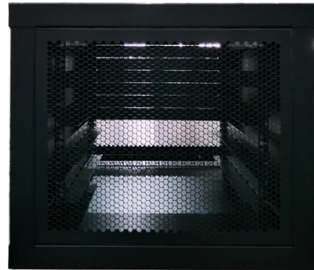


Recommended thickness for cable trays



Summary of Content

Cable tray thickness typically ranges from 1.2 mm for light-duty applications to 3 mm or more for heavy-duty or long-span installations.

General Guidelines

The ideal thickness of a cable tray depends on the type of cables, load, span between supports, and environmental conditions. For light-duty applications, such as LAN or control wiring in commercial spaces, trays with 1.2 mm to 1.6 mm thickness are generally sufficient. For industrial setups carrying heavy power cables, a thickness of 2.0 mm to 3.0 mm is recommended to ensure structural integrity and prevent sagging over longer spans .

Span and Load Considerations

- Short spans (less than 2 meters): Thinner trays can be used safely.
- Longer spans (2.5–3 meters or more): Thicker trays of 2.5 mm or above are preferred to avoid deflection and maintain load capacity .
- Heavy-duty applications: Ladder trays supporting large power cables often require 2.5 mm+ thickness with reinforced side rails for maximum support .

Environmental Factors

- Outdoor or corrosive environments: Thicker trays with protective coatings (galvanized, powder-coated, or stainless steel) provide better durability and resistance to corrosion. Stainless steel trays of 2.0 mm or higher are common in chemical or marine industries .

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