Does the cable tray tender not include bends



Overview

Cable Tray Accessories and Supports RFQ ChecklistInclude all bends, tees, crosses, reducers, risers, end plates, covers, and barriers. Specify support type.

Key Takeaways

If a cable tray tender does not include bends, field-fabricated or pre-purchased bends must be considered to maintain proper cable routing and minimum bend radius compliance. Implications of Missing Bends in a TenderWhen a cable tray tender excludes bends, the installation may face challenges in routing cables around corners, obstacles, or changes in elevation. Bends are essential to: Maintain the minimum bend radius for cables, preventing damage or signal degradation (IEC 61537, NEC 392.

18)Ensure mechanical integrity and proper support of cablesFacilitate future maintenance or cable additions without excessive stress on the cables Without specified bends, installers may need to fabricate bends in the field by cutting and bolting straight tray sections together. While this is allowed under NEC 392. 18, it may result in sharp angles that do not provide a smooth curve, potentially stressing the cables.

Options for Managing BendsPre-fabricated bends: Manufacturers offer bends in various radii (e.g., 12”, 24”, 36”, 48”) for standard tray widths. Using these ensures compliance with cable bend radius requirements and simplifies installation. Field-fabricated bends: Straight sections can be cut and bolted to form a bend.

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Care must be taken to avoid sharp angles that violate the minimum bend radius of the cables. This method is more labor-intensive and may require additional supports. Specialty trays: Products like SnakeTray are designed for complex routing with multiple odd bends, providing flexibility when standard bends are not included in the tender.

Standards and ComplianceIEC 61537: Ensures cable trays are compatible with bends, risers, and accessories, and specifies mechanical performance and minimum bend radius requirements.

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C 392. 18: Allows field bends but emphasizes that the bend must not compromise cable integrity.

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A VE-1: Provides guidance on metallic cable tray systems, including bend fabrication and installation practices.

Recommendations

Verify the minimum bend radius for all cables to be installed. Consider purchasing pre-fabricated bends to reduce installation risk and maintain compliance. If field-fabricating bends, ensure smooth transitions and adequate support to prevent cable damage.

Document all bends and installation methods for future maintenance and compliance audits. By addressing bends proactively, even if the tender does not include them, the installation can remain safe, compliant, and maintain cable performance.

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Include all bends, tees, crosses, reducers, risers, end plates, covers, and barriers. Specify support type, support spacing, bracket finish, and expected cable load.

Cable Tray Technical Guide A practical guide to product selection and ...

Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

Cable Tray Bending Radius: Minimum Bend Formula & Calculation

No. Cable tray bend radius refers to the tray fitting curve, while cable bend radius refers to the minimum safe bending limit of the cable itself. The tray radius must always match or exceed

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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®

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Cable Tray Design and Standards Guide

1. The document outlines codes and standards that must be followed for design and construction of cable trays and their components. Standards listed include those for materials, rolling and cutting

Cable Tray Design and Components Guide

This document provides information about cable trays and accessories, including straight cable trays, perforated trays, returned edge and flange types, and bent cable trays.

B-Line series Cable Tray Design Considerations

Cable tray must be capable of supporting not just the weight of the cable, but also the weight of any equipment or materials attached to the cable tray. Additionally, dynamic environmental elements

Full cable tray systems specification document

A. Submittal Drawings: Submit drawings of cable tray and accessories including clamps, brackets, hanger rods, splice plate connectors, expansion joint assemblies, and fittings, showing accurately

Guide to cable support systems

The easily sep-arable wires and the bending capacity of the mesh cable trays enable the simple creation of bends, branches and exits. Four different mesh cable tray types are available, depending on the

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The E90 test does not in itself validate a wire cable tray, but validates the combination of CABLOFILwith a specific type of cable. This underlines the complexity, as well as the relevance, of these tests,

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Occasionally a separate ground wire is not run in a tray containing single conductor cables. This is the only case where the cable tray itself is used as the EGC and this occurs in less than 1% of all cable

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I was going through my NEC handbook (2005 edition) and was trying to find out if there is a limit on how many bends a cable tray can do before it is against code. I have gone through Article

Cable tray manual

Ventilated trough cable tray is often used when the specifier does not want to use ladder cable tray to support small diameter multiconductor control and instrumentation cables.

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