

How to use a cable tray installation machine



Overview

The document outlines the procedure for installing cable trays, including essential tools, equipment, and safety measures.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray installation machines, also known as cable tray roll forming machines, automate the production of cable trays used for safe and organized cable management in industrial and commercial installations.

A cable tray installation machine is an automated system designed to manufacture cable trays, which are essential for supporting insulated electrical cables for power distribution, control, and communication. These machines transform metal coil strips into various cable tray profiles through a series of progressive dies, bending operations, and cutting processes, producing ladder-type, solid, ventilated, or wire mesh trays.

Working Principle

The machine operates by uncoiling raw metal strips and guiding them through multiple forming stations equipped with rollers and dies. Each station progressively bends, punches, or cuts the metal to achieve the desired tray shape. Advanced machines include servo-electric puller feed systems, rotary lateral shears, and automated die-changing mechanisms, allowing high precision and flexibility for producing different tray designs in one production line.

Types of Cable Tray Machines

- Automatic Cable Tray Roll Forming Machines – CNC-operated machines capable of producing ladder, solid, ventilated, and center spine trays in a single line .
- Multi-size Roll Forming Machines – Machines that can produce trays of various lengths, widths, and heights, suitable for metal thicknesses typically ranging from 1.2 to 2 mm .
- Customizable Machines – Equipped with specialized dies and tooling to meet specific industry requirements, including punching designs for different cable support needs .

Applications

Cable trays produced by these machines are widely used in:

- Industrial buildings for routing power and communication cables
- Data centers for organized overhead or under-floor cable management
- Commercial facilities requiring long-span cable support with ladder or solid tray designs They provide a safe, efficient, and flexible alternative to open wiring or conduit systems, supporting large quantities of cables while maintaining accessibility for maintenance .

Advantages

- High efficiency and consistency due to continuous forming processes
- Flexibility to produce multiple tray types and sizes
- Precision in punching, cutting, and bending operations
- Reduced labor and installation time compared to manual fabrication

Considerations for Selection

When choosing a cable tray installation machine, consider:

- Required tray types and sizes
- Material thickness and type (metallic or fiberglass)
- Production speed and automation level
- Ease of die/tooling changes for different designs
- Maintenance and support from the manufacturer These machines are essential for large-scale cable management projects, ensuring reliable, standardized, and high-quality cable tray production.

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Cable Tray Installation

Proper planning for installing cable tray includes calculations based on loading, support systems, cable/wire fill and spacing,

Cable Tray Installation Procedure Guide

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Cable Tray Technical Guide A practical guide to product selection

Cable tray length is selected based on the load to be supported, the distance between the supports (also referred to as the span),

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Below is a complete method statement for installation of cable tray, cable trunking and cable ladders in compliance with project

Method Statement for Installation of Cable Tray or Trunking

On completion of cable tray/ ladder installation including fittings, inspect exposed finish. Remove burrs & construction

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Center hung tray supports allow for quicker and easier cable installation by allowing cables to be deposited into tray systems from

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