

How to determine the load on a cable tray



AI Overview

The total load on a cable tray is calculated by summing the weight of the cables, the tray itself, and any additional live or environmental loads, then applying a safety factor.

Step 1: Identify Load Types

Cable tray loads are generally classified into:

- Dead Load (G): Permanent weight including the cables and the tray itself .
- Live Load (Q): Temporary loads such as maintenance personnel, tools, or equipment placed on the tray .
- Environmental Loads: Wind, snow, or seismic forces for outdoor installations .

Step 2: Calculate Cable Weight

Determine the weight of each cable type and quantity:

- Find the weight per unit length of each cable (e.g., kg/m or lb/ft).
- Multiply by the number of cables and the tray span length. Example: If each cable weighs 2 kg/m, there are 20 cables, and the span is 2 meters: Cable Load = 2 kg/m × 20 × 2 m = 80 kg .

Step 3: Include Tray Weight...



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