

Cold aisle dimensions for metropolitan area network server racks



AI Overview

For optimal cooling and accessibility, cold aisles in data centers should generally be 1.2 meters wide with a maximum length of 16 meters, adjustable based on containment and ceiling height.

Recommended Width and Length

- **Width:** The minimum recommended cold aisle width is 1.2 meters, which allows for two full floor tiles between the fronts of server racks, ensuring proper airflow and safe personnel access . Wider aisles may be required if ceiling heights exceed 3.7 meters to accommodate lifts or overhead systems .
- **Length:** Continuous rows of racks can have a maximum aisle length of 16 meters. If one end of the aisle is closed or lacks an exit, the length should be limited to 6 meters for safety and evacuation purposes .

Rack and Containment Considerations

- **Rack Widths:** Standard racks are typically 600 mm, while wide racks can be 750 mm. Cold aisle containment systems can adjust to accommodate four to six standard-width racks per side or four to five wide racks per side .
- **Containment:** Cold aisle containment traps cooled air directly in front of the racks, ensuring consistent inlet temperatures and preventing hot and cold air mixing . This is particularly important in high-density MAN server deployments.
- **Service Clearance:** Adequate clearance should be maintained for personnel to acc...

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