Seismic Bracing for Cable Tray Installation



Overview

Design and Installation Manual for Seismic Bracing of Cable TraysOverview of a cable tray seismic bracing load path from tray rail to structure. This guide.

Key Takeaways

Seismic bracing cable trays require proper attachment using cable or rigid bracing systems to secure trays against earthquake forces, following code-compliant spacing and installation methods.

Overview

Seismic bracing is essential to protect cable trays and non-structural components during earthquakes. It ensures that trays can move with the building structure without causing damage to equipment or personnel. Bracing is typically installed in two directions: lateral (transverse) and longitudinal (parallel) to the tray system, using either cable bracing (tension-only) or rigid bracing (tension and compression) depending on drop length and structural requirements (Eaton).

Types of Bracing

Cable Bracing: Uses tensioned cables with opposing brace assemblies at each location. Ideal for longer drop lengths or vibration-sensitive installations. Rigid Bracing: Uses rigid members that resist both tension and compression.

Suitable for shorter drop lengths and limited by structural constraints.

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Installation Guidelines

Tray Selection: Use wire mesh or B-Line series cable trays approved for seismic applications. Wire mesh trays offer high strength-to-weight ratio and flexibility for complex routing. Attachment Points: Secure trays to structural members using predrilled tabs, threaded rods, or trapeze supports.

Spacing for seismic bracing is typically every 30 feet or as specified by the manufacturer. Cable Bracing Kits: Kits like Eaton's B-Line series with KwikWire clamps allow tool-less installation, reducing installation time by up to 50% compared to traditional methods. Kits include pre-stretched aircraft cable, clamps, and color-coded tags for verification.

Rod Stiffeners: Use rod stiffeners to maintain system strength and prevent sway. Attach cables directly to threaded rods or FAS PCH for sway bracing. Code Compliance: Follow IBC, ASCE 7, NFPA 13, and local building codes.

Ensure all bracing assemblies are reviewed and stamped by a Professional Engineer for compliance. Retrofit and New Construction: Seismic bracing can be applied to both new and existing installations. Pre-approved assembly drawings and engineering services can help optimize layout and ensure code compliance.

Best Practices

Verify cable diameter and length according to kit specifications (commonly 1/8” or 3/16” for 10 ft. and 20 ft. kits). Use color-coded tags for visual confirmation of correct installation. Ensure lateral and longitudinal braces are installed at each required location.

For CPV

C or other non-metallic piping, brace similarly to prevent damage during seismic events. Consult manufacturer technical services for complex configurations or unusual structural conditions. By following these guidelines, installers can achieve a safe, code-compliant, and efficient seismic bracing system for cable trays, minimizing risk during earthquakes while maintaining system integrity.

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Requirement: Each straight run requires a minimum of (2) transverse braces and (1) longitudinal brace.

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Rev 7 to Procedure SAG.CP3, "Seismic Design Criteria for Cable Tray ...

A cable tray hanger is classified as a _ seismic Category I structure, and therefore, it shall be adequately designed for the effect of the postulated seismic event combined with other applicable and''

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