Cable tray crossarm specifications and spacing



Overview

The drawings which constitute a part of these specifications indicate the general route of the cable tray systems.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray crossarms are typically U- or L-shaped galvanized steel supports with thicknesses of 2. 5–4mm, spaced 500–1000mm apart depending on load requirements.

Material and Construction

Cable tray crossarms are generally made from Q235 low-carbon steel and are formed via rolling. Their cross-sectional shapes are usually U-shaped or L-shaped, providing structural rigidity while supporting cable trays effectively. The crossarms are hot-dip galvanized to resist corrosion, with a final passivation (chromate treatment) to seal the zinc coating and ensure long-term durability.

Dimensions and Thickness

Thickness: 2. 5mm, 3mm, or 4mm, selected based on the expected load. Length: Matches the width of the cable tray, commonly 300mm, 400mm, or 500mm.

Flange width: For heavy-load applications, the flange width may be increased to 60–80mm to enhance stiffness. Load CapacityLight-duty trays (control cables): design load ~50 N/m. Power cable trays: 150–200 N/m.

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Heavy-duty scenarios (e.g., metallurgical workshops): >300 N/m, requiring stiffened crossarm structures.

Spacing and Deflection

Crossarms are typically spaced 500–1000mm apart, forming support nodes for the cable tray.

According to G

B 50217 Code for Design of Cables in Electric Power Engineering, the maximum deflection of a crossarm should not exceed L/200, where L is the support spacing. For example, a 1000mm spacing allows a maximum sag of 5mm.

Installation Notes

Crossarms are fixed to cable tray connectors using bolts. The spacing and thickness should be selected based on the type of cables, tray width, and environmental conditions. For small-diameter control and instrumentation cables, closer spacing (e.g., 500mm) is recommended to prevent drooping.

For large power cables, wider spacing may be acceptable, but the crossarm must meet the required load and deflection limits. By following these specifications, cable tray systems can maintain structural integrity, prevent excessive sag, and ensure safe and reliable cable support in industrial and commercial installations.

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Full cable tray systems specification document

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As per the NEC, the maximum allowable rung spacing is 9 inches (230 mm) when cable tray carries sin-gle-conductor cables of 1/0 to 4/0 AWG (American Wire Gauge) (Appendix I).

GUIDE CABLE TRAYS TECHNICAL

NEMA VE 1-2017 Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

Trapezoidal cable tray crossarm spacing

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The spacing between trays, whether horizontal or vertical, depends on various factors like cable type, environment, and tray material. Proper installation can significantly reduce electromagnetic

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The standard length matches the width of the cable tray, with common specifications including 300mm, 400mm, and 500mm. They are fixed to the connectors on the side of the cable tray using bolts,

NEMA BI 50016-2024

425 wire mesh cable tray fitting: A fitting for wire mesh cable tray systems that is fabricated from wire mesh 426 cable tray straight sections. The fitting is field-constructed and attached to the adjacent

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Cable tray systems are defined to include, but are not limited to straight sections of of [ladder type] [vented bottom type] [solid bottom type] cable trays, bends, tees, elbows, drop-outs, supports, and

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These guidelines will be particularly useful for the design, specification, procurement, installation and maintenance of these systems. Cable ladder systems and cable tray systems are designed for use

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Guide to cable support systems

The systems allow large sup-port spacings of wide span systems or the multilayer arrangement of cable trays and cable ladder systems. The systems comprise I hanging supports, support brackets, head

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Cable tray supports shall have a maximum of 6 m spacing on horizontal run and 2.4 m spacing on the vertical runs. However, when the tray system is supported from building structure with rods, brackets

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