

How to design bends in cable trays



Article Overview

Designing bends in cable trays requires careful consideration of bend radius, cable crowding, and proper alignment to ensure safe, efficient, and code-compliant cable routing.

Key Considerations for Cable Tray Bends

Bend Radius: The bend radius is critical to prevent cable damage and maintain performance. Cables on the inside of a bend travel a shorter distance than those on the outside, which can lead to crowding. A larger centerline radius reduces inner-rail congestion and makes cable pulling easier. For example, a 45-degree sweep with an 18-inch centerline radius provides a manageable pull path while minimizing inner-rail crowding on wider trays . **Cable Fill and Crowding:** When designing bends, consider the number of cables and their diameters. Inner cables may pinch if the tray is too wide or the bend radius is too small. Offset bends or multiple smaller bends can help clear structural obstacles but increase total arc length and fill penalties . **Compliance and Standards:** Ensure bends comply with electrical codes and manufacturer recommendations. Ventilated trays, wire mesh trays, and ladder trays may have different minimum bend radii and installation requirements .

Practical Methods for Creating Bends

Pre-Manufactured Fittings: Use factory-made elbows, tees, and crosses for standard angles (e.g., 45° or 90°). These fittings ensure consistent bend radius and reduce installation effort . **On-Site Bending:** For steel or wire mesh trays, bends can be made on-site using a cable tray bending machine, crimping tools, or even a metal bar for...

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