

Cable tray sleeve diameter



AI Overview

Cable tray sleeve size depends on the total cross-sectional area of the cables, the sleeve type, and the NEC fill limits, with common sleeves accommodating from a few to hundreds of cables depending on diameter.

Determining Sleeve Size

The correct sleeve size is calculated based on the outside diameter (OD) of each cable and the total number of cables to be installed. For example, a Cat6 UTP cable with a 0.24" OD occupies about 0.045 sq in, while a Cat6A UTP cable at 0.30" OD occupies 0.071 sq in, which is 56% more area despite only a 25% increase in diameter.

Steps to Select a Sleeve Size:

- List all cables to be routed through the sleeve, including their ODs.
- Calculate total cable area: Sum the cross-sectional areas of all cables.
- Apply fill ratio: NEC and TIA-569 recommend keeping fill below 40% for signal cables to allow ventilation and future expansion.
- Select sleeve: Choose a sleeve whose internal cross-sectional area meets or exceeds the required area after applying the fill ratio.

Example Capacities

- A Hilti CP 653 Speed Sleeve (4") can hold approximately 199 Cat6 cables at the 40% fill limit.
- A 3/4" EMT sleeve can fit about 5 Cat6 UTP cables at 40% fill, or up to 8 cables if...

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