National Standard for Wall Thickness of Cable Trays



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Cable tray wall thickness varies by material, tray type, and duty class, with NEMA VE 1/VE 2 providing standard specifications for metallic trays and UL 568 for nonmetallic trays.

Metallic Cable Trays

For steel and aluminum cable trays, wall thickness is determined by tray type, load class, and span: Ladder and ventilated trays: Typical wall thickness ranges from 1. 2 mm (16 gauge) to 2. 5 mm (12 gauge) for side rails and rungs, depending on load rating and span length (light, medium, or heavy duty) as per NEMA VE 1/VE 2 guidelines.

Solid bottom or channel trays: Sidewalls and bottom panels generally range from 1. 5 mm to 3 mm, with thicker walls for heavy-duty or long-span installations. Aluminum trays: Due to higher strength-to-weight ratio, aluminum trays may have slightly thinner walls than steel, typically 1.

2 mm to 2 mm, while still meeting mechanical and corrosion resistance requirements. Galvanized steel trays: Hot-dip or electro-galvanized coatings add minimal thickness, but the base steel thickness follows the same NEMA VE 1/VE 2 specifications.

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Nonmetallic Cable Trays

For fiberglass or other nonmetallic trays, wall thickness is specified under UL 568 and NEMA FG 1 (for fiberglass): Ladder, trough, or channel types: Wall thickness typically ranges from 3 mm to 6 mm, depending on tray width, span, and load class. Nonmetallic trays are designed to meet mechanical strength, fire resistance, and environmental durability, so thickness may vary with resin type and reinforcement.

Key Considerations

Duty class: Light, medium, or heavy-duty trays require different wall thicknesses to support the intended cable load and span. Tray width and span: Wider trays or longer unsupported spans require thicker walls or additional reinforcement. Environmental factors: Corrosive or outdoor environments may necessitate thicker walls or protective coatings.

Compliance: Always verify that the tray meets NEMA VE 1/VE 2, UL 568, NEC, or CEC requirements for your region. In summary, wall thickness is not uniform but depends on material, tray type, load class, and environmental conditions, with NEMA and UL standards providing the authoritative specifications for safe and code-compliant installations.

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A practical guide to product selection and installation This guide for engineers and installers has been developed by ABB as a practical reference regarding cable tray characteristics, installation, and

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UL 568, Nonmetallic Cable Tray Systems This standard specifies the requirements for nonmetallic cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of the Canadian Electrical

Cable Tray Dimensions Guide: Standard Sizes, Tray Types & Sizing

Explore standard sizes by tray type, understand width and depth limits, and see how to calculate and choose compliant cable tray sizes for real projects.

NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2018

A channel cable tray can be added to an existing cable tray system using the method illustrated in Figure 3-89 to add approved cabling systems. Refer to the loading information of the existing cable

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Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

Cable Tray Dimensions and Specifications as per NEC

Many electrical systems employ cable trays. They route cables safely & efficiently. NEC defines minimum cable tray size & electrical installation specifications. These guidelines protect

Cable Tray Size Guide: How to Choose the Right Dimensions

Complete cable tray sizing guide with standard size chart, NEC calculation methods, and real engineering examples. Learn how to select the right cable tray dimensions for your project.

Cable tray manual

These documents: ANSI/NEMA VE-1, Metal Cable Tray Systems; NEMA VE-2, Cable Tray Installation Guidelines; and NEMA FG-1, Non Metallic Cable Tray Systems, are an excellent industry resource in

NEC Standards for Cable Trays: Grounding, Fill Capacity

This article provides a comprehensive framework that governs various aspects of cable tray installations, including the types of cables that are deemed acceptable for use, requirements for

NEMA BI 50016-2024

Cable tray system design shall 269 comply with National Electrical Code® (NEC®) Article 392, NEMA BI-50015 (formerly VE 1), and NEMA 270 FG 1, and follow safe work practices as described in NFPA

NEMA Standards Publication VE 2-2018

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) Standards and guideline publications, of which the document herein is one, are developed through a voluntary Standards development

Metal Cable Tray Systems Standard NEMA VE 1-2017

NEMA VE 1-2017 standard for metal cable tray systems. Covers construction, materials, dimensions, load capacity, and testing.

IEC Standard for Cable Tray: Complete Technical Guide

Understanding the IEC Standard for Cable Tray Cable trays play a vital role in supporting electrical cables and wires in commercial, industrial, and

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Cable tray manual

INTRODUCTION The B-Line series Cable Tray Manual was produced by our technical staff. We recognize the need for a complete cable tray reference source for electrical engineers and designers.

Safely Installing, Maintaining and Inspecting Cable Trays

The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) also publishes three consensus standards that apply to the proper manufacture and installation of cable trays: ANSI/NEMA-VE 1-1998, Metal

Cable Tray Specifications and Guidelines

This document provides general guidelines for cable trays and their installation. It discusses the different types of cable trays, including perforated and ladder types, and specifies their

Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder and Cable Tray Systems

Cable ladder systems and cable tray systems are designed for use as supports for cables and not as enclosures giving full mechanical protection. They are not intended to be used as ladders, walk ways

Wire Mesh Cable Trays Technical Information Detailed, Material ...

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