

What is the optimal hole size for cable tray bends



AI Overview

For most metallic cable tray bends, a hole diameter of 7-10 mm is commonly recommended, depending on tray width and fastener type. Recommended Hole Sizes When fabricating or installing cable tray bends, the hole size should accommodate the bolts or screws used for connectors and joint plates. For example: Tray rails and bases: Drill holes with a diameter of ≥ 7 mm for standard fasteners on smaller trays (up to 300 mm width) to ensure secure attachment without weakening the tray structure. Larger trays (≥ 400 mm width): Use 10 mm holes for joint plates and connectors to prevent transverse bending under load. Coupler plates and accessories: Standard practice often uses 8 mm diameter bolts with corresponding holes for 2-3 fasteners per joint, depending on tray height and width. Considerations for Cable Tray Bends Field bends: While NEC 392.18(A) allows field bending, it is generally recommended to cut and bolt straight sections rather than force a curve, especially for metallic ladder trays. Bend radius: Pre-fabricated bends are available in various radii (e.g., 12", 24", 36", 48" for a 6" tray). The hole size should allow for secure bolting without interfering with the bend radius. Cable protection: Ensure that edges around drilled holes are smooth or fitted with edge protection strips to prevent cable damage during installation. Practical Tips Always match hole size to the fastener being used (bolt diameter plus clearance). For solid bottom trays, consider additional weep holes (1/4") for moisture drainage, but these are separate from mounting holes. Verify manufacturer specifications, as some cable tray systems may have pre-punched holes optimized for structural strength and ease of installation. By following these guidelines, you can ensure that cable tray bends are secure, structurally sound, and safe for cable installation, while maintaining flex...

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Most of the EzyStrut ladder fittings have a standard radius of 300 (NEMA 1 Steel) or 450mm (most other ladders). However, it is easy for us to offer a customised radius size, normally they can be 300, 450,

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Cable tray manual

Instead of large conduits, cable channel may be used very effectively to support cable drops from the cable tray run to the equipment or device being serviced and is ideal for cable tray runs involving a

Cable Tray Ladder Trunking Wire Basket Installation Guidelines

Size bends to allow for the minimum permissible radius of the largest cable on the tray where cables shall retain their relative positions on bends and sweeps. Where the support channels are cut or

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The National Electric Code (NEC) specifies the minimum size for cable tray systems which includes ladder, ventilated trough, ventilated channel, solid bottom and other similar structures. It's important

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For example, if we have to make a field bend for a 12" (300mm) metallic ladder tray using straight sections of this tray, then how much should be the minimum radius of this field bend?

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