

Common Types of Long-Span Cable Trays



AI Overview

Long-span cable trays are classified based on design type, material, load capacity, and span length, with ladder, ventilated, and solid-bottom trays being the primary categories.

Types of Long-Span Cable Trays

Ladder Trays Ladder trays consist of two side rails connected by rungs, providing excellent support for heavy power and control cables over long distances. They allow air circulation around cables, reducing heat buildup, and are ideal for long runs with minimal intermediate supports.

Ventilated or Perforated Trays These trays have a solid base with perforations or slots to allow airflow, suitable for medium-weight cables and applications where heat dissipation is important. They are often used in industrial and commercial installations.

Solid-Bottom Trays Solid-bottom trays provide complete protection for sensitive instrumentation or control cables, preventing dust, debris, or electromagnetic interference. They are preferred in environments with minimal heat generation.

Material Classification

- Galvanized Steel:** Economical and corrosion-resistant, often hot-dip or electro-galvanized for long-term durability.
- Stainless Steel (AISI 304/316):** Used in corrosive or outdoor environments, offering high strength and resistance to chemical exposure.
- Aluminum:** Lightweight and corrosion-resistant, suitable for long spans where weight reduction is critical.

Load and Span Classification

Long-span trays are designed to carry specific loads over defined support spans. The load class or span designation determines the maximum weight a tray can support without excessive deflection. Typical load depths include 3.5", 5.5", and 7.5" (90, 135, and 190 mm), and spans can range from 2 to 6 meters depending on material and tray type. Splice plates and support locations are critical for maintaining structural integrity over long distances.

Standards and Compliance

Long-span cable trays must comply with standards such as NEMA VE-1, UL, and ASTM specifications for material strength and coating. These standards ensure trays meet...

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What are the main types of cable tray?

Introduce the main types of cable tray including ladder cable tray, perforated cable tray, solid bottom cable tray and wire mesh cable tray.

Types of Cable Trays and Their Benefits

Discover the 3 most common types of cable trays—ladder, perforated, and solid bottom. Learn their benefits, applications, and how to

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A cable tray is a structural system used to support and manage electrical cables in various settings, such as industrial, commercial, and residential environments.

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Conversely if spans are too long, the tray cost is too high. The optimum span, which varies according to the tray type, the type of support method and labour rates (field vs. shop) can be determined by

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If cable trays are being installed where working space is a problem, hand access through the cable tray bottom may help to facilitate the installation of small diameter cables: control

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Cable tray length is selected based on the load to be supported, the distance between the supports (also referred to as the span), and handling and installation constraints.

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The test consists of applying a load at two points for cable ladders or uniformly distributed for other types of cable tray. A support which is able to accommodate all types of cable tray is therefore tested at

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