

The galvanized layer of the cable tray thins over time



Article Overview

The galvanized zinc layer on cable trays gradually thins over time due to sacrificial corrosion, environmental exposure, and mechanical wear, but proper galvanization can ensure decades of protection.

How Galvanization Protects Steel

Galvanization involves coating steel with zinc to prevent rust and corrosion. The zinc layer acts as a sacrificial barrier, meaning it corrodes preferentially to protect the underlying steel. Hot-dip galvanization, the most common method for cable trays, forms a thick zinc-iron alloy layer with excellent adhesion, providing superior corrosion resistance compared to thin electroplated coatings (). This layer shields the steel even if the surface is scratched or dented ().

Why the Zinc Layer Thins Over Time

- **Sacrificial Corrosion:** Zinc corrodes slowly in the presence of moisture, oxygen, and pollutants, gradually reducing the coating thickness while protecting the steel beneath ().
- **Environmental Factors:** High humidity, coastal salt air, industrial chemicals, and UV exposure accelerate zinc consumption. Harsh environments can shorten the effective lifespan of the coating ().
- **Mechanical Wear:** Handling, installation, and heavy cable pulls can abrade the zinc layer, especially at edges, perforations, or bends, contributing to localized thinning ()....

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