

Calculation of cable tray hangers



Article Overview

Cable tray supports and hangers are calculated based on tray length, load, and spacing standards, typically using the formula: $\text{Support Quantity} = \text{Total Length} \div \text{Support Spacing} + 1$.

Step 1: Determine Cable Tray Type and Specifications

Identify the type of cable tray (ladder, perforated, channel, or mesh) and its material (steel, stainless steel, or galvanized). These factors influence the load capacity and support spacing. Ladder trays generally allow longer spans, while solid-bottom trays may require closer support spacing due to weight and heat dissipation considerations .

Step 2: Measure Tray Length and Layout

Measure the total length of the cable tray, including straight runs, elbows, tees, and transitions. Each section should be considered separately for support placement. For complex layouts, calculate each segment individually to ensure proper support distribution .

Step 3: Determine Support Spacing

Support spacing depends on the tray type, load, and installation standards. Typical spacing ranges from 1.5 to 3 meters for standard loads. Heavier cable loads or long spans may require closer spacing. Standards such as BS EN 61537 or manufacturer guidelines should be followed to ensure safety and compliance ...

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NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2006

NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2006 Cable Tray Installation Guidelines Published by: National Electrical Manufacturers

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Performance-based optimum seismic design of cable tray system

The seismic performance levels of cable tray systems are presented according to current seismic design codes. A

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Cable tray manual

INTRODUCTION The B-Line series Cable Tray Manual was produced by our technical staff. We recognize the need for a complete

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Use our Unistrut calculation tools to calculate your design and support with technical submissions. The tools will help analyse the

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7) Once the calculate button has been selected, the program will take you to the output page, where the tray size needed will be

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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

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Rev 7 to Procedure SAG.CP3, "Seismic Design Criteria for Cable Tray ...

A cable tray hanger is classified as a _ seismic Category I structure, and therefore, it shall be adequately designed for the effect of

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TECHNICAL GUIDE

This standard defines configurations for the mechanical tests to be performed on cable trays, brackets, hangers and other

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Wire Mesh Tray Technical Guide

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Cable Tray Raceway Fill and Load Calculations

The Wire Mesh / Cable Tray Fill table in below section shows the number of cables and the load in lbf/lineal foot

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