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How to install cable trays in the tray



Overview

Here is a step-by-step guide on how to install a standard metal cable tray system (e.g., ladder or perforated type).

Key Takeaways

Installing cable trays requires careful planning, proper support, and secure connections to ensure safety, stability, and compliance with electrical codes. Planning and Preparation

Before installation, plan the cable tray route based on your site layout, clearance requirements, and cable load. Mark the path using a chalk line or laser level to ensure straight alignment and identify locations for bends, tees, or elevation changes . Check local regulations or the National Electrical Code (NEC) for tray fill ratios (typically max 50%) and support spacing (usually 1.5 to 3 meters depending on tray type and load), .

Selecting Tray Type and Materials

Choose the appropriate tray type for your application:

- Ladder trays: Ideal for power cables, provide ventilation and easy cable entry.
- Perforated trays: Support lighter loads and allow airflow.



- Solid-bottom or ventilated trough trays: Better for control or instrumentation cables that may sag . Materials include cable trays, couplers (splice plates), mounting brackets (wall arms or ceiling trapeze hangers), threaded rods, anchor bolts, and grounding straps .

Mounting Supports

Install supports at marked points along the route. Use wall mounts (cantilever arms) or ceiling mounts (trapeze hangers) depending on the installation location . Ensure supports are level and spaced according to manufacturer specifications to prevent sagging. For concrete surfaces, use metal anchors; for steel structures, use appropriate clamps .

Installing the Trays

Place the trays onto the supports and connect sections using splice plates to form a continuous path . Align trays straight and level before tightening fasteners. For long runs, consider using a cable tray roller to lay cables smoothly and avoid kinks . Deburr cut edges to prevent cable damage.

Routing and Securing Cables

Lay cables inside the tray without exceeding the recommended fill ratio. Use cable ties or clamps to secure cables to the tray rungs or bottom, maintaining proper separation for power and data lines. Ensure grounding and bonding requirements are met to maintain electrical safety .

Final Checks

- Verify all trays are level and securely fastened.
- Confirm that bends, tees, and risers are properly supported.
- Check that cable fill does not exceed the maximum allowed.
- Inspect for sharp edges or potential points of abrasion . Following these steps ensures a safe, organized, and code-compliant cable tray installation suitable for commercial or industrial applications.

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Where metal supports for metal cable trays are bolted to the tray and are in good electrical contact with the grounded structural metal

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