

Size of the hole for cable tray through the wall



Article Overview

Through-wall holes for cable trays should be sized to accommodate the tray's width and depth plus clearance for installation, bending, and firestopping.

Determining Hole Size

The through-wall hole must be slightly larger than the cable tray's outside dimensions to allow for proper installation, alignment, and any protective sleeves or bushings. Standard cable tray widths range from 6 to 48 inches, and side rail heights (depths) vary depending on tray type and load requirements . For example:

- Ladder trays: Widths of 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, and 48 inches; side rail heights typically 2-6 inches .
- Perforated or channel trays: Widths often 6-24 inches; depth varies 2-4 inches .

Clearance Recommendations

- Horizontal clearance: Add at least 1-2 inches on each side of the tray width to allow for installation and alignment.
- Vertical clearance: Add 1-2 inches above the tray depth to accommodate cable bending, firestop materials, or vibration isolation .
- Firestopping: If the wall is a fire-rated assembly, the hole must allow space for firestop collars or sealants around the tray without compressing cables

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