How to make a circular bend in a cable tray



Overview

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Key Takeaways

To lay out a circular bend in a cable tray, carefully measure and mark the bend radius, then use appropriate tools to gradually form a smooth curve without damaging the tray or cables. Step 1: Plan and MeasureBegin by determining the desired bend radius based on the cable type and tray width. Use a measuring tape and marker or chalk to mark the start and end points of the bend on the tray.

For precise alignment, trace the path using a laser level to ensure the tray follows a straight line before bending, especially for ceiling or wall-mounted installations. Step 2: Prepare the TrayInspect the tray for dents, cracks, or defects and clean it of dirt or moisture to prevent inaccuracies during bending. For metal trays, consider applying cold-galvanizing spray to exposed edges after cutting to prevent rust.

Step 3: Choose the Bending MethodPre-fabricated bends: Use factory-made 90° or curved fittings for smooth, safe bends. These are ideal for heavy-duty installations and reduce the risk of damaging cables. On-site bending: For wire mesh trays, you can create bends using bolt cutters, pliers, and hand tools.

Cut and manipulate the mesh carefully to form the desired curve, ensuring the edges are protected with rubber caps if needed. For solid metal trays, a cable tray bender or a metal bar can be used to gradually form the curve. Step 4: Execute the BendMark the bend line clearly on the tray.

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Apply gradual pressure along the marked line to avoid kinks or sharp angles. For wire mesh trays, bend each wire individually or in small sections to maintain the circular shape. For solid trays, use the bender to lift and curve the tray evenly, checking frequently to maintain the correct radius.

Step 5: Install and SecureOnce the bend is formed, place the tray on its supports (wall-mounted cantilever arms or ceiling trapeze hangers) and connect with splice plates or fittings to ensure stability. Verify that the bend allows cables to pass smoothly without sharp turns or compression.

Safety Tips

Always wear hand gloves and safety glasses when cutting or bending. Avoid forcing the tray, which can weaken the metal or damage the coating. Ensure the bend radius is large enough for the cable type to prevent stress on the conductors.

By following these steps, you can achieve a smooth, professional circular bend in a cable tray, whether using pre-fabricated fittings or custom on-site bending techniques.

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