

Outdoor support for cable trays



Summary of Content

Yes, outdoor cable trays require supports at regular intervals to ensure mechanical stability, prevent cable damage, and comply with electrical codes.

Support Requirements

Outdoor cable trays must be supported to handle the weight of the cables, environmental loads, and potential mechanical impacts. Standard trays typically require supports every 6 to 10 feet, while heavy-duty or long-span trays can extend up to 20 feet between supports, depending on the tray material and load capacity . The exact spacing should be determined using the manufacturer's load capacity charts, which account for the total weight of installed cables and any future expansion .

Installation Considerations

- **Material Selection:** Choose trays made of galvanized steel, aluminum, or fiberglass (FRP) based on environmental exposure, corrosion resistance, and electrical requirements .
- **Thermal Expansion:** For long outdoor runs, expansion splice plates should be installed to accommodate temperature-induced expansion and contraction .
- **Cable Fastening:** In vertical or angled runs, cables should be secured to the tray's transverse members. In horizontal runs, cable ties can help maintain spacing and improve heat dissipation, but they must be fire-rated and approved for cable tray use .
- **Clearances:** Maintain at least 12 inches of vertical clearance above trays for installation and maintenance access, as required by the 2026 NEC update .

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