as per IEEE standards.

Installation of Cable Tray, Trunking And Accessories

2. Purpose This method statement for the Installation of Cable Tray, Trunking, and Accessories shows and explains the procedure must be followed to install the cable tray and

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