Classification Table of Cable Tray Applications



Overview

What is a cable tray ? ABB offers a number of different types of cable tray for use in a range of different applications and environments.

Key Takeaways

Cable trays are classified based on type, material, load rating, environmental suitability, and corrosion resistance to guide proper selection and installation.

Cable Tray Classification Overview

Classification Aspect

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Details / ExamplesStandards / NotesTray TypeLadder, Solid Bottom, Perforated, Wire Mesh, ChannelLadder trays are common for power and instrumentation; solid trays for minimal heat buildup; wire mesh for light cables and aesthetic applications MaterialSteel (pre-galvanized, hot-dip galvanized), Stainless Steel (AISI 316L), AluminumMaterial selection depends on environment; stainless steel for high corrosion resistance; aluminum for lightweight and moderate corrosion Load Rating / ClassNEMA VE-1/VE-2 classes: Light (C-3m), Medium, HeavyDefines maximum supported weight per span; support spacing typically 1/4 span for optimal performance Corrosion ResistanceClassified by coating type and thickness: Zinc coating, Stainless steel, Hot-dip galvanizationResistance depends on environment; zinc provides sacrificial protection; stainless steel resists chlorides and harsh chemicals Temperature RangeMinimum and maximum operating temperaturesSpecified per material and standard; ensures tray integrity under thermal stress Electrical ContinuityConductive vs non-conductive traysEnsures proper grounding and EMI protection; metallic trays generally conductive Environmental SuitabilityIndoor, outdoor, corrosive, high humidity, chemical exposureSelection based on exposure; ventilated trays for heat dissipation; solid trays for dust or chemical protection Cable Fill / SpacingMaximum fill percentage, minimum bend radiusPrevents overheating and mechanical stress; ensures compliance with NEC/IEC cable fill guidelines Key NotesLadder trays are preferred for heavy power cables and allow better ventilation.

Solid bottom trays are used where dust, moisture, or chemical exposure is a concern. Wire mesh trays are lightweight, flexible, and suitable for data and instrumentation cables. Support spacing and load class must comply with NEMA VE-1/VE-2 or IEC standards to prevent deflection and maintain safety.

Corrosion protection is critical in outdoor or industrial environments; galvanization or stainless steel is recommended. Temperature and electrical continuity considerations ensure safe operation and compliance with electrical codes. This table provides a comprehensive reference for selecting cable trays according to type, material, load, and environmental conditions, ensuring compliance with NEMA, IEC, and BS EN 61537 standards.

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The design and cost of the cable tray is greatly affected by this designation. In order to determine the most appropriate and economical system, a class should be selected that reflects the actual total

Introduction and classification of cable trays

A cable tray (or simply a cable tray) is a rigid structural system that closely supports cables and consists of trough-, tray-, or stepped-type straight sections, elbows, tees, and crosses, as well as brackets

Cable tray

Common cable trays are made of galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum, or glass-fiber reinforced plastic. The material for a given application is chosen based on where it will be used. Galvanized

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Additional Information Cable trays are crucial in cable management, providing organized electrical and communication wiring pathways. They are available in various materials and configurations to suit

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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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Cable trays are not raceways, but they are treated as a structural component of a facility''s electrical system. Cable trays are a part of a planned cable management system to support, route, protect and

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