

How to determine the dimensions of cable tray supports



Article Overview

Cable tray support dimensions are standardized based on tray type, width, depth, material thickness, and load class to ensure structural integrity, proper cable fill, and compliance with NEC, NEMA, and IEC standards.

Standard Dimensions

Cable trays are defined by width, depth, and length, which directly affect cable fill, heat dissipation, and structural loading. Common widths range from 50 mm to 600 mm (2" to 24"), while depths typically vary from 25 mm to 150 mm (1" to 6"), depending on the tray type and application. Standard lengths are usually 3 meters (10 feet), with modular fittings for bends, tees, and transitions to maintain continuity and support cable routing .

Tray Types and Material Thickness

- Ladder Tray: Features rungs spaced 150–230 mm (6–9 inches) apart for mechanical support and strain relief. Rail and stringer material is commonly 16 gauge steel tubing, providing strength for long cable runs .
- Solid-Bottom Tray: Used where heat buildup is minimal or visual aesthetics are important. Material thickness varies from 1.2 mm to 2.0 mm, depending on load requirements .
- Channel Tray: Protects against electromagnetic interference and is suitable for light instrumentation cables. Material thickness is typically 1.5–2.0 mm

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Selecting the right cable tray size is critical for electrical safety, system efficiency, and cost control. This

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TECHNICAL AND SIZING DATA

Once the designer has ascertained what cables are being used and their construction, he must determine the size of the ladder tray

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B. Cable tray systems are defined to include, but are not limited to straight sections of [ladder type] [trough type] [solid bottom type]

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The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves – here, shown as

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Standard Cable Tray Dimensions Cable tray dimensions are not chosen at random. Across

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Cable Tray Size Calculation Guide

It lists the cable sizes, numbers of each cable, their widths, and calculates the total required width. It then determines the size of

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