Cable trays trough type and horizontal type

Overview

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Key Takeaways

Trough-type horizontal cable trays provide continuous cable support with solid or partially ventilated bottoms, ideal for organized, secure routing of power, control, and communication cables.

Overview

A trough cable tray is a type of horizontal cable tray featuring a continuous or partially ventilated bottom with solid side rails, but without the transverse rungs found in ladder trays. This design emphasizes continuous support for cables while maintaining moderate structural strength, making it suitable for small-diameter cables such as control, instrumentation, and communication lines. Trough trays occupy a middle ground between ladder trays, which offer maximum ventilation, and solid-bottom trays, which provide full protection.

Design and Construction

Bottom Surface: Can be solid or perforated for limited ventilation, providing continuous support to reduce mechanical stress on cable jackets. Side Rails: Solid rails along the edges maintain structural integrity and prevent cables from spilling out. Materials: Commonly made from steel, aluminum, or fiberglass, depending on environmental conditions and load requirements.

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Covers: Optional covers, including hinged or solid types, can protect cables from dust, moisture, or mechanical damage, especially in industrial or outdoor applications.

Applications

Trough trays are widely used in scenarios where organized cable routing and limited access are important, such as: Industrial plants and commercial buildings for power distribution and control systems. Areas with mixed cable types, including instrumentation and communication cables, where continuous support is necessary. Environments requiring moderate protection from dust, moisture, or incidental contact, often with optional covers for enhanced safety.

Advantages

Continuous Cable Support: Reduces stress on cable jackets and prevents sagging. Moderate Structural Strength: Can support a variety of cable weights without excessive material use. Flexibility in Ventilation: Perforated bottoms allow some airflow to dissipate heat while maintaining support.

Ease of Installation and Maintenance: Open design allows easier cable placement and future modifications compared to fully enclosed trays.

Considerations

Heat Dissipation: While perforated bottoms provide some ventilation, trough trays are less ventilated than ladder trays, so heat buildup should be considered for high-current cables. Environmental Suitability: Material selection should match exposure conditions; for example, fiberglass troughs are suitable for corrosive or wet environments, while steel or aluminum may be preferred indoors. Load Capacity: Ensure the tray is rated for the total cable weight and span length to prevent deflection or structural failure.

Trough-type horizontal cable trays offer a balanced solution for cable management, combining continuous support, moderate protection, and adaptability for various industrial and commercial applications. They are particularly effective when organized routing, cable protection, and limited access are priorities.

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