Parameters and Principles of British Steel Cable Trays



Overview

Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder and Cable Tray SystemsThis publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable.

Key Takeaways

British steel cable trays are designed according to BS EN 61537, emphasizing safe cable support, proper spacing, and material suitability for the installation environment. Key Parameters1. Standards Compliance: Steel cable trays in the UK must comply with BS EN 61537, which specifies requirements for cable tray systems, including mechanical strength, electrical safety, and environmental suitability.

Channel support systems are manufactured according to BS 6946 for structural integrity. 2. Material and Finish: Steel trays are typically made from galvanized or stainless steel to resist corrosion.

Material selection depends on environmental conditions, such as exposure to moisture, chemicals, or temperature variations. Aluminum trays are also used for lightweight and corrosion-resistant applications. 3.

Tray Types and Design: Ladder trays: Open design for ventilation and heat dissipation. Solid-bottom trays: Provide protection against dust and electromagnetic interference. Perforated trays: Allow airflow while supporting cables.

Channel trays: Used for smaller instrumentation or control cables, often with solid or ventilated bottoms. 4. Load Capacity and Spacing: Cable trays must support the weight of installed cables without excessive deflection.

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Support distances are determined by cable type, diameter, and weight. For example, BS 7671 recommends that cables not be exposed to undue mechanical strain, and supports should prevent sagging or stress on terminations. 5.

Bend Radius and Cable Management: Trays must maintain the minimum bend radius for cables to prevent damage. Rung spacing in ladder trays is typically 150–230 mm (6–9 inches) to ensure proper cable support. Principles of Installation and Use1.

Safety and Accessibility: Cable trays are supports, not enclosures. They are not designed to be walked on or used as ladders. Proper installation ensures safety for personnel and prevents damage to cables.

2. System Integrity: Install trays as a complete system, using compatible components tested together. This ensures mechanical stability and electrical safety.

3. Environmental Considerations: Select materials and finishes appropriate for the installation environment. For example, stainless steel or coated steel is preferred in corrosive or outdoor environments.

4. Compliance and Certification: Cable trays should carry CE marking to indicate compliance with European directives. Third-party certifications (e.g., LCIE, UL, IMQ) verify adherence to safety and quality standards.

5. Fire Resistance: Supports must be made from fire-resistant materials to prevent premature failure during a fire, ensuring the integrity of the cable system.

Summary

British steel cable trays are governed by BS EN 61537 and related standards, with design parameters including material, load capacity, tray type, support spacing, and bend radius. Principles of use emphasize safety, system integrity, environmental suitability, and compliance with certification standards. Proper installation ensures reliable cable support, prevents mechanical strain, and maintains electrical safety throughout the system.

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Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder and Cable Tray Systems

This publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports.

Cable Trays and Accesories

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British Standard for cable tray and ladder systems (BS EN 61537:2002). Requirements, testing, classification for cable management.

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

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Cable Trays

Cable trays are systems that distribute bundles of insulated electrical cables from power supplies to electrical equipment, consisting of metallic trays supported from structures like walls and ceilings.

Selecting Cable Trays: A Complete Guide for Cable Management

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