

Cable tray installation measurement



Summary of Content

Cable tray installation measurement involves calculating the correct width, depth, and length based on cable size, fill capacity, and load requirements to ensure safe, code-compliant, and expandable installations.

Key Dimensions

Width: The primary factor determining cable capacity. Standard widths range from 50mm to 900mm depending on the number and type of cables. The nominal width refers to the inside usable space, not the outside edge-to-edge dimension, which is slightly larger due to side rail thickness . **Depth (Height):** Controls vertical stacking and affects heat dissipation. Proper depth ensures cables are not overcrowded and comply with NEC fill limits . **Length:** Standard tray sections are typically 3 meters (10 feet), but lengths can vary. Length affects support spacing and load distribution . **Material Thickness:** Determines structural strength and load-bearing capacity. Thicker materials or reduced support spacing may be required for heavy cable loads .

Measurement and Sizing Steps

- **List All Cables:** Include every cable that will run in the tray. Use the outside diameter of each cable, not just conductor size .
- **Calculate Total Cable Area:** For round cables, calculate the cross-sectional area and sum them to get the total cable area .
- **Determine Required Tray Area:** Divide the total cable area by the allowed fill percentage (commonly 40% for NEC compliance) to find the minimum usable tray area .

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