

Methods for bridging cable trays



Article Overview

Bridging cable trays involves using support elements, fittings, and structural spans to safely connect and maintain continuity across gaps or obstacles.

Key Methods for Bridging Cable Trays

1. Using Support Elements Cable trays are supported by wall brackets, suspended supports, or center suspensions to bridge gaps between structural points. These supports ensure the tray remains level and can carry the weight of cables without sagging or deformation . Suspended supports are particularly useful for long spans or overhead installations.
2. Employing Fittings Fittings such as T-pieces, cross-overs, horizontal and vertical bends, and reductions allow cable trays to change direction or span obstacles while maintaining structural integrity . These fittings can also help bridge uneven surfaces or connect multiple tray sections.
3. Spanning with Rigid Sections For longer gaps, rigid tray sections can be used to bridge distances without intermediate supports. The span length depends on the tray material (steel, stainless steel, or aluminum) and the load of the cables . Wire mesh trays may require additional reinforcement for longer spans.
4. Using Couplers and Joiners Tray couplers or splice plates are used to join two tray sections securely. They maintain alignment and provide mechanical strength across the bridge, preventing misalignment or sagging .
5. Incorporating Adjustable Supports Adjustable hangers or threaded rods allow fine-tuning of tray height and slope, which is essential when bridging uneven ceilings or structural obstacles. This ensures proper cable routing and compliance with minimum bend radius requirements .
6. Material Considerations The choice of material affects bridging methods. Steel trays provide high strength for long spans, aluminum trays offer corrosion resistance and lighter weight, and stainless steel tra...

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