

# Transverse and longitudinal seismic bracing for cable trays



## Overview

When seismic bracing is required for piping, ductwork, conduit, and cable tray under ASCE 7-22 §13. Threshold rules, longitudinal vs transverse bracing, MSS SP-58/SP-127 and SMACNA guidance, and the hospital-specific  $I_p = 1$ . Distribution systems — piping, ductwork, conduit. Suspended systems such as piping, equipment and ductwork need seismic braces to keep them from swaying during an earthquake. Seismic braces can be flexible using aircraft quality cables, or rigid (solid) using steel sections such as pipe, angles, or strut channels. We have decades of experience with real-world applications in severe seismic zones, supplying world-class products and solutions. Our strong legacy includes OSHPD OPA and OPM approvals, Structural Engineer approvals, and compliance with International Building Code. An innovative bracing system was designed to provide lateral bracing for the cable tray system. Recommendations are made for improvements in the design procedures for seismic bracing of. Seismic Bracing Requirements The rules and requirements for the seismic restraints are published in the model building codes: The International Building Code (International Conference of Building Officials), National Building Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators), Standard Building Code.

## Article Content

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Seismic Bracing Installation Best Practices: Strut

In part two of nVent CADDY's three part video series on different seismic bracing attachments, learn more about the best practices and benefits of

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Understanding Seismic Support for Electrical Installations

For rigid cable trays, it is established that the seismic supports should be spaced no more than 12 meters apart. Additionally, longitudinal seismic supports should not exceed a spacing of 24 meters. It

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Requirement: Each straight run requires a minimum of (2) transverse braces and (1) longitudinal brace.

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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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Cable & Pipe Supports

FLEXIBLE BRACING: CABLE & WIRE SOLUTIONS Steel cable used as braces, typically 45 degrees to the cable tray or ladder, used to restrain both the transverse and longitudinal loads.

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The shake on seismic bracing

For cables or anything else that runs in a line, the seismic force acts in two directions: transverse (perpendicular) and longitudinal (parallel) to the run. Almost

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Where seismic bracing may be enforced more strictly Mission Critical Data Centers  
Government buildings and other critical potential bomb/explosion (ATFP issues)  
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CABLE BRACING Steel cable used as brace, typically at 45° to the cable tray  
Transverse and Longitudinal braces required As a guideline, maximum allowable  
spacing for transverse and

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Multi-Directional Bracing For Electrical Conduit, Cable Tray And ...

This manual has been developed under the requirements of the 2001 California  
Building Code, and contains seismic bracing details that can be used for seismic  
bracing projects up to 1.0g (ASD) or 1.4g.

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## SEISMIC BRACING OF A DISTRIBUTED CABLE TRAY SYSTEM

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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## EARTHQUAKE PROTECTION

Suspended systems such as piping, equipment and ductwork need seismic braces to  
keep them from swaying during an earthquake. Seismic braces can be flexible using  
aircraft quality cables, or rigid

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Seismic analysis and design of electrical cable trays and support ...

The design aspects of electrical cable trays and support systems are discussed from  
the seismic and structural standpoint. The effects of the inherent flexibility of  
commonly used cable trays

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## KINETICS™ Pipe & Duct Seismic Application Manu

Unless transverse (T) and longitudinal (L) load carrying capacities are provided by the  
manufacturer for cable trays and bus ducts locate the transverse (T) and longitudinal  
(L) seismic restraints at the cable

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Seismic and cable tray solution flyer

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Seismic Bracing for Distribution Systems: Piping, Ductwork, Conduit ...

Transverse braces every 40 ft (typical for piping); they take the lateral force perpendicular to the line. Longitudinal braces every 80 ft; they take the lateral force along the line. Each elbow or

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Héhowever, a longitudinal brace placed on the run section at the opposite side of an elbow or tee within 24" may act as a transverse brace, and is labeled a "DUAL

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SEISMIC S E I

Why is seismic bracing important? Studies have shown that earthquake damage to mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) systems account for more than half of monetary damage to buildings

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SEISMIC BRACING OF A DISTRIBUTED CABLE TRAY SYSTEM

The cable trays have diagonal bracing between layers of cable trays in the longitudinal direction using proprietary steel members and connected using bolts and clamps. The initial layout and design of the

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SECTION 7 DETAILS OF BRACED COMPONENTS

4-WAY SWAY BRACE DETAIL FOR CABLE TRAY (for locations where Transverse & Longitudinal bracing coincide)

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solutions Ezystrut offers a range of seismic solutions that comply with Australian Standard. 1170.4. Our one-stop solution for seismic bracing, cable tray, pipe hangers, strut systems and fasteners takes the

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## Seismic Restraint Systems: Bracing for Conduit & Piping

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## 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.

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## Understanding the Seismic Resistance of Cable Trays

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

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First, lateral braces, also called transverse braces, are installed across or perpendicular to the system. Second, longitudinal braces are installed parallel to the system. Seismic bracing also uses rod

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