Complete Guide to Cable Tray Angle Bend Construction



Overview

The document provides instructions for forming various bends and joints in electrical trunking and cable trays.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray angle bends are constructed by calculating the correct bend radius, selecting appropriate fittings, and ensuring compliance with cable bend requirements and structural standards.

Bend Calculation and Design

When constructing cable tray bends, the centerline radius (CLR) of the bend is critical.

The CL

R determines the smoothness of the bend and ensures cables are not stressed beyond their minimum bend radius.

Standard CL

R sizes are typically 12", 24", or 36" (300 mm, 600 mm, 900 mm), but the exact radius should meet the cable manufacturer's minimum bend radius and applicable standards such as NEC, IEC, or NEMA. For offset bends, calculate the horizontal run and vertical or lateral offset to determine the total travel path of the tray. Tools like cable tray bend calculators can provide centerline arc length, setback, chord, and clearance constraints to ensure proper routing.

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Always consider the thickest cable diameter in the tray to verify that the bend radius is sufficient.

Types of Bends

Horizontal Bends: Used to change the tray direction left or right. Standard angles are 45° or 90°, and elbows can be pre-fabricated or field-bent. Vertical Bends: Used for elevation changes, such as going up or down around obstacles.

Inside and outside vertical bends allow smooth transitions. Offset Bends: Double-elbow configurations allow the tray to bypass obstacles while maintaining proper cable support.

Materials and Fittings

Cable tray bends are available in galvanized, powder-coated, stainless steel, or project-specific finishes. For wire mesh trays, bends can be made on-site using tools like bolt cutters, with protective caps applied to cut ends to maintain safety and prevent cable damage.

Installation Considerations

Ensure spacing between rungs is adequate (typically 150–230 mm) to support cables and prevent sagging. Verify that the bend radius meets cable requirements, especially for power or fiber optic cables, to avoid damage or signal loss. Use pre-fabricated fittings when possible for consistency and compliance with standards.

For custom bends, measure and mark the tray carefully, then bend gradually to avoid deformation or stress on the tray material.

Summary

Constructing cable tray angle bends involves accurate calculation of bend radius, selection of appropriate fittings, and careful installation to maintain cable integrity and compliance with standards. Horizontal, vertical, and offset bends allow the tray to navigate around walls, equipment, and elevation changes while keeping the cable route continuous and supported.

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