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Concept of seismic bracing for cable trays in Lebanon



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Key Takeaways

Seismic bracing for cable trays ensures that electrical and communication systems remain secure and operational during earthquakes by providing lateral and longitudinal support to the tray system.Concept and Purpose

Seismic bracing is a method of reinforcing cable tray systems to resist the forces generated during an earthquake. The primary goal is to prevent damage to cables and maintain system functionality, especially for critical infrastructure such as hospitals, data centers, and emergency facilities . Bracing allows the cable trays to move with the building structure while minimizing stress on the cables and supports .

Types of Seismic Bracing
• Cable Bracing: Works in tension and requires two opposing brace assemblies at each location. It is suitable for long spans and flexible installations .

• Rigid Bracing: Works in both tension and compression, requiring only one brace assembly per location. It is typically used for shorter spans or where higher rigidity is needed .

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• Wire Rope/Cable™ Bracing: Pre-stretched steel wire assemblies act like shock absorbers, providing elastic resistance to seismic loads. These systems are UL listed and can be installed faster than conventional pipe or strut bracing .
Design Considerations
• Load Assessment: The total weight of the cable trays, cables, and accessories must be considered, including potential future expansion .

• Attachment Points: Braces should connect to structural members capable of supporting seismic forces, not relying solely on walls or ceilings .

• Direction of Bracing: Both lateral (transverse) and longitudinal bracing are required to stabilize the system in all directions of seismic movement .

• Compliance with Codes: International standards such as the International Building Code (IBC), ASCE 7, and NEMA VE 1 provide guidelines for seismic design of non-structural components like cable trays . In Lebanon, local building codes may reference similar seismic design criteria due to the country's seismic risk.
Practical Implementation
• Use pre-fabricated bracing kits for faster installation and verified load capacity .

• Ensure proper spacing of braces according to tray size, weight, and seismic zone.

• Include rod stiffeners or diagonal braces to maintain tray alignment and prevent sway .

• For critical systems, consider redundant bracing to maintain functionality even if one brace fails.
Summary

Seismic bracing for cable trays in Lebanon involves assessing loads, selecting appropriate bracing types, and installing braces in both lateral and longitudinal directions to comply with seismic safety standards. Using modern bracing systems like wire rope assemblies can improve installation efficiency and provide reliable protection for electrical and communication infrastructure during earthquakes .

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