

How should cable trays be strung



Article Overview

Cables should be strung in trays with proper spacing, support, and bend radius, ensuring safety, ventilation, and compliance with electrical standards.

Selecting the Right Tray and Layout

Choose the appropriate cable tray type based on cable size, type, and environmental conditions. Ladder trays are ideal for large power cables due to excellent ventilation and convenient tie points, while ventilated troughs provide continuous support for smaller control or instrumentation cables. Consider material selection—steel, aluminum, stainless steel, or fiberglass—based on load requirements and corrosion resistance.

Cable Arrangement and Spacing

- Maintain proper spacing between cables to prevent overheating and allow airflow. For ladder trays, rungs are typically spaced 6–9 inches (150–230 mm) apart.
- Group cables by type (power, control, data) to reduce interference and simplify maintenance.
- Avoid overfilling trays; calculate cable fill based on tray width, cable diameter, and NEC guidelines to ensure safe operation.

Securing and Supporting Cables

- Use cable ties, clamps, or straps to secure cables to tray rungs or sides, preventing sagging or movement

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