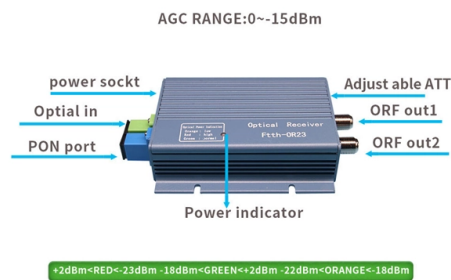


Should cable trays be counted as separate supports



Overview

This is a tremendous source of confusion, yet the answer is no. This publication is intended as a practical guide for the proper and safe* installation of cable ladder systems, cable tray systems, channel support systems and associated supports. For proper installation, design, and maintenance, adherence to international standards is essential. One of the most recognized frameworks globally is the IEC standard for maintain spacing or to keep cables in place when the tray is ect the minimum bend radius for cables as they exit the bottom of the cable tray. These regulations ensure that the metal or plastic frames that contain the wires are robust enough to ensure. Currently the cable tray has a mixture of cables larger than 4/0 & smaller than 4/0 in the tray which has been properly sized per the 2023 NFPA 70, section 392. The issue is that the 3rd Party inspector (Authority Having Jurisdiction), for the building manufacturer is trying to state.



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3.1.4 Telecommunications cables shall not be supported by any other trades, and shall be fully-supported by independent methods.

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