

What is the appropriate thickness for cable trays with long spans



AI Overview

Long-span cable trays require increased material thickness and structural strength to safely support cables over extended intervals, typically guided by NEMA, NEC, and IEC 61537 standards.

Material Thickness and Duty Class

The thickness of cable trays is determined by the tray type, span length, and load requirements. Ladder-type or perforated trays designed for long spans (14–20 feet) generally require heavier gauge steel or aluminum to prevent excessive deflection and maintain structural integrity under full cable load and environmental factors such as wind or snow. Manufacturers provide thickness specifications based on duty class:

- Light-duty trays: Suitable for short spans and small cable loads; thinner material is acceptable.
- Intermediate-duty trays: Support moderate cable loads over medium spans.
- Heavy-duty trays: Required for long spans, high cable density, or industrial environments; thicker material ensures minimal sag and compliance with safety margins.

Span Considerations

Long-span cable trays are typically supported at 14 to 20-foot intervals, with 20 feet being common for industrial installations. As span length increases, tray thickness...

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Cable trays are not raceways, but they are treated as a structural component of a facility's electrical system. Cable trays are a part of

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TECHNICAL AND SIZING DATA

Conversely if spans are too long, the tray cost is too high. The optimum span, which varies according to the tray type, the type of

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Load over Span Considerations

Shorter spans also result in less deflection of the installed product. However, if you require longer spans and less fixing points for

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Type of Cable Tray

Cable tray products are formed from the 6063 series alloys which by design are copper free alloys for marine applications. These

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Large span cable trays can be divided into ladder style, channel style, perforated style with galvanized, powder coated surface to

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