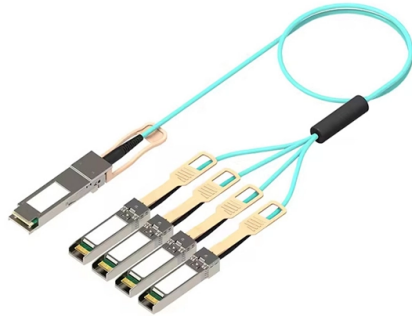


Increasing the height of cable trays



Summary of Content

Cable tray height can be increased by selecting taller standard trays, adjusting side rail depth, or using custom sizes to accommodate more cables and improve airflow.

Standard Heights and Selection

Cable trays are manufactured in standard heights, typically ranging from 90 mm (3.5") to 203 mm (8"), depending on the material and tray type . The height of a tray is determined by the number, size, spacing, and weight of the cables it will carry, rather than just the width . Increasing the tray height allows for more vertical stacking of cables, better heat dissipation, and easier cable installation.

Structural Considerations

When increasing tray height, consider the load capacity and support span. Taller trays may require closer support intervals to prevent deflection, especially for ladder-type trays carrying heavy power cables . Ladder trays with wider rung spacing (e.g., 9-18 inches) can accommodate large cables while maintaining proper bending radii . Solid-bottom or ventilated trays may also be used for smaller instrumentation cables, but their height increase should account for heat buildup and airflow .

Cable Separation and Airflow

Maintaining air separation between cables is critical for heat dissipation. Taller trays allow for spacing devices such as maple blocks or separators to be installed more effectively . Simply increasing width may not be as efficient as increasing height for airflow and cable management.

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