

# Service life of galvanized cable trays



## Article Overview

Galvanized cable trays can last from 10 to 50 years depending on the type of galvanization, environmental conditions, and maintenance.

### Lifespan Overview

The service life of galvanized cable trays varies significantly based on the galvanization method and the environment in which they are installed. Hot-dip galvanized trays, which are immersed in molten zinc, have a thick, durable zinc coating that provides excellent corrosion resistance and can last 25 to 50 years under proper conditions, even in harsh industrial or outdoor environments . Pre-galvanized trays, coated before fabrication, have a thinner zinc layer and typically last 10 to 15 years, making them more suitable for indoor or less corrosive settings .

### Environmental Factors

- Indoor, dry environments: Both hot-dip and pre-galvanized trays can achieve their maximum lifespan, with pre-galvanized trays lasting up to 10 years and hot-dip trays up to 50 years .
- Humid or coastal areas: Corrosion accelerates, reducing the lifespan of pre-galvanized trays to 1-2 years in extreme cases, while hot-dip trays may still last 10-15 years .
- Industrial or chemical exposure: Hot-dip galvanized trays are preferred due to their thicker zinc coating, which forms a protective patina (zinc carbonate) that shields the steel from further corrosion ....

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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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NEMA VE 1-2017 Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules

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## How long does a zinc coated cable tray last?

As a supplier of zinc coated cable trays, I often get asked about the lifespan of these products. In this blog post, I'll delve into the

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The galvanization process is the primary anti-corrosion treatment for cable trays. The quality

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Cable Tray Cable trays are mechanical support systems that provide a rigid structural system for electrical cables, raceways, and

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Longevity

Hot-dip galvanized steel is often utilized in some of the harshest environments imaginable, yet it provides maintenance-free longevity

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## Ultimate Guide To Choosing Right Galvanized Cable Tray

The galvanized coating provides excellent protection against corrosion, ensuring the tray can withstand exposure to moisture,

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