Fixing cable trays with U-shaped fittings

Overview

If you''re building a support system for pipes, ducts, lighting, or cable trays, chances are you''ll need to connect a threaded rod to a Unistrut channel.

Key Takeaways

U-shaped fittings are commonly used to support and secure cable trays, providing stable attachment to walls, ceilings, or other structures while accommodating cable loads safely.

Understanding U-

Shaped FittingsU-shaped fittings, often referred to as tray hangers or support brackets, are designed to cradle the cable tray and distribute its weight evenly. They are particularly useful for suspended installations or when the tray needs to be mounted to a vertical or horizontal surface without sagging. These fittings are compatible with various tray types, including wire mesh, ladder, and solid-bottom trays.

Installation Steps

Determine Mounting Location: Identify the points where the cable tray will be supported. For ceiling suspensions, ensure the threaded rods or anchor points are rated for the combined weight of the tray and cables.

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Attach U-

Shaped Fittings: Secure the U-shaped fitting to the mounting surface using appropriate fasteners (e.g., bolts, anchors, or threaded rods). Ensure the fitting is level and aligned with the tray path. Position the Cable Tray: Place the tray into the U-shaped fitting, ensuring it sits snugly.

The tray should be centered to prevent tilting or uneven load distribution. Secure the Tray: Use mounting clamps or tray fasteners to lock the tray into the U-shaped fitting. This prevents lateral movement and ensures stability under dynamic loads, such as vibrations or short-circuit forces.

Spacing and Support: Maintain proper spacing between fittings according to the tray type and load. Heavier cables or longer spans may require additional supports to prevent sagging.

Best Practices

Material Compatibility: Use fittings made from the same or compatible material as the tray (e.g., stainless steel, galvanized steel, or aluminum) to prevent corrosion. Load Considerations: Ensure the fittings and mounting points can handle the imposed load, including cables, equipment, and environmental factors like wind or vibration. Accessibility: Leave enough clearance for cable installation and maintenance.

U-shaped fittings should not obstruct cable routing or tie-down points. System Integration: Use fittings and accessories designed for the specific tray system to maintain safety and compliance with standards such as BS EN 61537. Common ApplicationsCeiling-Suspended Trays: U-shaped fittings with threaded rods provide adjustable height and secure suspension.

Wall-

Mounted Trays: Fittings can be anchored to walls to support horizontal runs.

Floor-

Level or Industrial Installations: U-shaped brackets can be used with floor-mounted bases for heavy-duty cable trays. By following these guidelines, U-shaped fittings can provide a stable, safe, and efficient method for fixing cable trays in a variety of installation scenarios, ensuring long-term reliability and compliance with electrical installation standards.

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