

Drilling holes at the bottom of the photovoltaic cable tray



AI Overview

Drilling holes at the bottom of solid-bottom photovoltaic cable trays is commonly done for drainage and ventilation, but must be carefully planned to maintain structural integrity and avoid EMI/RFI issues.

Purpose of Drilling Holes In solar PV installations, solid-bottom cable trays are often used to protect DC and AC cables from mechanical damage and environmental exposure, such as UV radiation, dust, and moisture. However, solid-bottom trays can accumulate moisture, which may lead to corrosion or insulation damage. Drilling small drain holes allows water to escape and improves airflow, reducing the risk of overheating and prolonging cable life.

Recommended Practices

- Hole Size and Spacing:** Typically, 1/4 inch (6 mm) holes are drilled at intervals of about three feet along the tray, positioned in the middle and near the sides.
- Avoid EMI/RFI Interference:** If the tray is intended for sensitive circuits requiring electromagnetic shielding, avoid drilling holes, as this can compromise EMI/RFI protection.
- Drilling Method:** Use a drill with the correct bit size for the tray material. Burrs should be removed after drilling to prevent cable damage.
- Structural Considerations:** Ensure that drilling does not weaken the tray's load-bearing capacity. For long spans or heavy cable loads, consult the manufacturer's guidelines or use perforated trays designed for ventilation.
- Corrosion Protection:** After drilling, protect exposed metal surfaces with zinc-rich paint or other corrosion-resistant coatings.
- Additional Tips**

- Use Templates or Jigs:** For consistent hole placement, a template or drill jig can be used, especially when modifying multiple tray sections.
- Cable Routing:** Maintain proper cable spacing and support, particularly near bends and joints, to prevent mechanical stress.
- Inspection and Maintenance:** Drilled trays should be periodically inspected to ensure holes remain clear and that no water accumulation...

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Mounting instructions

6.2 Pre-drilling unperforated cut cable trays If unperforated cable trays are cut, then appropriate drill holes must be drilled for the straight connections and for the mounting of fittings and joint bars.

Under Desk Cable Management Tray No Drill, Metal

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METHOD STATEMENT FOR CABLE TRAY INSTALLATION

7.1.21 Cable tray run in Substation or PIB all cable trays shall have a minimum of 200mm clear space above the tray. 7.1.22 The elevation of the bottom of the lowest cable tray shall be minimum of 2.67M

Cable Tray Ladder Trunking Wire Basket Installation

Drilling Holes for splice plates must be drilled in field-cut cable trays. The most common method of locating the hole positions is to use a splice plate as a template.

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Takeaway Field fabrication of cable tray tees is a practical skill for solar installers working on photovoltaic systems, especially when site conditions differ from plans. Accurate measurement,

Cable Tray Specifications and Accessories

This document provides specifications for perforated and solid cable tray systems including: - Straight sections that come in various heights, bottom types, return

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