

TOUGH SUPPORT SAVINGS

CTI-TSS-TM-S0001

Engineered solutions designed and tested to surpass industry standards generating greater project ROI







TOUGH SUPPORT SAVINGS for TOUGHMesh cable tray systems

We share our knowledge and expertise, to better support and partner with our customers. By optimizing what you do need, we reduce design complexity, engineering hours and the cable tray systems total material content. Better by design, safe and simple to work with. TOUGHMesh.

TOUGH Support Savings is a range of recommendations that help the designer optimize a TOUGHMesh cable tray systems structural supports. TOUGH Support Savings reduce design complexity and support quantity while alleviating many engineering and construction challenges.

CT Innovations in-house team of global design engineers is available to help customers engineer a design optimized support system. From technical support and troubleshooting to providing the cable tray support design and construction details, we are here to help.



What does Optimization mean? "The action of making the best or most effective use of a situation or resource" How does this apply to TOUGH Support Savings? The use of proven recommendations that deliver the most efficient support design. Better in using less material and resources, from support design to support installation.



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SAFETY 1st

The installation of TOUGHMesh cable tray and tray supports will require manual labor.

OSHA 2022 statistics show hand injuries accounted for 8.7% of all injuries resulting in days away from work.

To minimize the risk of personnel hand injuries during installation, we recommend the installer wear PPE, install less supports and utilize the available TOUGHMesh toolless installation recommendations.

Reduce the Risk of Injury with TSS solutions. Innovation that delivers safer installation.

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Section 1.

TOUGHMesh Cable Tray STRAIGHT SECTIONS

1.1 Longer Span Support Solutions

The longer the straight section support span (distance between supports) the fewer supports need be designed and installed to support the cable tray. Maximum optimization is achieved by designed the maximum tray support span for the available TOUGHMesh cable design load.



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- 1.2 Splice Joint Location
 - 1.2.1 The location of the splice plates within the cable tray straight section layout (run) does not affect the support span design.



- 1.2.2. Splice plate location does, however, affect the performance of the installed cable tray straight sections by increasing or decreasing the tray system bending stress.
- 1.2.3. Bending stress (+/-) will in turn, increase or decrease the half-span (center point between supports) deflection of both the cable tray and the cables within the tray.

It is recommended that the splice joints within the tray continuous straight runs be located to minimize bending stress and the resultant mid-span deflection.

A. SIMPLE-SPAN Splice Plate Location



FIGURE-A

Shows the splice plates located on the supports, it creates a Simple-Span tray splice arrangement.

Simple-Span results in +Maximum Bending Stress at the splice plate location. Splice joints subjected to this stress result in maximum mid-span deflection.

PERFORMANCE VALUE = MAX DEFLECTION



B. MID-SPAN Splice Plate Location



C. QUARTER-SPAN Splice Plate Location



FIGURE-C

Shows the splice plates located between the supports at the quarter-point (L/4), it creates a Quarter-Span tray splice arrangement.

Quarter-Span results in Minimum Bending Stress at the splice plate location. Splice joints when subjected to minimal stress, result in minimized mid-span deflection.

PERFORMANCE VALUE = MINIMUM DEFLECTION



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1.3 Expansion Joint Support Location

The cable tray system will thermally expand and contract due to change in the ambient temperature. Expansion joints should be designed by calculating the expansion gap dimension and the maximum spacing between expansion joints. To calculate these, refer to Technical Data Sheet CTI-S65001_A01.

A. Support Locations for Mechanically Continuous Expansion Joints

In accordance with manufacturers recommendation the expansion joints should be mechanically continuous by using the manufacturers recommended expansion splice plate as detailed in the below Figure-A, and supported as Figure-B.

Support locations should be in accordance with NEMA VE 2, Section 3.4.2. Supports should be located within 2ft (600mm) of each side of the expansion splice plates.



B. Support Locations for Mechanically Discontinuous Expansion Joints A mechanically discontinuous expansion joint is not recommended (refer 1.3 A) but is technically acceptable subject to the following manufacturer recommendations. Cable tray is electrically bonded in accordance with NEC and supports are located as detailed in below Figure-B.

Support locations should be in accordance with NEMA VE 2, Section 3.4.2. Supports should be located within 2ft (600mm) of each side of the expansion splice plates.



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Section 2.

TOUGHMesh Cable Tray FITTINGS

At the very beginning of this section let us first clarify and review two important matters; what are TOUGHMesh fittings? what are the industry standard practices for fitting support locations?

TOUGHMesh fittings?

Are horizontal and vertical bends (e.g., horizontal 45° bend, vertical 90° bend, tee, cross). The bends can be supplied Engineered Pre-Formed at the factory or bends can be Site-Fabricated.



Industry Standard Practices for fitting support locations are given by NEMA VE 2-2018 and Section 3.5 Fitting Installation, sub-Section 3.5.1 and sub-Section 3.5.3

The designer should note that:

3.5 Fitting Installation (see section 3.5.3 for wire mesh cable trays): does not reference Section 3.5.1

3.5.1 Recommended Support Locations for Fittings: does not/does not have to be applied to Wire Mesh Cable Trays.

- 3.5.1 Recommended Support Locations for Fittings: states, Quote "(or as recommended by the manufacturer)" Unquote.
- 3.5.3 Recommended Support Locations for Mesh Cable Trays: states, Quote: "wire mesh cable trays have alternate support configurations. Consult the

manufacturer for details." Unquote.



TOUGH Support Savings from CT Innovations are proven support recommendations for fittings in full compliance with NEMA VE 2, sub-Section 3.5.1 "(unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer)" and sub-Section 3.5.3 "consult manufacturer for details"

For each TOUGHMesh cable tray fitting type, both engineered and fabricated, TOUGH Support Solutions will provide detailed manufacturer recommended support locations.

Optimized Saving Value = **DS** Design Savings + **MS** Material Savings + **IS**

Installation Savings

Remember that to optimize the design is to design less supports. If you cannot design less, follow the recommended industry standard practice.

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2.1 Engineered C2G Horizontal Bend

Engineered Crimped-To-Go (C2G) bends are pre-formed at the factory. Available in both 45° and 90° horizontal bends. Engineered C2G eliminate all traditional site-fabrication and assembly methods. This optimizes performance, build quality, installation time and support locations.

A. Engineered C2G 90° Horizontal Bend: TRADITIONAL VE 2 SUPPORT



B. Engineered C2G 90° Horizontal Bend: NO SUPPORT UNDER FITTING



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D. Engineered C2G 90° Horizontal Bend: FULL-SPAN



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B. Engineered C2G 45° Horizontal Bend: NO SUPPORT UNDER FITTING



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D. Engineered C2G 45° Horizontal Bend: FULL-SPAN



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2.1 Fabricated Bend Support Locations

TOUGHMesh cable tray is designed to allow for site fabrication of all types of horizontal and vertical bends. TOUGHMesh straight section mesh will be cut, the section bent to shape, and the cut mesh sections spliced together to form a fabricated bend. Cutting mesh tray should follow NEMA VE 2-2018, Section 3.6.2, Fabrication should follow NEMA VE 2-2018, Section 3.6.5





B. Fabricated 30° and 45° Radiused Horizontal Bend



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F. Support Locations for Fabricated Horizontal Reducer



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H. Support Locations for Fabricated 5° to 90° Vertical Outside Bend



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Section 3.

TOUGHMesh Cable Tray SUPPORT ASSEMBLIES

TOUGHMesh cable tray supports will themselves need to be connected to the building structure. This could require connection to steelwork or concrete, to the floor, a ceiling or wall. The applications are varied; we therefore provide the following recommendations to aid standardizing the support design.

3.1 OVERHEAD Support for Horizontal Tray Installation: TRAPEZE UNIVERSAL RAPID HANGER
Part# TMA-URH-(W)-(*)
3/8 All Threaded Rod - SAVINGS



3.2 OVERHEAD Support for Horizontal Tray Installation: TRAPEZE TOUGH STRUT CHANNEL



3.3 OVERHEAD Support for Horizontal Tray Installation: UNIVERSAL SUSPENSION CLIP



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Industry standard support method | for installations instructions refer CTI-S50024

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3.9 FLOOR Support for Horizontal Tray Installation: STRUT CHANNEL SUPPORT



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FIGURE 4

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FIGURE 5

TOUGHMesh TMS Series

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION CTI-S50042_A02



TRAPEZE HANGER SUPPORT **TOUGHMesh Accessories**

STEP 1:

Determine the required length of the TOUGHStrut channel based on the width of the TOUGHMesh tray to be supported (See Table 1). Once identified, align the TOUGHStrut Channel, Hex Nut, Square Washer and Threaded Rod as shown in Figure 1.

TABLE 1				
TOUGMesh P/N	TOUGMesh WDTH (in)	TOUGHStrut P/N	TOUGHStrut LENGTH (in)	
TMS-(H)X2X10-(*)	2	TS2158-08-(*)	8	
TMS-(H)X4X10-(*)	4	TS2158-10-(*)	10	
TMS-(H)X6X10-(*)	6	TS2158-12-(*)	12	
TMS-(H)X8X10-(*)	8	TS2158-14-(*)	14	
TMS-(H)X10X10-(*)	10	TS2158-16-(*)	16	
TMS-(H)X12X10-(*)	12	TS2158-18-(*)	18	3/8 Hex Nut⊺
TMS-(H)X16X10-(*)	16	TS2158-22-(*)	22	TA38NHX-(*)
TMS-(H)X18X10-(*)	18	TS2158-24-(*)	24	
TMS-(H)X20X10-(*)	20	TS2158-26-(*)	26	
TMS./H)X24X10.(*)	24	TS2158-28-(*)	28	



STEP 2:

(H) - Insert TOUGHMesh Tray Height (2, 4, 6 H)

(*) - Insert Material/Finish

Once the assembly is set to the required elevation, torque the hex nut to 19ft-lbs.



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FIGURE 3

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L BRACKET TMA-LBRKT-(W)-(*)

TOUGHMesh Accessories

STEP 1:

Align the hold down kit with the bottom longitudinal wire of the TOUGHMesh and L bracket slot holes, then install the hardware as shown below. Refer to Table 1 for the required hold down kit quantity and L bracket part number based on the size of the TOUGHMesh tray.



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION CTI-S50020_A01



C BRACKET TMA-CBRKT-(W)-(*) TOUGHMesh Accessories

STEP 1:

Align the hold down kit with the bottom longitudinal wire of the TOUGHMesh and C bracket slot holes, then install the hardware as shown below. Refer to Table 1 for the required hold down kit quantity and C bracket part number based on the size of the TOUGHMesh tray.

TABLE 1				
L BRACKET P/N	TOUGMesh P/N	TOUGMesh WIDTH (in)	HOLD DOWN KIT QTY TMA-HDKIT-(*)	
TMA-CBRKT-04-(*)	TMS-(H)X4X10-(*)	4	1	
TMA-CBRKT-06-(*)	TMS-(H)X6X10-(*)	6	2	
TMA-CBRKT-08-(*)	TMS-(H)X8X10-(*)	8	2	
TMA-CBRKT-10-(*)	TMS-(H)X10X10-(*)	10	2	
TMA-CBRKT-10-(*) (H) - Insert TOUGHM	esh Trav Height (2.4	10 5 H)	2	

(*) - Insert Material/Finish





FIGURE 2

STEP 2:

Torque all Hold Down Kit hardware to 6ft-lbs.



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 4

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

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STRUT WALL BRACKET TMA-SWB-(#)-(*) TOUGHMesh Accessories

STEP 1:

Determine the required size of the strut wall bracket based on the width of the cable tray to be supported and install as shown below using 3/8 anchor (to be ordered separately).



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

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2 pc TA25PHM075-(*)

WALL SUPPORT KIT TMA-WLKIT-(*)

TOUGHMesh Accessories

TOUGHMesh TRAY INSTALLED PARALLEL TO THE WALL

STEP 1:

Identify the required length of the strut channel based on the width of the cable tray to be supported (See Table 1). Align the Flat Cross Washer with wire basket tray bottom wire and install the hardware as shown in Figure 1. Hold down clamp installation: Locate the flat cross washer right next to the transverse wire, see Detail A. Hold down expansion guide installation: Locate the flat cross washer in between the transverse wires, see Detail B.



STEP 2:

Hold down clamp installation: Torque the hardware to 6ft-lbs. Hold down expansion guide installation: Torque the hardware to 6ft-lbs, then back off 1/4 turn.



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION CTI-S50043_A02



FLOOR MOUNTED SUPPORT TOUGHMesh Accessories

STEP 1:

Identify the required length of the TOUGHStrut channel (See Table 1) based on the width of the cable tray to be supported and install as shown below using 3/8 anchor.

TABLE 1				
TOUGMesh P/N	TOUGMesh WIDTH (in)	TOUGHStrut P/N	TOUGHStrut LENGTH (in)	
TMS-(H)X2X10-(*)	2	TS2158-08-(*)	8	
TMS-(H)X4X10-(*)	4	TS2158-10-(*)	10	
TMS-(H)X6X10-(*)	6	TS2158-12-(*)	12	
TMS-(H)X8X10-(*)	8	TS2158-14-(*)	14	
TMS-(H)X10X10-(*)	10	TS2158-16-(*)	16	
TMS-(H)X12X10-(*)	12	TS2158-18-(*)	18	
TMS-(H)X16X10-(*)	16	TS2158-22-(*)	22	
TMS-(H)X18X10-(*)	18	TS2158-24-(*)	24	
TMS-(H)X20X10-(*)	20	TS2158-26-(*)	26	
TMS-(H)X24X10-(*)	24	TS2158-28-(*)	28	



FIGURE 1

STEP 2: Torque anchor nuts to 19ft-lbs.

(H) - Insert TOUGHMesh Tray Height (2, 4, 6 H)

(*) - Insert Material/Finish



FIGURE 2

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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

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ADJUSTABLE FLOOR STAND TMA-AJFS-(*)

TOUGHMesh Accessories

STEP 1:

Determine the required length of the TOUGHStrut channel based on the width of the cable tray to be supported (See Table 1) and install the hardware as shown in Figure 1. Torque the hardware to 6ft-lbs.

TABLE 1			
TOUGMesh P/N	TOUGMesh WDTH (in)	TOUGHStrut P/N	TOUGHStrut LENGTH (in)
TMS-(H)X2X10-(*)	2	TS2158-08-(*)	8
TMS-(H)X4X10-(*)	4	TS2158-10-(*)	10
TMS-(H)X6X10-(*)	6	TS2158-12-(*)	12
TMS-(H)X8X10-(*)	8	TS2158-14-(*)	14
TMS-(H)X10X10-(*)	10	TS2158-16-(*)	16
TMS-(H)X12X10-(*)	12	TS2158-18-(*)	18
TMS-(H)X16X10-(*)	16	TS2158-22-(*)	22
TMS-(H)X18X10-(*)	18	TS2158-24-(*)	24
TMS-(H)X20X10-(*)	20	TS2158-26-(*)	26
TMS-(H)X24X10-(*)	24	TS2158-28-(*)	28

(H) - Insert TOUGHMesh Tray Height (2, 4, 6 H)

(*) - Insert Material/Finish



FIGURE 1

STEP 2:

Once the horizontal TOUGHStrut channel is installed on the adjustable floor stand bracket, slide up or down to set the support to the required elevation and torque the side attachment hardware to 6ft-lbs.



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

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Expansion Splice Kit TMA-EXSB-(*) TOUGHMesh Accessories

STEP 1:

Identify the maximum spacing between expansion joints that provide for 1" (25mm) movement and the required gap settings between cable tray. Refer to Technical Data Sheet document no. CTI-S65001 for the step by step procedure.

STEP 2:

Once the maximum spacing between expansion joints and gap setting are identified, position the wirebasket tray based on the gap setting and install the Expansion Splice Kit as shown below.



FIGURE 1



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INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

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Expansion Joint Installation

(Mechanically Discontinuous)

STEP 1:

Identify the maximum spacing between expansion joints that provide for 1" (25mm) movement and the required gap settings between cable tray. Refer to Technical Data Sheet document no. CTI-S65001 for the step by step procedure.

STEP 2:

Once the maximum spacing between expansion joints and gap settings are identified, install the wirebasket tray based on these settings. Provide support within 2ft on each side of the expansion joints as shown in Figure 1.



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Once the Posi-Lok tab is hook up into the wirebasket siderail longitudinal wire, push the bottom of the Posi-Lok until it will snap into the bottom longitudinal wire as shown below.



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