Cable Tray Load Table



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Cable tray load charts define the maximum safe working load for trays based on type, width, material, and support span.

Understanding Cable Tray Load Charts

Cable tray load charts indicate the maximum weight a tray can safely support per unit length, usually expressed in kilograms per meter or pounds per foot. The load capacity depends on several factors: Tray Type: Ladder, ventilated, or solid-bottom trays have different load capacities. Ladder trays are common for heavy power cables, while ventilated trays are used for lighter control or data cables (Hubbell, Eaton).

Tray Width: Wider trays generally reduce load capacity due to increased deflection. For example, Eaton's B-Line series requires load reductions for 42- and 48-inch wide trays (Eaton). Rung Spacing: Closer rung spacing increases strength.

Standard spacings are 6, 9, 12, or 18 inches. Wider spacing may reduce load capacity and affect cable support (Unitray, Eaton). Support Span: The distance between supports directly affects the tray's load rating.

Load charts are typically based on continuous spans over four or more supports, with deflection limited to span/200 (Metsec).

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Typical Load Values

Unitray aluminum ladder trays: Average load ~75 kg/m (165 lbs/ft), with widths ranging from 150 mm (6") to 1067 mm (42") and standard rung spacings of 150 mm, 225 mm, and 300 mm (Unitray). Hubbell NEXTFRAME® ladder trays: Load class is defined by the total working load and support span, which determines the most economical tray selection (Hubbell). Metsec trays: Safe working loads are graphically represented and account for deflection limits; wider trays may experience local deflection but remain structurally sound (Metsec).

Design Considerations

Cable Type: Small-diameter control or instrumentation cables can use closer rung spacing (6–12 inches), while large power cables require wider spacing (9–18 inches) to maintain proper bending radii (Eaton). Material: Steel, aluminum, and stainless steel trays have different load capacities. Stainless steel loads are available upon request (Metsec).

Deflection and Appearance: While structural performance may not be affected, excessive deflection can impact aesthetics or cable management (Metsec). Field Modifications: Avoid removing rungs to maintain cable bending radii; select appropriate tray width and rung spacing to prevent modifications (Eaton).

Summary

When selecting a cable tray, consult the manufacturer's load chart to match the tray type, width, rung spacing, and support span to the expected cable load. Proper selection ensures mechanical support, strain relief, and compliance with safety standards while preventing excessive deflection or cable damage (Hubbell, Eaton, Unitray).

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