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Cable trays ladders and trays



Overview

Difference Between a Cable Ladder and Cable Tray Explore the key differences between a cable ladder and cable tray. Learn about their design, applications.

Key Takeaways

Cable ladder trays are heavy-duty cable-support systems built with two side rails and rungs, ideal for long spans, large cable bundles, and high-heat or industrial environments. They provide excellent ventilation, easy cable access, and modular fittings such as elbows, tees, reducers, covers, and splice plates for complete routing systems.

Cable ladder trays consist of side rails + cross rungs, forming an open structure that:

- Supports heavy cables over long distances
- Allows cable entry/exit anywhere along the run
- Provides maximum airflow to reduce overheating
- Simplifies inspection and future expansion

When Ladder Trays Are the Best Choice

Use ladder trays when your installation requires:

- High load capacity (large bundles, power cables)
- Long spans without excessive supports

- Heat dissipation (industrial plants, power distribution)
- Frequent maintenance or future extensions
- Outdoor runs where drainage matters

Components & Fittings

A complete ladder tray system includes:

- Straight sections
- Vertical & horizontal elbows (90° turns)
- Tees and crosses
- Reducers
- Dropouts
- Covers
- Splice plates and connectors
- Support brackets, trapeze hangers, threaded rod systems

Material Options

Common materials include:

- Aluminum (lightweight, corrosion-resistant, easy to install)
- Steel (galvanized or stainless for harsh environments)

Choosing the Right Ladder Tray

Key selection criteria:

- Load & span requirements
- Cable volume and ventilation needs
- Support spacing and mounting method
- Material and finish (HDG, stainless, powder-coated)

Examples of Ladder Tray Systems

- Grainger Cable Ladder Trays – full range of straight sections, elbows, tees, covers, and accessories.
- Legrand Itray Ladder Cable Tray – lightweight aluminum with innovative splice systems for faster installation.
- XMQJ Ladder Cable Tray – heavy-duty industrial systems with long-span capability.

Cable ladder trays remain the preferred solution for industrial cable routing where strength, ventilation, and accessibility are critical.

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