Double-layer cable tray specifications and models table

Overview

When fitting cable trays and their accessories, the products are cut on site to create changes of direction, adjust sections, etc.

Key Takeaways

Double-layer cable trays are designed to accommodate multiple layers of cables, ensuring proper separation, load distribution, and compliance with NEC standards. OverviewDouble-layer cable trays allow stacking of cables in two distinct layers, often separated by a barrier or divider to maintain electrical safety, prevent overheating, and facilitate maintenance. They are commonly used in industrial, commercial, and data center applications where high cable density is required.

Materials and Construction

Steel: Hot-dip galvanized or pre-galvanized for corrosion resistance, suitable for indoor and outdoor environments. Aluminum: Lightweight, corrosion-resistant, and ideal for environments with atmospheric exposure. Fiberglass or PVC-coated trays: Used in highly corrosive or chemical environments.

Design types: Ladder, ventilated, or solid-bottom trays. Ladder trays are preferred for heavy power cables, while solid-bottom trays are used for sensitive instrumentation or fiber optic cables.

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Dimensions and Layering

Width: Determined by the sum of cable diameters in each layer. For ladder trays, the interior width must accommodate the total of the cables' individual diameters. Solid-bottom trays should not exceed 90% of the tray width.

Layer separation: A physical barrier or separator is recommended when stacking cables of different sizes or types to prevent interference and maintain ampacity. Rung spacing: Typically 150–230 mm (6–9 inches) for ladder trays to support cables and maintain minimum bend radius.

Load Capacity

Safe working load: Depends on tray material, width, and span between supports. Manufacturers provide load tables specifying maximum distributed and point loads. Installation span: Support intervals are critical; excessive span can lead to sagging or cable damage.

Standard spans range from 1. 5 m to 3 m depending on tray type and load.

Electrical and Safety Considerations

Earthing and bonding: Metal trays must be properly grounded to prevent electrical hazards. Ampacity: Cable ampacity may be reduced when multiple layers are installed due to heat accumulation.

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C guidelines recommend derating factors for multi-layer installations. Fire resistance: Trays should comply with local fire codes, especially for indoor installations carrying power cables.

Installation Tips

Ensure minimum bend radius is maintained at tray entries and exits. Use separators for different cable types (power vs. data) to reduce electromagnetic interference. Consider ventilation for heat dissipation in high-current applications.

Verify compliance with NEC and local standards for cable spacing, load, and grounding. Double-layer cable trays provide a practical solution for high-density cable management while maintaining safety, accessibility, and compliance with electrical codes. Proper selection of material, width, and separation ensures optimal performance and longevity.

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