

How to arrange cable tray supports



Article Overview

Cable tray supports should be placed according to tray type, load, and NEC guidelines, typically every 4 to 6 feet for horizontal runs, with ladder tray rungs spaced 9 inches or less.

General Guidelines

Proper support placement ensures structural stability, safe cable routing, and compliance with the National Electrical Code (NEC). Supports must be designed to carry the weight of the cables, the tray itself, and any additional loads such as wind or seismic forces. They should also maintain the tray level and prevent sagging or uneven stress on the cables .

Horizontal Support Spacing

- NEC Recommendation: Cable trays must be supported at intervals specified by the manufacturer, but not more than 5 feet for horizontal runs .
- Best Practice: A support spacing of 4 to 6 feet is ideal for most installations, balancing structural integrity and cost .
- Ladder Trays: Rungs should be no more than 9 inches apart, with wider rung spacing (12–18 inches) possible for large power cables if bending radii are maintained .
- Perforated and Wire Mesh Trays: Follow manufacturer guidelines; perforated trays may require closer support to prevent sagging, especially for small-diameter control or instrumentation cables

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