Cable Tray Installation Specifications Table

Overview

Cooper B-Line has recognized the need for a complete cable tray reference source for electrical engineers and designers.

Key Takeaways

Cable tray support spacing and specifications depend on tray type, material, load class, and installation environment.

Typical Cable Tray Support Specifications

Tray TypeMaterialLoad Class / RatingMaximum Support SpanNotes / Installation GuidelinesLadder TraySteel / Stainless SteelLight, Medium, Heavy1. 5–3 m (5–10 ft) depending on loadSupports mounted on walls, ceilings, or floors; rung spacing 150–230 mm recommended for instrumentation cables Solid Bottom TraySteel / AluminumLight, Medium1–2. 5 m (3–8 ft)Provides protection against dust and electromagnetic interference; solid cover recommended for heat-sensitive cables Ventilated TraySteel / AluminumLight, Medium1.

5–3 m (5–10 ft)Allows airflow to prevent heat buildup; suitable for power and control cables Wire Mesh / Channel TraySteel / Stainless SteelLight1–2 m (3–6 ft)Ideal for light instrumentation and control cables; flexible routing; supports every 1–2 m Key Considerations for Cable Tray SupportsMaterial and Finish: Steel trays may be pre-galvanized, hot-dip galvanized, or stainless steel (AISI 316L) for corrosion resistance; aluminum trays offer high corrosion resistance and lighter weight. Load Class: Defines the maximum weight the tray can carry over a given span. Light, medium, and heavy load classes are used to select support spacing.

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Support Spacing: Determined by tray type, material, and load. Ladder and ventilated trays typically allow longer spans than solid or wire mesh trays. Mounting Options: Trays can be mounted on floors, walls, ceilings, or equipment racks.

Modular systems allow easy configuration for new or existing installations. Rung Spacing: For ladder trays, 6–9 inches (150–230 mm) is recommended to maintain cable support and prevent sagging. Environmental Conditions: Consider ambient temperature, humidity, and corrosive environments when selecting material and finish.

References for Detailed Specifications

Legrand Cable Tray Technical Guide provides material, finish, and load recommendations.

OBO CM

S Guide outlines DIN EN 61537 compliance, support elements, and installation practices. Eaton and Hubbell catalogs provide load class tables, support spans, and accessory specifications for ladder and tray systems.

AB

B Technical Guide details corrosion-resistant materials and environmental considerations. This table and guidelines provide a comprehensive reference for selecting cable tray supports, ensuring proper load handling, spacing, and compliance with industry standards.

Article Content

Cable tray manual

These documents: ANSI/NEMA VE-1, Metal Cable Tray Systems; NEMA VE-2, Cable Tray Installation Guidelines; and NEMA FG-1, Non Metallic Cable Tray Systems, are an excellent industry resource in

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Some applications may require the cable tray to support the weight of a single, dead object in addition to the cable loads. Specifications typically require this to be applied at the midpoint of the span between

Cable Tray and Raceway Installation Specification

This document serves as a comprehensive technical specification for the engineering, installation, and inspection of cable tray and raceway systems.

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Cable Tray Dimensions and Specifications as per NEC

Many electrical systems employ cable trays. They route cables safely & efficiently. NEC defines minimum cable tray size & electrical installation specifications. These guidelines protect

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