

Seismic Performance of Long-Span Cable Trays



Article Overview

Long-span cable trays require careful seismic design, including bracing, support spacing, and sensitivity analysis, to ensure stability and maintain critical system functionality during earthquakes.

Key Considerations in Seismic Design

Long-span cable trays are particularly vulnerable during seismic events due to their extended length, distributed mass, and multi-span configuration. During an earthquake, they are subjected not only to gravity loads but also to lateral forces, vertical accelerations, vibration, and building drift, which can lead to tray deformation, support failure, or cable displacement if not properly designed .

Tray Type and Material

The choice of tray type significantly affects seismic performance. Ladder trays are often preferred for primary distribution in high-seismicity areas because of their structural stiffness and efficient weight-to-strength ratio. Perforated or trough trays may be used but require careful evaluation of mass, support spacing, and cable retention. Wire mesh or basket trays are suitable for lighter loads but need detailed attention to splice and support connections .

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