

How to calculate the verticality of cable trays

Article Overview

Vertical calculation for cable trays involves determining the sloped section length and bend points to navigate elevation changes while maintaining continuous cable support.

Understanding Vertical Offsets

A vertical offset in a cable tray system is a planned change in elevation to bypass obstacles such as structural beams, HVAC ducts, or plumbing while keeping the cable path continuous . Vertical offsets are essential in industrial and commercial installations where perfectly straight runs are rarely possible.

Calculation Method

- Identify the Required Elevation Change: Measure the vertical distance the tray must rise or drop to clear obstacles or reach the next support level .
- Determine Bend Angles: Standard bend angles (e.g., 30°, 45°, 60°) are used to create the vertical step. The angle affects the length of the sloped section.
- Calculate Sloped Section Length: Using basic trigonometry, the sloped tray length can be calculated as: $L = \text{Vertical Offsets} / \sin(\theta)$ where L is the sloped section length, and θ is the bend angle .
- Mark Cut Points: Measure along the straight tray to mark where bends will occur. This ensures accurate installation and proper alignment with supports .
- Check Support Requirements: Vertical sections may require closer support spacing due to increased load and potential sag. Refer to manufacturer load charts and NE...

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Cable trays are typically designed to accommodate a maximum calculated fill ratio of 50% to a maximum of 6 inches (150 mm) inside

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Calculate horizontal, vertical, or compound cable tray offsets based on bend angle, offset distance, and available installation space.

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