

Thickness of wire trough cable tray



AI Overview

The material thickness of a trough (perforated) cable tray typically ranges from 1.5 mm to 3 mm depending on the duty class and load requirements.

Standard Thickness Guidelines

Trough cable trays, also known as perforated trays, are designed to provide continuous support for cables while allowing ventilation. The thickness of the tray material is a critical factor for structural integrity, load capacity, and compliance with safety standards. Standard thicknesses vary based on the duty class:

- Light-duty trays: Approximately 1.5 mm thick, suitable for small instrumentation or control cables with minimal load.
- Medium-duty trays: Around 2 mm thick, commonly used for moderate cable loads in commercial or industrial applications.
- Heavy-duty trays: Up to 3 mm thick, designed to support large power cables or high-density installations where mechanical strength is critical .

Factors Affecting Thickness Selection

- Load Capacity: Thicker trays can support heavier cables and reduce deflection between supports.
- Tray Width and Sidewall Height: Wider trays or those with higher sidewalls may require increased thickness to maintain rigidity .
- Material Type: Steel, aluminum, or stainless steel trays have different strength characteristics; steel trays may be thinner than aluminum for the same load rating.
- Environmental Conditions: Outdoor or corrosive environments may require thicker...

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