

OBO Typicals

Detailed mounting drawings

of mounting, cable tray, mesh cable tray, cable ladder and wide span systems



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Project-specific typicals can be drawn separately in consultation and as required.



Metal: corrosion and corrosion protection



A large number of products used in industrial installations are made of metal. Metals are much tougher than many other materials and are less sensitive to mechanical loading. The OBO metal products are made of aluminium, diecast zinc, stainless steel or steel.

Steel (St), the most commonly used material, is very strong and has good elasticity and chemical resistance. However, steel is susceptible to corrosion and must therefore be protected accordingly.

Stainless steels consist mainly of alloyed, very hard and rustproof steels. Stainless steels are divided into quality classes according to the percentage of alloys. These are indicated by the material number according to DIN EN 10027.

Aluminium (AI), as a light metal, has comparatively low strength but good electrical conductivity and high corrosion resistance.

Die-cast zinc components (Zn) are very strong and hard. The manufacturing process enables the production of very precise components with good corrosion resistance.

Corrosion

(from the Latin corrodere, "to eat or gnaw to pieces") in a technical context is a reaction between a material (generally a metal) and its surroundings, leading to a measurable change in the material and potentially impairing the functionality of a component or system.

Corrosion protection

Corrosion protection means all steps taken to prevent corrosion damage to metallic components. It is impossible to prevent corrosion permanently, so corrosion protection measures generally aim to reduce the speed of corrosion so that the component is not damaged by corrosion for the duration of its service life.

The term "passive corrosion protection" refers to all measures designed to shield products from corrosive media. Coatings are one way of achieving passive corrosion protection. At OBO, most steel products are protected from corrosion by a layer of zinc. Zinc coatings can be applied to components using a variety of methods.

Zinc slat covering

Zinc slat coverings are coatings applied in a non-electrolytic manner. They offer a cathodic protection and thus have excellent corrosion protection, while at the same time, there is no risk of hydrogen-induced breakage. Due to these properties, this coating type is used for connection components with a high strength classification or structural parts with high tensile strength. The low layer thickness of the zinc slat covering allows a thin, homogeneous coating, which is particularly important for maintaining the accuracy of threads. This coating achieves a resistance of 480 hrs in the salt spray test for the connection elements.

Galvanisation types





Electrogalvanisation – electrolytic galvanisation in accordance with DIN EN 12329

In electrogalvanisation, the component is coated by dipping it not in molten zinc, but in a zinc electrolyte, through which a direct electric current is passed. Strip galvanising – hot galvanised according to the strip-galvanising method in accordance with DIN EN 10327 (formerly DIN EN 10147 and DIN EN 10142) Strip galvanisation or Sendzimir galvanisation is where a continuous ribbon of steel is galvanised in a continuous line.



Hot-dip galvanisation – hot galvanisation using the dipping method according to DIN EN ISO 1461

Batch galvanisation is mainly used for galvanising prefabricated steel parts, by dipping them in molten zinc at a temperature of around 450 °C.



Hot-dip coating – zinc-aluminium coating in accordance with DIN EN 10346

In contrast to conventional coating systems, the material being galvanised in the double-dip process passes through two baths in succession: the first contains pure zinc, the second a zinc-aluminium alloy.

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Surface testing and corrosion categories



Classification of corrosion resistance

All the system components must show sufficient resistance against corrosion in agreement with the standard DIN EN 61537. The minimum zinc layer thicknesses are determined through a measurement. The grouping into the appropriate class is detailed in the table "Classification of corrosion resistance". The table "Corrosion categories according to DIN EN ISO 12944" shows the area of application and the zinc loss to be expected.

Classification of corrosion resistance

All components, depending on the environment, must show sufficient resistance against corrosion in agreement with the standard DIN EN 61537. This is how corrosion categories are determined, e.g. with a salt spray test. In this procedure, components are sprayed with salt for a certain time period. The resulting level of red rust is the basis for allocation to a corrosion category, i.e. in which environment the component is resistant to corrosion.

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Class	Reference material and surface treatment
0*	None
1	Electroplated to a minimum thickness of 5 µm
2	Electroplated to a minimum thickness of 12 µm
3	Pre-galvanised to grade 275 to EN 10327 and EN 10326
4	Pre-galvanised to grade 350 to EN 10327 and EN 10326
5	Post-galvanised to a zinc mean coating thickness (minimum) of 45 μ m according to ISO 1461
6	Post-galvanised to a zinc mean coating thickness (minimum) of 55 µm according to ISO 1461
7	Post-galvanised to a zinc mean coating thickness (minimum) of 70 µm according to ISO 1461
8	Post-galvanised to a zinc mean coating thickness (minimum) of 85 µm according to ISO 1461 (usually high silicon steel)
9A	Stainless steel manufactured to ASTM: A 240/A 240M – 95a designation S30400 or EN 10088 grade 1-4301 without a post-treatment *
9B	Stainless steel manufactured to ASTM: A 240/A 240M – 95a designation S31603 or EN 10088 grade 1-4404 without a post-treatment *
9C	Stainless steel manufactured to ASTM: A 240/A 240M – 95a designation S30400 or EN 10088 grade 1-4301 with a post-treatment **
9D	Stainless steel manufactured to ASTM: A 240/A 240M – 95a designation S31603 or EN 10088 grade 1-4404 with a post-treatment **

Classification of corrosion resistance according to EN 61537

* For materials which do not have a declared corrosion resistance classification
 ** The end treatment process is used to improve the protection against crack corrosion and the contamination of other steels

Corrosion categories to DIN EN ISO 12944

Corrosion category	Typical environment, inside	Typical environment, outside	Corrosion load	Average zinc removal
C 1	Heated buildings with neutral atmospheres, e.g. offices, shops, schools, hotels	-	Insignificant	<0.1 µm/a
C 2	Unheated buildings in which condensation can occur, e.g. warehouse, sports halls	Atmosphere with low level of impurities. Often rural areas	Low	0.1 to 0.7 µm/a
C 3	Production facilities with a high level of humidity and some air impurities, e.g. plants for food production, laundries, breweries, dairies	City and industrial atmo- sphere, considerable impuri- ties through sulphur dioxide, coastal areas with low salt load	Medium	0.7 to 2.1 µm/a
C 4	Chemical plants, swimming pools, boat sheds over seawater	Industrial areas and coastal areas with low salt load	Strong	2.1 to 4.2 µm/a
C 5-I	Buildings or areas with almost constant condensation and with high levels of impurities	Industrial areas with high levels of humidity and ag- gressive atmosphere	Very strong (industry)	4.2 to 8.4 µm/a
C 5-M	Buildings or areas with almost continuous condensa- tion and with high levels of impurities	Coastal or offshore areas with salt load	Very strong (sea)	>4.2 to 8.4 µm/a

Contact corrosion



If two different metals are conductively connected with each other, contact corrosion can occur. This poses a considerable risk to the load capacity and lifespan of the components used.

The level of contact corrosion is determined primarily by the level of the potential difference between the contact partners. Contact corrosion occurs at potential differences of 100 mV or greater and the anodic (electrically negative) partner is at risk of corrosion. Therefore, strongly non-precious metals should never be brought into contact with precious metals.

Additional contact corrosion criteria:

- Level of electrical resistance between the contact partners. The higher the resistance, the lower the contact corrosion. Positive on Al and Ti.
- Occurrence of an electrolyte. An electrolyte, such as perspiration or condensation, attacks the protective layers, increasing conductivity. Dirt increases this effect through released ions.
- Length of the impact of the electrolyte. The longer the electrolyte is active, the greater the corrosion will be.
- The surface ratios of the contact partners influence the current density. The best thing to have is a small surface ratio of the "precious" to the "less precious" contact partner.
- Different environments or atmospheres can increase or influence the risk of contact corrosion to varying degrees.

Installation locations

Whether indoors or outdoors, in aggressive atmospheres or under special hygienic conditions, OBO can offer the perfect surface and materials for your installation, no matter what the requirements may be. OBO metal products are machined from high-quality sheet steel or steel wire and are available with various surfaces. Different hardening and coating methods ensure tailor-made corrosion protection, specially tailored to the appropriate application:

Application	Material	Material Surface protection	
Indoors	st Steel	L Painted/powder-coated	
	st Steel	FS Strip-galvanised DIN EN 10346	
	st Steel	G Electrogalvanised DIN EN 12329	
Outdoors	st Steel	FT Hot galvanised DIN EN ISO 1461	
//////	st Steel	DD Hot galvanised DIN EN ISO 1461	
	VA Stainless steel A2		
	VA Stainless steel A4		
Especially corrosive areas	VA Stainless steel A2		
	VA Stainless steel	A4	

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Contact corrosion in different environments



Land climate

Industrial atmosphere

Sea climate

Small/large	ZN	FT	AI	Cu	VA	CuZn
Zn		✓	0	×	×	0
FT	✓		0	×	×	0
AI	✓	✓		×	×	0
Cu	✓	✓	✓		 ✓ 	✓
VA	 Image: A set of the set of the	✓	 Image: A second s	✓		✓
CuZn	 Image: A set of the set of the	 Image: A set of the set of the	 Image: A set of the set of the	✓	 ✓ 	

✓ No to low corrosion

O Low risk of contact corrosion

X Heavy corrosion



Surfaces for special visual requirements or special environmental loads



Applications with specific optical requirements or special environmental conditions

Colour-coated products are becoming ever more popular. The coating may be required for optical reasons or for reasons of corrosion protection.

Colour coatings for reasons of corrosion protection

- Products in FT (hot-dip galvanised version)
- · All RAL colours available
- · Coating of the visible surfaces or the complete system
- Suitable for the colour of the structure when routed openly
- Separation of different voltages/functions (e.g. blue 230/400 V power supply; red weak current such as telephone cables and IT)

Colour-coated systems are not indicated specially in this catalogue. You can obtain details of these systems by contacting our telephone hotline on +49 (0)2373 89-1238.

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Cable sizes



The term "cable" means a jacketed electrical cable for the transmission of electrical energy and data. Cables are given according to their nominal cross-section. The external diameter and usable cross-section depend on their nominal cross-section and the number of individual wires contained in the cable. When fastening clips or cable support systems are used, it is important to know the actual space requirements of the individual cables. It is not sufficient to take only the diameter as a basis for the calculation of the cable volume.



Circular area (1) and space required (2)

Calculation with the formula (2r)²

The diameter says little about the actual space required by a cable. Calculate: $(2r)^2$. This value reflects the realistic space requirements, including the compartments.



To save you work, we have listed the diameter and usable cross-section of the most important cable types below.

Important:

These values are average values, which may vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Please refer to the manufacturer's specifications for the exact values.

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Basic values for calculation of the cable volume



Insulated power cables

Туре	Diameter mm	Usable cross- section cm ²
1 x 4	6.5	0.42
1 x 6	7	0.49
1 x 10	8	0.64
1 x 16	9.5	0.9
1 x 25	12.5	1.56
3 x 1.5	8.5	0.72
3 x 2.5	9.5	0.9
3 x 4	11	1.21
4 x 1.5	9	0.81
4 x 2.5	10.5	1.1
4 x 4	12.5	1.56
4 x 6	13.5	1.82
4 x 10	16.5	2.72
4 x 16	19	3.61
4 x 25	23.5	5.52
4 x 35	26	6.76
5 x 1.5	9.5	0.9
5 x 2.5	11	1.21
5 x 4	13.5	1.82
5 x 6	14.5	2.1
5 x 10	18	3.24
5 x 16	21.5	4.62
5 x 25	26	6.76
7 x 1.5	10.5	1.1
7 x 2.5	13	1.69



Insulated power cables

Туре	Diameter mm	Usable cross- section cm²
1 x 10	10.5	1.1
1 x 16	11.5	1.32
1 x 25	12.5	1.56
1 x 35	13.5	1.82
1 x 50	15.5	2.4
1 x 70	16.5	2.72
1 x 95	18.5	3.42
1 x 120	20.5	4.2
1 x 150	22.5	5.06
1 x 185	25	6.25
1 x 240	28	7.84
1 x 300	30	9
3 x 1.5	11.5	1.32
3 x 2.5	12.5	1.56
3 x 10	17.5	3.06
3 x 16	19.5	3.8
3 x 50	26	6.76
3 x 70	30	9
3 x 120	36	12.96
4 x 1.5	12.5	1.56
4 x 2.5	13.5	1.82
4 x 6	16.5	2.72
4 x 10	18.5	3.42
4 x 16	21.5	4.62
4 x 25	25.5	6.5
4 x 35	28	7.84
4 x 50	30	9
4 x 70	34	11.56
4 x 95	39	15.21
4 x 120	42	17.64
4 x 150	47	22
4 x 185	52	27
4 x 240	58	33.6
5 x 1.5	13.5	1.82
5 x 2.5	14.5	2.1
5 x 6	18.5	3.42
5 x 10	20.5	4.2
5 x 16	22.5	5.06
5 x 25	27.5	7.56
5 x 35	34	11.56
5 x 50	40	16



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Туре	Diameter mm	Usable cross- section cm ²
2 x 2 x 0.6	5	0.25
4 x 2 x 0.6	5.5	0.3
6 x 2 x 0.6	6.5	0.42
10 x 2 x 0.6	7.5	0.56
20 x 2 x 0.6	9	0.81
40 x 2 x 0.6	11	1.12
60 x 2 x 0.6	13	1.69
100 x 2 x 0.6	17	2.89
200 x 2 x 0.6	23	5.29
2 x 2 x 0.8	6	0.36
4 x 2 x 0.8	7	0.49
6 x 2 x 0.8	8.5	0.72
10 x 2 x 0.8	9.5	0.9
20 x 2 x 0.8	13	1.69
40 x 2 x 0.8	16.5	2.72
60 x 2 x 0.8	20	4
100 x 2 x 0.8	25.5	6.5
200 x 2 x 0.8	32	10.24



IT cables type Cat...

Туре	Diameter mm	Usable cross- section cm ²
Cat. 5	8	0.64
Cat. 6	8	0.64



Coax cable (Standard)

Туре	Diameter mm	Usable cross- section cm ²
SAT/BK cable	6.8	0.48



Selection of the correct cable support system



When selecting the right cable support system, the cable volume is not the only decisive factor. The type of cabling, method of laying and cable weight all play an important role. The most important aspects are explained on the following pages.

Cable types

Not all cables are the same. To select the perfect cable support system, you need to know which type of cables are to be laid: Are they sensitive data cables, which must be laid at a certain distance from each other on account of the necessary shielding? Or power cables, for which a not inconsiderable heat build-up must be taken into account? For all these applications OBO can offer tailor-made system solutions.

System types



Universal cable trays Areas of application: From low-voltage cabling to power supply.



Mesh cable trays for the installation of light cables

Areas of application: IT cabling, telephone cabling and control cables. Also suitable for use in false ceilings and cavity floors.



Cable ladders for power cables with a large cross-section

Areas of application: Cables and power conductors with large cross-sections. These can be fastened to the rungs using clamp clips. The high load capacity and good ventilation ensure perfect cable laying.



Wide span cable trays and ladders for large support distances

Areas of application: For installations in which the support distances are more than three metres, on account of the construction conditions.



Modular system for special tasks The product range that knows no bounds. The range of individually combinable products is particularly suited to complex installation tasks.



AZ small duct for universal use Areas of application: for luminaire support systems through to low-voltage cabling and power supply.



Finding the appropriate system for the planned cable volume



Cable height The cable height may not exceed the edge height of the cable tray.



Volume reserve When selecting the system, a volume reserve of at least 30% should be planned for possible later installations.



Branches When dimensioning branches, the bending radii of the cables must be taken into account.



Separation of system levels

When selecting the volume, pay attention to the different conductors. To separate different voltage levels, you must take the required spacings into account.



Same usable cross-section, different requirements

There are different requirements for laying data and power cables. Even if the usable cross-section or cable volume is the same, data cables tend to have a narrow, high tray, whereas power cables require a wide, flat version, to avoid heat build-up.



Examples Flat, wide variant:

- Fial, wide variarit.
- E.g. for power cables
- Cable tray width: 300 mm
- Side rail height: 35 mm
- Usable cross-section: 103 cm²
 Narrow, high variant:
- E.g. for data cables
- Cable tray width: 100 mm
- Side height: 110 mm
- Usable cross-section: 108 cm²

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Calculating the cable load





200 mm = 30 kg/m



300 mm = 45 kg/m



400 mm = 60 kg/m

100 mm = 15 kg/m

500 mm = 75 kg/m

Of equal significance for the selection of the most suitable cable support system is the load capacity. This must be matched with the expected cable weight (including the reserve for later installation). There are three variants for determining the cable weight:

Variant 1: Orientation to experience values

The average load capacity of a cable tray can be calculated roughly using experience values. For a system with a strut height of 60 mm, a value of 15 kg per 100 mm width is valid for each metre of cable tray or cable ladder. However, more accurate than orientation to experience values is to calculate the cable load using the formula from DIN VDE 0639 Part 1 (Variant 2) or the manufacturer's specifications (Variant 3).

The graphics show the load capacities, based on experience values, of cable trays with a rail height of 60 mm, relative to cable tray widths of 100 to 600 mm. 600 mm = 90 kg/m

Variant 2: Calculation formula according to VDE 0639 T1

DIN VDE 0639 Part 1 (cable support systems) offers a formula for calculating the maximum permitted cable load. In the example calculation below, the maximum approved cable load for a cable tray is worked out using the dimension 60 x 300 mm and a usable cross-section of 178 cm².

Variant 3: Exact calculation according to manufacturer's specifications

Most cable manufacturers offer a very accurate method of calculating cable weights, and appropriate lists or tables can be obtained from them. Important: The following tables only provide a rough overview. They are average values, which may vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Please refer to the manufacturer's specifications for the exact values.

	0.028 N	
Cable load (F) =		x Usable cross-section
	m x mm²	
	0.028 N	
1. Cable load (F) =		x 17,800 mm² = 500 N/m
	m x mm²	
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2. Conversion from Newtons (N) to kilogrammes (kg) 10 N ~ 1 kg - in our example, this means: 500 N/m = 50 kg/m

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Actual cable load of different cable types



Insulated power cables

Туре	Cable load kg/m
1 x 4	0.08
1 x 6	0.105
1 x 10	0.155
1 x 16	0.23
1 x 25	0.33
3 x 1.5	0.135
3 x 2.5	0.19
3 x 4	0.265
4 x 1.5	0.16
4 x 2.5	0.23
4 x 4	0.33
4 x 6	0.46
4 x 10	0.69
4 x 16	1.09
4 x 25	1.64
4 x 35	2.09
5 x 1.5	0.19
5 x 2.5	0.27
5 x 4	0.41
5 x 6	0.54
5 x 10	0.85
5 x 16	1.35
5 x 25	1.99
7 x 1.5	0.235
7 x 2.5	0.35





Insulated power cables

Туре	Cable load kg/m
1 x 10	0.18
1 x 16	0.24
1 x 25	0.35
1 x 35	0.46
1 x 50	0.6
1 x 70	0.8
1 x 95	1.1
1 x 120	1.35
1 x 150	1.65
1 x 185	2
1 x 240	2.6
1 x 300	3.2
3 x 1.5	0.19
3 x 2.5	0.24
3 x 10	0.58
3 x 16	0.81
3 x 50	1.8
3 x 70	2.4
3 x 120	4
4 x 1.5	0.22
4 x 2.5	0.29
4 x 6	0.4
4 x 16	1.05
4 x 25	1.6
4 x 35	1.75
4 x 50	2.3
4 x 70	3.1
4 x 95	4.2
4 x 120	5.2
4 x 150	6.4
4 x 185	8.05
4 x 240	11
5 x 1.5	0.27
5 x 2.5	0.35
5 x 6	0.61
5 x 10	0.88
5 x 16	1.25
5 x 25	1.95
5 x 35	2.4
5 x 50	3.5

Telecommunications cables

Туре	Cable load kg/m
2 x 2 x 0.6	0.03
4 x 2 x 0.6	0.035
6 x 2 x 0.6	0.05
10 x 2 x 0.6	0.065
20 x 2 x 0.6	0.11
40 x 2 x 0.6	0.2
60 x 2 x 0.6	0.275
100 x 2 x 0.6	0.445
200 x 2 x 0.6	0.87
2 x 2 x 0.8	0.04
4 x 2 x 0.8	0.055
6 x 2 x 0.8	0.08
10 x 2 x 0.8	0.115
20 x 2 x 0.8	0.205
40 x 2 x 0.8	0.38
60 x 2 x 0.8	0.54
100 x 2 x 0.8	0.875
200 x 2 x 0.8	1.79



Coax cable (standard)

Туре	Cable load kg/m
SAT/BK cable	0.06



IT cables type Cat...

Туре	Cable load kg/m
Cat. 5	0.06
Cat. 6	0.06



Finding the appropriate system for the cable load



Explanation of the pictograms: 1 = load in kN without man load, 2 = support width in m, 3 = strut bend in mm

Load tests for cable support systems

All OBO products and systems are subjected to practical load testing. The basic principles for the tests of OBO cable support systems are DIN EN 61537 and DIN VDE 0639. After the load test, the maximum load capacity can be determined for each component, depending on the support distances and specific article parameters, such as component dimensions. This is all shown in a chart, in-

cluded with each component.

You can find additional information on the load tests for cable trays, brackets and suspended supports on the following pages. The values given do not take resistance against environmental forces such as snow, wind and other outside influences into account.

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1.50 1.80 100 1.20 1.25 1.00 1.00 0.75 0.78 18 0.56 0.50 -0.25 4 0.25 0 . 0 2.5 1.5 1,75 2.0 2.25

Load diagram, legend

1 = Load in kN/m

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- without human load
- 2 = Support width in m
- 3 = Strut bending in mm
- 4 = Schematic diagram of the support widths during the testing process

 – Approved load according to the support widths for the different tray widths

 – = Rail bending according to support width



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1,76

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The basic principles of the tests of OBO cable support systems is VDE 0639 Part 1 and DIN EN 61537. The purpose of the tests is to determine the maximum load capacities for each component, depending on parameters such as component width, support spacing, etc., and to present this in a diagram to be included with each component. The area highlighted in blue in the above example schematises the experiment set-up with a variable support spacing (L) in the central area and a factor of 0.8 x L at the front and rear ends of the cable tray.

Information 2: Load curves for selected cable tray or cable ladder widths

2.0

2.25

2.5

1.54

1.20

0.75

0.56

0.25

0

1.5

1,75

20 1.00

The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using the load curves – this is an example for a cable tray for the tray widths 100 to 600 mm. It may occur that in the load curves, width differences must be made, allowing multiple curves to be visible simultaneously in the diagram. A key factor for the load capacity of the cable trays is (in addotion to the support spacing and side height) the material thickness, which varies according to type.



Finding the appropriate system for the cable load





Information 3: Possible support Information 4: Ratio: load/span spacings

The theoretically possible spans for the cable tray can be read off on the axis at the foot of the table. Using the load curves, it is easy to read off to what extent the load capacity of the system falls as the support spacing grows. On all OBO cable support systems (with the exception of the wide span trays), we recommend not exceeding a support spacing of 1.5 m, if possible.

Which load is possible at which support spacing? With the diagram, you can find the appropriate information at a glance. In our example (with the blue background), a span of 2.25 m for the tray produces a maximum load capacity of 0.75 kN for each running metre of cable tray. Please note that in this example, the volume of the cable tray may exceed the permitted load. Therefore if at all possible, do not exceed the support spacing of 1.5 m, as recommended by OBO.

Information 5: W = Rail bending

To what extent does the load on a cable tray cause the rail to bend? This information is supplied by the blue curve (w) in millimetres (orientation values on the axis on the right-hand side of the diagram).

The course of the blue curve clearly shows how quickly the cable tray will sag as the support spacing increases. In our example, the bend at a support spacing of 2.25 m is shown, here approximately 12 mm.

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Finding the appropriate bracket for the cable load



Key components of the OBO cable support systems are the parts for mounting, in particular the brackets and suspended supports. They connect the cable trays and ladders to the wall and to the ceiling, and are thus an important construction element of the overall system. When calculating the load capacity of a cable support system, the brackets and suspended supports must not be forgotten. The test diagram is also useful in selecting the right products.



Load diagram, legend

- 1 = Bend in mm at the bracket tip
- 2 = Load without man load in kN/m
- -- = Load curves for the different bracket lengths

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Finding the appropriate bracket for the cable load



Information 1: Recommended max-

The bracket is the part of the installa-

tion system upon which the cable tray

or mesh cable tray is located. It is ei-

ther directly connected to the wall or

is connected to the ceiling using sup-

ports. The grey bar on the right edge

of the diagram provides information

on the maximum load capacity of the

imum load of the brackets

bracket.



Information 2: Load curves for all bracket widths

The bending of the bracket is dependent on its width, which in our example, can range from 110 mm to 610 mm. The load curves are assigned to the appropriate bracket type.



Information 3: Bending of the bracket tip at a specific load

The load curve in the diagram provides information on the bending of the boom tip at a specific load. In our example (dotted orange line), a 610 mm-wide bracket with a load of 2 kN bends by approx. 3.1 mm. A basic rule of thumb is: The shorter the bracket, the less the bend will be.



Information 4: Bending of the bracket tip at maximum load

The bending factor of the bracket at maximum load can also be seen in the diagram. In our example (shown in orange), the bend value for a 610 mm-wide bracket at a maximum load of approx. 3.0 kN is approximately 4.5 mm. To minimise the bend, the centre of gravity of the cable load should be as close as possible to the wall or the support fastening.

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Finding the appropriate support for the cable load





Load diagram, legend 1 = Bend in mm at the bracket tip 2 = Load without man loadin kN/m -- = Load curves for the different bracket lengths



Information 1: Various support lengths and bracket widths

The load capacity of a cable support system is not just dependent on the width of a bracket, but also on the length of a suspended support. The load curves in the diagram provide information on the load capacity of a suspended support of length 600, 1,000, 1,500 or 2,000 mm, taking the bracket width into account.



Information 2: Calculation of the deflection for the example

The weight of the total suspended support/bracket/cable tray system causes an excursion of the suspended support from the vertical. The excursion value can be read off from the axis on the left edge of the diagram. In our example (blue background), a 1,500 mm-long suspended support, together with a 400 mm-wide bracket and a weight load of 4 kN at the end of the support, will produce an excursion of approximately 14 mm.



Information 3: Calculation of the excursion at maximum load for the example

The excursion of the suspended support at a maximum load can also be read off on the diagram. Our blue example shows an excursion of roughly 18 mm at the end of the support for a 1,500 mm-long suspended support, in combination with a 400 mm-wide bracket at a maximum cable load of approximately 5 kN.



Definition of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)





Recent years have seen the use of electronic circuits increase continually. Whether in industrial systems, medicine, households, telecommunications systems, vehicles or electrical building installations – we find powerful electrical equipment and systems everywhere, and these switch ever greater currents, achieve greater radio ranges and transport ever more power in smaller spaces.

However, the use of state-of-the-art technology means that the complexity of applications also increases. The consequence of this is that ever more opposing influences (electromagnetic interferences) can occur from system parts and cables, causing damage and economic losses.

Here, we talk of electromagnetic compatibility.

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) is the ability of an electrical unit to function satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment, without inappropriately influencing this environment, to which other units also belong (VDE 0870-1). In terms of standardisation, electromagnetic compatibility is dealt with by the EMC Directive 2004/108/EC. This means that electrical resources emit electromagnetic interferences (emissions), which are picked up by other devices or units (immission) that act as receivers (interference sink). This in turn means that the function of an interference sink can be severely reduced and, in the worstcase scenario, total failure and economic losses. The interferences can then spread along cables or in the form of electromagnetic waves.

Path of faults

Fault source (transmitting emissions)	Coupling of interference variables (spreading of interference)	Fault sink (receiving emissions)
For example - Mobile telephones - Switching components - Ignition systems - Frequency converters	- Galvanic - Inductive - Capacitive - Electromagnetic	 Process computer Radio receiver systems Controllers Converters

Guarantee of EMC



Guaranteeing EMC

A systematic planning process is necessary to guarantee EMC. The interference sources must be identified and quantified. The coupling describes the spread of the interference from the interference source up to the device being influenced, the interference sink. The task of EMC planning is to ensure the compatibility at the source, coupling path and sink using suitable measures. During their daily work, planners and installation engineers are confronted with this subject on an increasingly regular basis. This means that EMC is a basic factor to be taken into consideration during the planning of installations and cabling systems.

Due to the high complexity of electromagnetic compatibility, the problems of EMC must be analysed and solved using simplifying hypotheses and models, as well as experiments and measurements.

Cable support systems and their contribution to EMC

Cable support systems can make an important contribution to the improvement of EMC. They are passive and can thus make a safe, long-lasting contribution to EMC through the fact that cables are run within cable support systems or are shielded by them. Routing cables inside cable support systems greatly reduces the galvanic decoupling and coupling due to electrical and magnetic fields in the cables. Thus cable support systems can make a contribution to the reduction of coupling from the source to the sink. The shielding action of cable support systems can be quantified by the coupling resistance and the shield attenuation. This gives the planner important engineering parameters for cable support systems for EMC engineering.

Lightning discharge

From the analysis of the effectiveness of EMC in buildings (EN 62305-4), we know that lightning discharge is one of the greatest sources of interference to be expected. This causes a direct current feed into the entire equipotential bonding system in the building and/or to magnetic decoupling of interference currents in electrical cables. With regard to these couplings, cable support systems can offer an effective contribution to the reduction of interference voltages.

Magnetic shield insulation of cable support systems





The magnetic field (H) of strength 3 kA/m in a defined experimental set-up: without cable support system on the left, with cable support system on the right. 1 = Field H, 2 = V1 L_{zuPE}

The magnetic shield insulation of cable support systems is the ratio in decibels (dB) of an induced voltage into an unprotected cable to the induced voltage into the same cable, when this is in a cable support system.

Experimental structure to determine the magnetic shield insulation of cable support systems:

An unshielded cable (NYM-J $5x6 \text{ mm}^2$) is subjected to an 8/20 magnetic field with a strength of 3 kA/m. Here, the induced voltage V1 is measured in the unshielded cable. The same cable is then positioned in the centre of a cable support system (once with a cover, once without) and subjected to the same magnetic field of 3 kA/m. Here, the induced voltage V2 is measured in the unshielded cable.

The magnetic shield insulation is calculated from the measured values according to the formula:

 $\alpha_s = 20 \log (V1/V2) dB$

Experiment result:

The magnetic shield effect αS of a cable support system could be clearly proved by the experiments and the simulation with an FEM program.

The best result of around 50 dB was achieved with cable support systems (cable trays) with covers.

Note:

The shield insulation against electrical fields is almost perfect, as it is with a Faraday cage.

Magnetic shield insulation 8/20 dB

Type, cable tray/cable ladder	Without cover	With cover
RKSM 630 FS	20	50
MKS 630 FS	20	50
MKS 630 FT	20	50
MKSU 630 FS	20	50
MKSU 630 FT	20	50
MKSU 630 VA	20	50



The RKS-Magic[®] cable tray system permits particularly fast straight connection of the cable trays. The innovative, screwless straight connector can be mounted in the blink of an eye. Just connect the ends of the cable tray, lock them in place – and you're done! The long-lasting, static straight connectors can be permanently stabilised by bending the connection flaps. The RKS-Magic[®] cable tray is available with the side heights 35 and 60 mm. A comprehensive range of fittings with bends (45° and 90°), T branch pieces, add-on tees and cross-overs completes the system. Also 90° bends and adjustable bends (rising/falling) are available for vertical changes of direction.

When mounting fittings, always plan additional supports. Besides the various fittings, the system also includes all types of connectors (straight, angle and adjustable connectors) and additional accessories such as barrier strips, joint plates, mounting plates and covers.

You can find detailed mounting examples and article descriptions on the following pages. The RKS-Magic[®] cable tray is tested for routing with the maintenance of electrical function. You can find comprehensive information on this in our new Safety and protective installations product catalogue.



The cable tray is suitable for universal cable routing. From low-voltage cabling to power supplies, from data cables to telecommunications networks. A full product range, with suitable system components, can create perfect solutions for any task. No matter whether used in dry inner areas or in aggressive atmospheres: Different surface versions and materials ensure safe corrosion protection. Side heights of 60, 85 and 110 mm are available. Due to the high hole proportion of 30% and more, the perforated cable trays MKSM and SKSM of widths of 200 mm or greater are ideally suited for use beneath sprinkler systems. The IKSM cable tray also has large openings in the side rail, which can be used for cable entries or exits.

The complete system is supplemented by connectable, screwless fittings with Magic connection. The system also includes all types of connectors and additional accessories such as barrier strips, joint plates, mounting plates and covers.

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When you need to bridge wide spans and support high cable loads, the OBO wide span cable trays are the perfect solution. The product range comprises cable trays with widths of between 200 and 600 mm and side heights of 110 to 160 mm. Comprehensive system accessories, such as fittings and all the fastening materials for concrete and steel mounting, round off this product range perfectly. OBO wide span cable trays have proven their

worth in many areas of industrial and systems engineering. These systems are becoming ever-more popular in buildings with a steel framework. OBO wide span cable trays are the complete product range for all applications and requirements and, with their large load capacity combined with large spans, provide efficient and optimised power supply.

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OBO Bettermann's mesh cable tray systems are the ideal basis for quick, safe and economical cable routing in all areas of professional electrical installations. The GR-Magic mesh cable tray system with shaped connector for screwless quick mounting guarantees the shortest possible installation times, even for complex mounting operations. The mesh cable trays are available with side heights of 35, 55 and 105 mm in the versions electro-gal-

vanised, hot-dip galvanised and rustproof stainless steel. The comprehensive range of practical accessories, such as mesh cable tray bends, hold-down clamps, quick connectors, barrier strips, suspension profiles, brackets, etc., ensures that the product range is complete down to the smallest detail.

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System description



The high load capacity and good ventilation of the OBO cable ladder systems can offer tangible benefits, in particular during the installation of power cables. OBO Bettermann's cable ladder systems can be used universally and, due to the continuous rail and rung perforation, offer countless installation benefits. A factor guaranteeing easy mounting is the option of the integrated fastening of cables using OBO clamp clips on the rungs, which are available in various different versions. OBO cable ladder sys-

tems are shipped partly folded up, thus saving space during transport and storage. OBO cable ladder systems can be supplied in lengths of 3 and 6 m, in all standard widths from 200 to 600 mm and with rail heights of 45, 60 and 110 mm. On the following pages, you can select your preferred mounting variant from the installation diagrams shown and combine the corresponding articles in the order section.

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OBO vertical ladder systems for vertical routing of all kinds of cables. Available as light-duty vertical ladders with a side height of 45 mm, as a heavy-duty vertical ladder with U profiles and as industrial vertical ladders with I profiles. Both the heavy-duty and industrial vertical ladders can be assembled in variable lengths. The side rails are standard profiles of type US 5 and IS 8, which are

connected using the appropriate rungs. The continuous rail perforation of the system and the comprehensive accessories simplify and accelerate installation, which can take place either directly on the wall, clamped to a steel construction or also as a free-standing construction. The system is perfectly complemented with OBO clamp clips.

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System description TP supports and brackets



The TP system is a range of light supports and brackets. This product range, which consists of TP suspended supports and brackets, can be used universally as ceiling and wall mounting.

Installation principle TP supports and brackets



1	TP suspended support
2	TP support/wall and support brackets
3	Spacer
4	End cap

System description U supports and brackets



The perfectly matched U support family consists of US 3 (light-duty system), US 5 (medium-duty system) and US 7 (heavy-duty system). The U support range is particularly noted for its versatility. The U supports can be used as ceiling suspension, floor stand-off or as construction pro-files.

Installation principle US 3 U support



1	US 3 suspended support
2	Spacer
3	Wall and support bracket
4	Head plate
5	US 3 support
6	U support connector
7	End cap

Installation principle US 5 U support



US 5 hanging support
Spacer
Wall and support bracket
Head plate
US 5 support
U support connector
End cap

Installation principle US 7 U support



1	US 7 hanging support
2	Spacer
3	Wall and support bracket
4	Head plate
5	US 7 support
6	U support connector
7	End cap

System description I supports and brackets



The I support system from OBO Bettermann really comes into its own in situations where high loads must be carried, large distances must be bridged and difficult routes must be implemented. The I support system fulfils all the requirements of a heavy-duty cable mounting system. The high load capacities of all the system components permit the mounting of complex structures. The comprehensive range of head plates allows the implementation of all conceivable solutions. This heavy-duty system is used with large support spacings of wide span systems or for multilayer set-ups of standard cable trays and cable ladder systems. The combination of I supports and support brackets of type AS 15, AS 30 and AS 55 form a perfectly matched product range, the height of which can be infinitely adjusted.

Installation principle I supports and brackets



1	Luminaire support tray
2	Luminaire support rail
3	90° bend
4	Cover with turn buckle
5	Edge protection ring
6	Suspension bracket
7	Suspension chain
8	Centre suspension
9	Threaded rod
10	Trapezoidal fastening

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