

Slope Parallel Cable Tray Support



Overview

Guide to cable support systems The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves – here.

Key Takeaways

To slope a parallel cable tray, determine the rise/run or angle, align the tray along the slope, and ensure proper support spacing and compliance with electrical standards.

Determine the Slope

Cable trays are typically sloped in the vertical (Z) direction to allow for drainage and proper cable management. The slope can be specified as an angle or a rise/run ratio. For example, a common slope might be 1: 12 (1 unit vertical per 12 units horizontal) or a specific degree angle depending on the installation requirements.

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In software like AutoCAD MEP, you can set the slope in the Cable Tray Layout Preferences under the Routing tab by entering the desired rise/run or angle.

Aligning the Tray

When installing parallel trays along a sloped ceiling or framing, ensure the start and end elevations are adjusted to match the slope. In Revit, for instance, you can use the align tool to adjust the tray to the sloping element, ensuring it follows the intended incline. This prevents misalignment and maintains consistent cable support.



Support and Hanger Spacing

Proper support is critical for sloped trays. Hanger spacing should follow manufacturer guidelines and standards such as NEMA VE-1 and VE-2. A common recommendation is 1/4 span between supports for straight sections, which minimizes stress and deflection at splice points.

For inclined trays, hanger spacing may need adjustment based on tray width, slope angle, and load.

Fabrication Considerations

If the tray requires bending or V-cuts to accommodate the slope, use a fabrication calculator to determine V-cut dimensions, bolt hole positions, and marking intervals. Tools like the Cable Tray Slope & Fabrication Calculator can generate to-scale diagrams for on-site marking, ensuring accurate cuts and alignment.

Compliance and Safety

Ensure the sloped tray installation complies with the National Electrical Code (NEC) or local electrical codes. Proper slope prevents water accumulation in solid-bottom trays and maintains cable integrity. For outdoor or humid environments, consider weep holes in solid-bottom trays to allow drainage.

Summary Steps

Determine the required slope (angle or rise/run). Adjust start and end elevations to match the slope. Align the tray along the sloped element using software or on-site measurements.

Install supports according to recommended spacing and load requirements. Fabricate bends or V-cuts as needed using precise measurements. Verify compliance with NEC or local codes and ensure proper drainage.

Following these steps ensures a safe, reliable, and code-compliant sloped cable tray installation.

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The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves – here, shown as an example for a cable tray with the tray widths 100 to 600 mm.

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The Cable Tray Slope & Fabrication Calculator is a field-ready tool for electrical construction workers who need to quickly calculate V-cut dimensions, bolt hole positions, slope length, and hanger

How to align cable tray into a sloping framing or ceilings in Revit

Use the following steps to adjust cable trays with sloping elements using align option: If the cable tray is moved instead of being sloping when using the align option, edit the Start or End

To Specify the Slope for Cable Tray

To Specify the Slope for Cable Tray Slope is applied to cable tray in the Z direction of the current coordinate system in the drawing (typically the vertical direction for a building plan).

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Cable Tray

All changes of direction must be supported in the immediate vicinity of the joints (distance ≤ 150 mm) by an appropriate supporting structure. Inclined cable trays with height differences can be attached to

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Cable tray systems are to be installed so they are accessible. If possible 300mm minimum should be left above or between installed systems to allow for cable installation and maintenance. There should be

Cable Tray Systems – Globe Electricals

CABLE TRAY SYSTEM "Cable Tray System" is an assembly of formed metal sections, coupled together by splice plates to provide an economical and rigid structure for supporting a wide range of cables.

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A new EzyTray installation example to show you. In this photo the installer has cut the cable tray to work around other items in the site and has secured the tray to the wall with slotted strut. Horizontal

Complete cable tray manual for electrical engineers and designers

The fact that a cable can easily enter and exit cable tray anywhere along its route, allows for some unique opportunities that provide highly flexible designs. Fewer supports have to be

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Cable ladder systems and cable tray systems are designed for use as supports for cables and not as enclosures giving full mechanical protection. They are not intended to be used as ladders, walk ways

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