

Making the most difficult bend in cable trays



Article Overview

The most difficult bend to construct in cable trays is typically the internal 90° bend, especially when a tight radius is required.

Why Internal 90° Bends Are Challenging

Internal 90° bends require precise cutting, flattening, and alignment to maintain the tray's structural integrity and allow smooth cable pulling . Unlike external bends, internal bends involve compressing the tray inward, which can cause deformation if not done carefully. Field fabrication often requires removing portions of the tray lip, cutting along the centerline, and using gussets to reinforce the bend . Achieving a smooth, accurate bend without damaging the tray is labor-intensive and demands skill.

Factors Affecting Bend Difficulty

- **Bend Radius:** Tighter radii increase difficulty because the tray material is more prone to cracking or warping . Manufacturers often provide bends in various radii (e.g., 12", 24", 36", 48") to accommodate installation needs .
- **Tray Material and Size:** Steel trays are harder to bend than aluminum, and wider trays require more force and careful handling .
- **Tools and Techniques:** Manual bending, hydraulic, or electric benders can be used, but field bends without specialized machines are more challenging . Techniques like three-point bending or using a crimping bar are common for tight bends

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