Tunnel Cable Tray Specifications and Dimensions Table



Overview

Cable tray is considered to be a system. It must provide continuous support for cables, and the electrical continuity of the cable tray system must be maintained.

Key Takeaways

Tunnel cable trays are available in ladder, perforated, channel, and wire mesh types, with standardized widths, depths, heights, and material thicknesses to meet load, ventilation, and safety requirements.

Standard Cable Tray Dimensions for Tunnels

Tray Type

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Width (mm)Depth / Side Rail Height (mm)Material Thickness (mm)Rung Spacing (mm)NotesLadder100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 60050, 70, 100, 1201.5 – 3.0150 – 230Open rung design for heavy cable loads, long spans, and heat dissipation; ideal for power and solar DC runs Perforated / Trough100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 60050, 70, 100, 1201.2 – 2.5N/AContinuous bottom support with ventilation openings; suitable for medium loads and controlled heat environments Channel50, 75, 100, 15050 – 1001.0 – 2.0N/AUsed for small instrumentation or control cables; can have solid or ventilated bottom Wire Mesh100, 150, 200, 300, 40050 – 1001.2 – 2.050 – 100Lightweight, corrosion-resistant, flexible routing; suitable for light power and communication cables Material and Finish OptionsSteel: Pre-galvanized, hot-dip galvanized, or stainless steel (AISI 316L) for corrosion resistance Aluminum: High corrosion resistance, lightweight, suitable for atmospheric and tunnel environments GRP / Fiberglass: Excellent corrosion resistance, non-conductive, ideal for tunnels with high humidity or chemical exposure Key Design Considerations for Tunnel InstallationsLoad Capacity: Determined by tray width, side rail height, and material thickness; ladder trays support heavier cables and longer spans.

Ventilation: Open rung or perforated designs prevent heat buildup in power cables. Compliance: Must meet NEC, NEMA, IEC, UL, or local tunnel safety standards. Rung Spacing: Typically 150–230 mm for ladder trays; closer spacing may be used for instrumentation cables.

Length: Standard straight sections are 2–3 meters for ease of transport and installation.

Summary

Tunnel cable trays are engineered to provide continuous, safe, and corrosion-resistant cable management. Selection depends on cable type, load, environmental conditions, and regulatory compliance. Ladder trays are preferred for heavy power cables, perforated trays for medium loads, channel trays for instrumentation, and wire mesh trays for light or flexible routing.

Material choice and thickness are critical for long-term durability and heat dissipation in tunnel environments.

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