Cable tray support arm specifications and dimensions



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Cable tray support arms are designed to securely hold cable trays with recommended support spacing of 1/4 span, and their dimensions vary based on tray width, load, and type of installation.

Support Arm Function and Types

Cable tray support arms, also called support brackets or suspended supports, are mechanical elements that hold cable trays in place and connect them to structural surfaces such as ceilings, walls, floors, or steel beams. Common types include: Wall-mounted brackets: Extend horizontally from walls to support trays. Ceiling-suspended arms: Hang from ceilings using rods or threaded fasteners.

Center suspensions: Support trays from a central point for long spans. Adjustable arms: Allow height or angle adjustments for alignment with other trays or equipment.

Dimensions and Load Considerations

The dimensions of support arms depend on the cable tray width, type, and load: Tray widths: Ladder trays typically range from 6 to 48 inches; wider trays require stronger or longer support arms. Rung spacing: For small-diameter control cables, 6–12 inches; for large power cables, 9 inches or more. Support spacing: Recommended at 1/4 of the tray span to minimize deflection and stress at splice points.

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Material thickness: Steel tubing is commonly 16 gauge for ladder tray rails; support arms are sized to match load requirements. Load capacity: Defined by the tray's load class and support span; wider trays or heavier cables may require reinforced arms or additional supports.

Installation Guidelines

Mounting: Support arms can be bolted, welded, or suspended using threaded rods; ensure secure attachment to structural elements. Alignment: Arms should maintain tray level and allow for thermal expansion or contraction. Compliance: Follow NEMA BI 50015/50016, NEC, or IEC standards for support spacing, load, and installation practices.

Material and Finish

Support arms are typically made of galvanized steel, stainless steel, or aluminum, depending on environmental conditions. Finishes may include powder coating or corrosion-resistant plating for durability in industrial or outdoor settings.

Summary

When selecting or designing cable tray support arms, consider: Tray width and type (ladder, solid, or mesh)Cable load and rung spacingSupport spacing (1/4 span recommended)Material and finish for environmental conditionsCompliance with NEMA, NEC, or IEC standards Properly sized and installed support arms ensure mechanical stability, safety, and longevity of the cable tray system while accommodating cable routing and maintenance needs.

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The drawings which constitute a part of these specifications indicate the general route of the cable tray systems. Data presented on these drawings is as accurate as preliminary surveys and planning can

Cantilever Arms

In addition to the cantilever arms listed, there are many other specialist support brackets for use with cable tray or cable ladder.

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The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves – here, shown as an example for a cable tray with the tray widths 100 to 600 mm.

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Some applications may require the cable tray to support the weight of a single, dead object in addition to the cable loads. Specifications typically require this to be applied at the midpoint of the span between

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