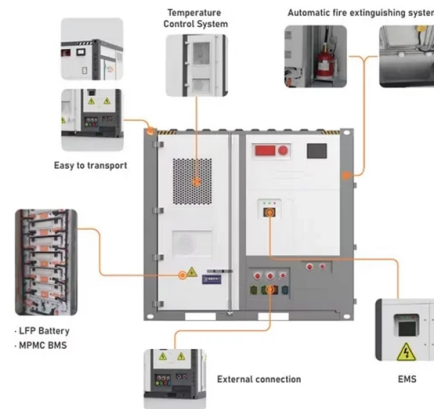


Is the cable tray fixed in the middle



Article Overview

Cable trays are typically supported at intervals along their length, and fixing in the middle is not standard; proper support depends on tray type, load, and span.

Support Principles

Cable trays are designed to carry electrical cables safely without excessive sagging or mechanical stress. They are generally supported at regular intervals along their length, rather than being fixed only in the middle. The spacing of supports depends on the tray type (ladder, solid-bottom, or ventilated), material, and the weight of the cables being carried .

- Ladder and ventilated trays: Supports are usually placed at the ends and at intermediate points to prevent sagging. The recommended support spacing is often specified by the manufacturer and standards such as BS EN 61537 or NEC Article 392 .
- Solid-bottom trays: May require closer support spacing due to less structural rigidity.

Center Fixing Considerations

Fixing a cable tray only in the middle is not recommended, as it can lead to:

- Excessive bending or sagging at the ends
- Increased mechanical stress on the tray and cables
- Potential safety hazards, especially under full load or during short-circuit events In...

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