

Drilling holes in sheet metal cable trays

Article Overview

Drilling holes in sheet metal cable trays requires proper tools, precise marking, secure clamping, and safety precautions to ensure clean, accurate holes without damaging the tray.

Tools and Drill Bit Selection

Use a drill specifically designed for metal, such as a twist drill bit or carbide-tipped bit. For harder metals, carbide-tipped bits are ideal, while high-speed steel (HSS) bits work well for softer metals like aluminum . The drill bit geometry is important: a 135-degree point angle is recommended for clean, accurate holes and to minimize walking or binding . Ensure the drill has sufficient power and speed for the metal thickness .

Preparing the Cable Tray

- Clean the surface to remove dirt, oil, or debris that could cause the drill bit to slip .
- Mark the hole locations accurately using a marker, punch, or drill guide to prevent misalignment .
- Clamp the tray securely to a stable surface or use a vise to prevent movement during drilling .

Drilling Technique

- Start with a pilot hole if drilling larger diameters to reduce stress on the metal.
- Apply steady, moderate pressure and avoid forcing the drill, which can cause burrs or damage....

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