

Construction Method of Seismic Support for Cable Trays



Overview

(1) Triangular Support: I use a triangular support shape. Triangular shapes spread out earthquake forces. (2) Thicker Base Plate: I make the base plate of the cable. This appendix provides the design criteria for seismic Category I cable trays and their supports. 1 Codes and Standards The design of cable trays and their supports conform to. In regions prone to seismic activity, ensuring that your cable tray system is capable of withstanding such events is vital. Copyright © 1991 Electric Power Research Institute, Inc. Requests for copies of this report should be directed to the EPRI Distribution Center, 207 Coggins Drive. An innovative bracing system was designed to provide lateral bracing for the cable tray system. On some occasions the conduit hanger rods 12 in or less in length be restrained. The 12 in length was determined based on the natural frequency of systems supported on the short hanger rods. During an earthquake, cable trays are exposed not only to gravity loads and normal service loads, but also to lateral movement, vertical acceleration, vibration, and building drift.



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The results show that the proposed performance index (drift ratio between adjacent supports) for cable tray systems is a reasonable criterion for performance-based seismic design and

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Rev 7 to Procedure SAG.CP3, "Seismic Design Criteria for Cable Tray ...

A cable tray hanger is classified as a _ seismic Category I structure, and therefore, it shall be adequately designed for the effect of the postulated seismic event combined with other applicable and"

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The seismic performance levels of cable tray systems are presented according to current seismic design codes. A performance-based optimum

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Cable Tray and Conduit System Seismic Evaluation Guidelines

The checks of the analytical review guidelines are formulated to ensure that cable tray and conduit supports are seismically rugged, consistent with the above observations from the seismic experience

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Appendix 3F Cable Trays and Cable Tray Supports

Live load consists of a load of 250 pounds to be applied only during construction on the tray at a critical location to maximize flexural and shear stresses. This load is not combined with seismic loads.

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Above these cabinets, are cable trays that provide power and communications cabling to the cabinets. Since the facilities were located in a area of high seismicity, the cable tray system was required to be

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Strap cables, either individually or in bundles, to the cable tray at a spacing equal to one half the support spacing to spread the seismic loads evenly to all restraint points.

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Seismic forces for the cable trays, including the cable weights, were calculated using the nonstructural component seismic provisions of the 1994 UBC, which was the applicable design code in effect.

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Cable trays are light equipment components. They consist of steel ladder type cable trays and a support system. In case of horizontal cable trays, the trays are supported by cantilevers

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This appendix provides the design criteria for seismic Category I cable trays and their supports. Seismic Category II cable trays and their supports are also designed utilizing the design criteria of this appendix.

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Cable Tray and Conduit System Seismic Evaluation Guidelines

Guidelines are presented here for conducting in-plant seismic ruggedness review of conduit, cable trays, and their support systems. The in-plant review has two purposes.

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As with cable restraints, floor- or roof-mounted electrical distribution support systems will normally involve a box frame that supports the system (single or multiple runs) with some kind of a trapeze bar.

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Dead load includes the weight of the cable trays, their supports and the cables inside the trays and any permanently attached items. Temporary items used during construction or maintenance are removed

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