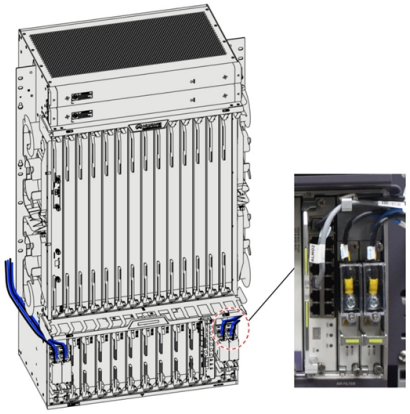
Cable Tray Support Product Specifications



Overview

When fitting cable trays and their accessories, the products are cut on site to create changes of direction, adjust sections, etc.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays are engineered systems for supporting electrical and data cables, available in various materials, finishes, and designs, compliant with international standards for safety and performance.

Materials and Finishes

Cable trays are manufactured from steel, stainless steel, aluminum, and fiberglass-reinforced polyester, each offering specific mechanical and corrosion-resistant properties. Steel trays are often pre-galvanized or hot-dip galvanized, providing sacrificial protection against corrosion, while stainless steel (AISI 316L) offers high resistance to chlorides and harsh environments. Aluminum alloys are lightweight with good corrosion resistance, and pultruded fiberglass trays provide high strength-to-weight ratios and chemical resistance.

Types and Designs

Ladder Tray: Open design for heavy-duty power cables, allows air circulation to prevent overheating. Ventilated Tray: Perforated bottom for medium-duty applications, supports heat dissipation. Solid Bottom Tray: Protects sensitive instrumentation and control cables from dust and debris.

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Channel Tray: Used for short runs or aesthetic applications, available in solid or ventilated forms. Wire Mesh Tray: Lightweight, flexible, ideal for light instrumentation and data cables.

Dimensions and Load Capacity

Cable trays are available in various widths (commonly 100–600 mm) and depths, with rung spacing typically 150–230 mm. Load capacity and deflection depend on material, width, and span; continuous spans are tested to ensure structural integrity under full cable load. Manufacturers provide detailed tables for maximum allowable loads and deflections.

Standards and Compliance

Cable trays comply with NEMA (USA), CE (Europe), UL, IMQ, and other national standards, ensuring mechanical strength, electrical safety, and fire resistance.

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E marking indicates self-declared compliance with European directives, while third-party certifications verify adherence to safety and quality standards. Environmental impact assessments may also be provided according to ISO 14025 and ISO 14040 standards.

Installation Considerations

Maintain minimum bend radius for cables exiting trays. Ensure proper support spacing to reduce structural steel requirements. Use covers for solid or ventilated trays where protection from dust, heat, or electromagnetic interference is needed.

Verify compatibility with voltage, current, and temperature ratings specified by the manufacturer.

Accessories

Cable tray systems include fittings, couplers, covers, brackets, and hangers to facilitate routing, branching, and secure installation. Submittal tools from manufacturers allow selection of compatible components and generation of CAD/BIM files for design integration. Cable trays provide a flexible, durable, and code-compliant solution for managing power, data, and control cables in industrial, commercial, and institutional installations.

Proper selection of material, type, and installation method ensures long-term performance and safety.

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