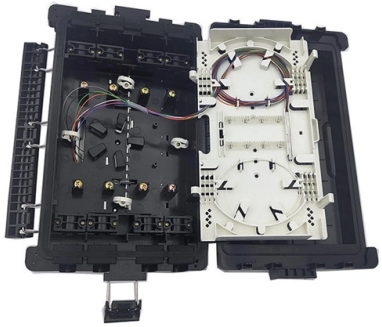
Cable routing through building vertical cable trays



Overview

Side heights of 35, 60, 85 and 110 mm are available, through to special cable tray systems with a 30% perforation amount and large insertion and exit points.

Key Takeaways

Cables in vertical trays should be secured to each rung, properly spaced, and supported to prevent sagging, overheating, and insulation damage.

Key Principles for Vertical Cable Routing

Secure Every Cable: In vertical trays, each cable should be fastened to every rung using appropriate cable ties or clamps. This prevents cables from sliding or piling up, which can lead to insulation damage or uneven load distribution (Eng-Tips). Maintain Proper Spacing: Ensure cables are spaced according to manufacturer recommendations and electrical codes.

Overcrowding increases heat buildup and reduces airflow, which can de-rate cable ampacity (ABB Technical Guide). Support and Tie Methods: Use cable ties carefully to avoid overtightening, which can cut or weaken insulation. Consider vertical cable racks or trays designed for vertical stacking, which allow cables to hang on hooks or supports, reducing reliance on ties alone (Eng-Tips).

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Tray Type Selection: Ladder trays are preferred for vertical runs of power cables due to excellent ventilation and convenient tie points. For smaller control or instrumentation cables, ventilated troughs or solid-bottom trays may provide better support and prevent sagging (ExpertCE). Heat Management: Vertical stacking can increase heat accumulation.

Plan cable layout to minimize deep stacks of high-current cables and separate power and signal cables to reduce electromagnetic interference (Zero Instrument). Future Maintenance: Arrange cables in a way that allows easy access for additions or replacements. Avoid configurations that make future changes difficult, as vertical trays can complicate cable removal if not properly organized (Eng-Tips).

Compliance and Safety: Ensure all installations meet local electrical codes, including bonding and grounding requirements. Verify that the tray and cable configuration are rated for vertical use and the expected load (ExpertCE).

Practical Tips

Use color-coded or labeled cables for easier identification in vertical runs. Avoid sharp bends; maintain minimum bend radius as cables exit the tray. Consider using intermediate supports for long vertical runs to reduce stress on cables.

For corrosive or high-humidity environments, select trays made of aluminum or fiberglass-reinforced plastic for durability and safety (ExpertCE). By following these guidelines, vertical cable tray installations can remain safe, organized, and maintainable while minimizing risks of overheating, insulation damage, and future maintenance challenges.

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Key Factors Impacting Cable Tray Spacing Understanding cable tray spacing is key to meeting safety regulations and maintaining system

Method Statement for Installation of Cable Tray or Trunking

Site fabrication shall not be permitted. Where cable tray carries 13.8 kv cable, a tray lid shall be installed. Provide sufficient space around cable tray for access. Cable Support System Use

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