

How to confirm the specifications and dimensions of cable trays



Article Overview

Cable tray size is determined by calculating the total cable cross-sectional area, applying the appropriate fill ratio, and selecting a tray width, depth, and length that meets NEC, IEC, and industry standards.

Key Dimensions of Cable Trays

Cable trays are defined by width, depth (height), length, and material thickness. Width is the primary factor affecting cable capacity, while depth influences vertical stacking, heat dissipation, and NEC fill compliance. Standard widths typically range from 50mm to 600mm, with common sizes including 100mm, 200mm, 300mm, and 450mm. Heights generally range from 25mm to 150mm, depending on cable volume and ventilation requirements. Material thickness varies by load capacity and type, with heavy-duty trays often requiring 2.5mm or more and reinforced side rails for structural support .

Steps to Identify the Correct Tray Size

- **Determine Cable Load:** Count all cables to be installed and obtain their outer diameters from manufacturer specifications. Include all power, control, and instrumentation cables .
- **Calculate Total Cable Area:** Compute the cross-sectional area of each cable and sum them to get the total cable area .
- **Apply Fill Ratio:** Use the recommended fill ratio to ensure proper ventilation and prevent overheating. NEC specifies 40% for power cables and 50% for control cable...

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