

Cable Tray Suspension Wire Size Specification Table



Article Overview

The suspension wire size for cable trays depends on the tray load, span, and type, typically ranging from 1/4 inch to 3/8 inch galvanized steel wire for standard indoor installations.

Determining Suspension Wire Size

The correct suspension wire size is primarily determined by:

- Cable tray load: Includes the weight of the cables plus the tray itself and any environmental loads such as wind or snow for outdoor installations .
- Support span: Short spans (6–8 feet) require smaller wire diameters, while long spans (14–20 feet or more) need thicker wires to prevent excessive deflection .
- Tray type and width: Ladder trays carrying heavy power cables or wide trays (42–48 inches) require stronger suspension wires due to higher loads .

Typical Wire Sizes

- 1/4 inch (6 mm) galvanized steel wire: Suitable for light-duty trays, short spans, and small control or instrumentation cables .
- 5/16 inch (8 mm) galvanized steel wire: Common for medium-duty trays with moderate cable loads and spans up to 12–15 feet .
- 3/8 inch (10 mm) galvanized steel wire: Recommended for heavy-duty trays, wide ladder trays, or long spans exceeding 15 feet

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2.02 Cable Tray Sections and Components General: Except as otherwise indicated, provide metal cable trays, of types, classes, and

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Conductors used in cable tray must be specified in Table 19 of the CEC and, except where permitted under paragraphs [12-2202(2)]

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It advises that a distance of 22.5 cm will ensure correct system operation, but this distance can be reduced, depending on the cable

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If these circuits were installed in cable tray, the conductor sizes would not need to be increased since the parallel conductor derating

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simple comparison of the measurements for the different cable tray configurations (wire mesh and perforated tray, with and without

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standards & specifications light & medium duty cable tray sizes essories do not have a return edge. Also light duty tray of widths

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LADDER TYPE CABLE TRAY STANDARD RANGE OF LADDER TYPE CABLE TRAY (STRINGER SIZE) Duty Width in mm Height

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All the technical information developed by the 1973 NEC® Technical Subcommittee on Cable Tray for Article 318 - Cable Trays was

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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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