

Calculation basis for cable tray supports



Article Overview

Cable tray support quantity is calculated based on tray length, support spacing, and load, using standards and manufacturer guidelines to ensure safety and stability.

Basic Calculation Formula

The number of supports for a cable tray can be determined using the formula: $\text{Support Quantity} = (\text{Total Tray Length} \div \text{Support Spacing}) + 1$. For example, a 20-meter tray with supports spaced every 2 meters requires: $20 \div 2 + 1 = 11$ supports .

Determining Support Spacing

Support spacing depends on several factors:

- Tray Type: Ladder, perforated, channel, or mesh trays have different load capacities and span limits .
- Load: Total weight of cables, including future additions, must be considered. Manufacturer load charts provide maximum allowable spans .
- Environmental Conditions: Corrosive or high-moisture environments may require closer spacing or corrosion-resistant materials .
- Standards Compliance: NEC 392 and IEC 61537 provide guidelines for safe installation and support spacing . Typical support spacing ranges from 1.5 to 3 meters, depending on tray type and load .

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