

# How to construct seismic-resistant supports for cable trays



## AI Overview

Seismic-resistant cable tray supports are fabricated using steel members, bracing systems, and secure attachments designed to withstand lateral and vertical earthquake forces while complying with building codes and industry standards. Key Design Considerations

Seismic-resistant supports must account for the weight of the cable trays, cables, and any attached components, as well as dynamic forces during an earthquake . The design should follow relevant codes such as the International Building Code (IBC), ASCE 7, NFPA 13, and standards from AISI, AISC, IEEE, and NEMA . Critical factors include:

- Seismic category of the facility (Category I for essential systems, Category II for standard systems)
- Seismic zone of the location, which determines the magnitude of lateral forces to be resisted
- Importance of the cables (e.g., emergency power, data centers, hospitals)
- Materials and Components
  - Steel members: Cold-formed or structural steel channels are commonly used for supports and braces .
  - Rod stiffeners and braces: Rods, channels, or proprietary steel members provide lateral and longitudinal bracing .
  - Bolts and clamps: High-strength fasteners ensure secure connections between trays, braces, and structural members .
  - Prefabricated sections: Ladder-type or solid-bottom cable trays are often used, with spliced connections for on-site assembly .
- Bracing Methods
  - Seismic bracing typically involves two directions of support:
  - Lateral (transverse) bracing: Installed perpendicular to the cable tray to resist side-to-side motion.
  - Longitudinal bracing: Installed parallel to the tray to resist movement along the tray's length .
  - Bracing can be rigid (resists both tension and compression) or cable/tension-based (resists tension only), depending on the drop length and structural requirements .
  - Diagonal bracing between layers of trays is often used to enhance stability .
- Fabrication and I...

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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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This article discusses the importance of seismic resistance for cable trays, detailing when seismic braces are necessary, the factors that affect

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Given that the seismic-resistant elements were found to possess relatively high strength, a simple reinforcement method for cable trays was proposed, and its effectiveness was demonstrated through

### Seismic Bracing Systems for Cable Trays Catalog

Explore seismic bracing solutions for cable trays. Catalog details wire rope/cable systems, specs, design for earthquake protection.

### Cable Tray Checklist for High-Seismicity Projects

The most important lesson for seismic cable tray design is simple: do not treat seismic performance as an accessory. It is a core design requirement

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### Performance-based optimum seismic design of cable tray system

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

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Seismic bracing also uses rod stiffeners to keep the whole system strong enough to be braced. To break it down even further, a seismic bracing assembly consists of three items: a system brace, a brace

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These cable trays are constructed using prefabricated steel sections in a ladder-type configuration with solid steel longitudinal elements and light steel transverse “rungs.” These cable trays are assembled

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