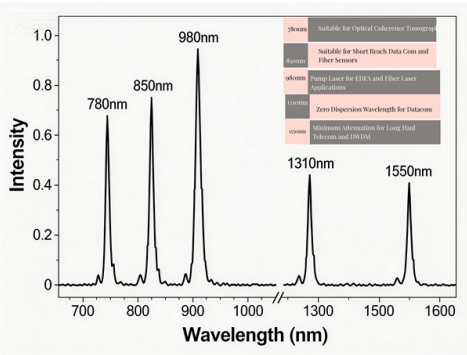
Standard Requirements for Materials Used in Cable Tray Supports



Overview

It specifies the requirements and testing for cable support systems, which are intended to support and house cables, as well as other electrical resources in electrical installations or communication systems.

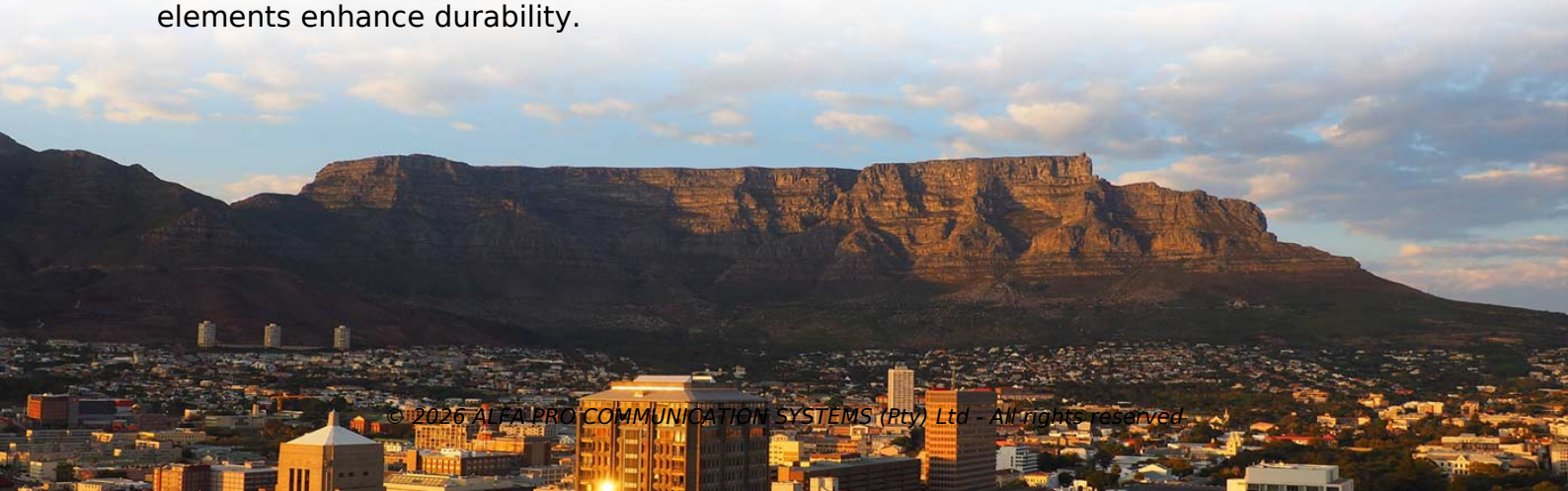
Key Takeaways

Cable tray support materials are selected based on environmental conditions, mechanical loads, and corrosion resistance, following standards such as DIN EN 61537, NEC, NEMA, and IEC.

Material Selection Criteria

Environmental Conditions: The choice of material depends on whether the installation is indoor, outdoor, or in corrosive environments. Factors include exposure to moisture, chemicals, temperature extremes, and atmospheric agents. Mechanical Loads: Supports must withstand the weight of cables and any additional mechanical forces.

Load capacity and support spacing are critical to prevent sagging or structural failure. Corrosion Resistance: Materials are selected for their ability to resist corrosion, including stress corrosion, pitting, and oxidation. Protective coatings or alloying elements enhance durability.



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Common Materials and Standards

Steel: Widely used for general applications. Can be hot-dip galvanized or coated to improve corrosion resistance. Unprotected steel is prone to rust in moist environments.

Stainless Steel: Grades such as AISI 316L provide high corrosion resistance, suitable for harsh or chemical environments. Chromium content forms a protective oxide layer. Aluminum: Lightweight and corrosion-resistant due to a natural oxide layer.

Aluminum alloys are chosen for mechanical strength and resistance to atmospheric corrosion. Fiberglass Reinforced Polyester (FRP): Pultruded trays using polyester or vinyl ester resin offer high corrosion resistance and a favorable strength-to-weight ratio, ideal for chemical or outdoor exposure. Standards and ComplianceDIN EN 61537: Defines cable support systems, including trays, ladders, and mesh trays, and specifies requirements for mechanical and environmental performance.

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C, NEMA, IEC: Ensure electrical safety, fire resistance, and structural integrity. Compliance may require CE marking or third-party certification (UL, IMQ, LCIE) depending on the region.

Practical Considerations

Galvanization and Coatings: Hot-dip galvanization or zinc coatings protect steel supports from corrosion. Stainless steel may be passivated for additional protection. Support Spacing: Determined by load and tray type; spacing between brackets must comply with standards to maintain structural integrity.

Accessories and Mounting: Support elements, brackets, and mounting plates must be compatible with the selected material and designed to withstand environmental and mechanical stresses. Selecting the appropriate cable tray support material requires balancing mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, environmental exposure, and compliance with relevant standards to ensure long-term safety and reliability.

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To install the cable tray supports, first find the required elevation from the floor to the bottom of the cable tray and establish a level line with a laser or a nylon string.

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