

How to bend aluminum alloy cable trays



Article Overview

Aluminum alloy cable trays can be bent in the field using proper techniques, respecting minimum bend radii and material properties to ensure structural integrity and cable safety.

Material Considerations

Aluminum alloy cable trays are lightweight, corrosion-resistant, and ductile, making them easier to bend than steel trays. Ductile aluminum alloys can achieve elongation of 30% or more after annealing, which allows for smooth bends without cracking, while maintaining stability and tight terminal connections. Aluminum's lower elasticity compared to copper also helps maintain the shape of bends once formed.

Minimum Bend Radius

When bending aluminum alloy cable trays, the minimum bend radius is critical to avoid damaging the tray or the cables inside. For aluminum alloy trays, a common guideline is 7 times the cable diameter for the bending radius, based on standards for copper cable installation adapted to aluminum trays. Field bends should avoid sharp angles that could pinch or stress the cables.

Bending Methods

Several methods can be used to bend aluminum cable trays:

- **Field Fabrication with Cutting and Bolting** Straight sections can be cut and bolted together to form bends. While this method is simple, it may result in angular bends rather than smooth curves. Protective caps or coatings can prevent damage to the tray edges.

Article Content

Cable tray

ABB designs and manufactures cable tray systems, including perforated tray, cable ladder, channel tray and strut (metal framing).

CableTray Book English

T& B channel tray systems are fabricated from a corrosion-resistant metal (low-carbon steel, stainless steel or an aluminum alloy) or

Aluminum Cable Tray - RXL

create a design that caters to your specific needs. Made from high quality aluminum alloy, these rugged components bolt together to

Cable Tray Ladder Trunking Wire Basket Installation Guidelines

Typical examples of fittings include elbows, tees, crosses, and risers. Each of these fittings are available in various radii and bend

Assembly Guide

Assembly Guide The bends, tees, crosses, risers and reducers of wire mesh cable tray can be easily and quickly made live at the

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Aluminum cable tray Straight lengths — Tray bottom types: ladder, ventilated and solid trough Ladder Extra wide aluminum rungs

KwikRail cable tray specification Document

Cable tray systems are defined to include, but are not limited to straight sections of of [ladder type] [vented bottom type] [solid bottom

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A cable tray system is used to support insulated electrical cables used for power distribution, control, and communication. Cable

Full cable tray systems specification document

B. Cable tray systems are defined to include, but are not limited to straight sections of [ladder type] [trough type] [solid bottom type]

B-Line series Cable Tray Design Considerations

Is your cable tray system optimized for safety, dependability, space and cost savings? Cable tray (or cable ladder) systems are a

Aluminium Cable Trays | EAE Electric

Aluminum cable ladders and trays prevent cable overheating thanks to their high thermal conductivity, enhancing safety and offering

Trunking Cutting Techniques Guide | PDF | Metalworking | Tools

The document provides instructions for forming various bends and joints in electrical trunking and cable trays. It describes: 1) How to

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