

Seismic-resistant cable tray supports



Overview

Understanding the Seismic Resistance of Cable Trays This article discusses the importance of seismic resistance for cable trays, detailing when Seismic Brac.

Key Takeaways

Steel cable trays with rigid or cable bracing, properly spaced and anchored, are generally the most reliable seismic-resistant support systems. Key Considerations for Seismic-Resistant Cable Tray Supports

Material Selection: Steel and aluminum are the most common materials for seismic cable trays. Steel offers superior strength and can withstand higher seismic forces, making it ideal for critical or heavy-duty installations. Aluminum is lightweight and corrosion-resistant, suitable for moderate seismic loads or where weight reduction is important. **Tray Type:** Perforated or trough trays are commonly used, but their suitability depends on cable mass, support spacing, and retention requirements. Wire mesh or basket trays can be used in some installations but require careful attention to splice and support details. Channel trays are generally recommended only for light-duty runs. **Bracing Method:** The support and bracing system is often more critical than the tray itself. Two main types of seismic bracing are used:

- **Rigid Bracing:** Works in both tension and compression, providing strong lateral and longitudinal support. Best for long spans or heavy cable loads, though limited by drop length.



- **Cable Bracing:** Works in tension and requires two opposing braces per location. It is faster to install and effective for moderate loads .
- **Support Spacing and Anchoring:** Closer support spacing reduces tray span and increases seismic resistance, but also increases installation cost. Proper anchoring to structural members is essential to transfer seismic forces safely. Expansion or chemical anchors are commonly used depending on the building structure .
- **Splice Joints:** Splice assemblies are often weak points in seismic systems. Use seismic-rated splice joints that have been tested for expected seismic loads to prevent loosening or separation during earthquakes .
- **Compliance with Codes:** Ensure the system meets local building codes and standards such as the International Building Code (IBC), ASCE 7, and NEC. Critical installations, such as hospitals or data centers, require strict adherence to seismic design requirements .

Recommended Approach

- Select steel trays for high seismic zones or heavy cable loads.
- Use rigid bracing for long spans or critical systems; cable bracing can be used for moderate loads.
- Design support spacing and anchoring based on structural analysis and seismic load calculations.
- Specify seismic-rated splice joints and verify manufacturer test data.
- Consult seismic engineering services to ensure compliance and optimal performance . By combining strong materials, proper bracing, close support spacing, and certified splice joints, you can achieve a highly reliable seismic-resistant cable tray system that minimizes risk to equipment and personnel during earthquakes.

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