Installation spacing of ground cable tray supports



Overview

Support spacing for cable trays must align with the manufacturer''s instructions, as outlined in NEC 392.30 (A).

Key Takeaways

Cable tray ground supports should generally be spaced every 6 to 10 feet for standard trays, with heavy-duty or long-span trays allowing up to 20 feet between supports, following NEC 392 guidelines.

Horizontal Support Spacing

For standard cable trays, supports are typically installed every 6 to 10 feet (1. 8 to 3 meters) along the tray length to prevent sagging and maintain structural integrity. Heavy-duty or long-span trays can accommodate up to 20 feet (6 meters) between supports, depending on the manufacturer's specifications and the load of the cables being carried.

Supports must be placed at tray ends, corners, T-junctions, and any point where the tray spans more than 30 meters to distribute weight evenly and prevent mechanical stress.

Vertical Support Spacing

For vertical cable tray runs, supports should be fixed to the building structure with a spacing of less than 2 meters. Cables within vertical trays should be secured at the top and every 1. 5 meters to maintain order and prevent shifting.

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When binding cables, the distance between ties should not exceed 1. 5 meters, ensuring even tension and stability.

Additional Considerations

Manufacturer Guidelines: Always follow the tray manufacturer's instructions, as load capacity and material type (steel, aluminum, or fiberglass) can affect support spacing. Clearance: Maintain a minimum vertical clearance of 150 mm (6 inches) between floor-mounted trays and the ground to allow for airflow and maintenance. Safety and Compliance: Proper support spacing reduces the risk of sagging, overheating, fire hazards, and mechanical failure, ensuring compliance with NEC 392 and other relevant standards.

Special Points: Supports are critical at bends, junctions, and long straight runs to prevent stress on cables and maintain system integrity. By adhering to these spacing guidelines, you ensure mechanical stability, electrical safety, and long-term reliability of your cable tray installation.

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