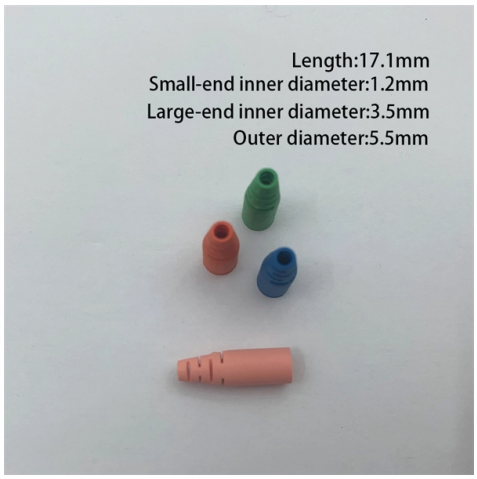
Standards for Steel Structure Components of Cable Trays



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Steel structure cable trays are designed with specific material, dimensional, and load-bearing parameters to safely support and organize electrical cables in industrial and commercial installations.

Material and Construction

Steel cable trays are typically fabricated from mild steel (MS) or galvanized steel for corrosion resistance and durability, with some applications using stainless steel (AISI 316L) for high-corrosion environments. Ladder-type trays consist of two longitudinal side members connected by transverse rungs, welded using CMT/GMAW or TIG/GTAW processes, providing high strength and precision. Perforated and solid-bottom trays are also common, with perforations allowing ventilation and heat dissipation.

Dimensions and Rung Spacing

Standard tray widths range from 100 mm to 600 mm, with heights typically 50–150 mm depending on cable volume. Rung spacing is critical for cable support and usually ranges from 150 mm to 300 mm, with ventilated openings up to 52 mm for ladder trays. Standard straight section lengths are 3 m or 6 m, with longer spans (9.

1 m and 12. 2 m) available for specific applications.

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Load Considerations

Steel cable trays must be designed to handle multiple load types: Dead Load (DL): Weight of the tray itself. Cable Load (CL): Weight of installed cables. Live Load (LL): Temporary loads during maintenance.

Wind Load (WL) and Seismic Load (EL): Environmental forces in exposed or seismic areas. Load calculations are essential to select appropriate steel sections, such as I-beam or C-channel profiles, with I-beams offering 15–20% higher strength than C-channels.

Support Structures

Cable trays are supported by wall-mounted MS angles, vertical steel frames, or bridge structures. Typical support intervals are 1 meter, with fasteners like M8 high-tensile bolts used for secure connections. For long spans, MS C-channels or angle bridges are welded to the main support structure to maintain stability and alignment.

Installation and Standards

Installation must comply with UL, CSA, NEC, and local electrical codes, ensuring proper grounding, spacing, and mechanical integrity. Covers may be added for protection against dust, electromagnetic interference, or accidental contact. Proper alignment, leveling, and secure fastening are critical for safety and longevity.

Summary

Steel structure cable trays are engineered systems with parameters including material type, tray dimensions, rung spacing, load capacity, support intervals, and compliance with standards. Correct selection and installation ensure durability, safety, and efficient cable management in industrial and commercial environments.

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Universal systems for cable support structures are used for small loads. The systems are suspended from the ceiling with threaded rods, stand-off brackets allow raised floor mounting of cable trays,

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Allowable Stresses The basic stress allowables for the cable trays are based on the American Iron and Steel Institute specification. The basic stress allowables for cable tray supports utilizing light gage

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