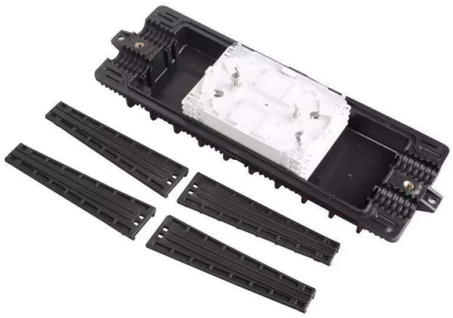
Side openings for trough-type cable trays



Overview

A perforated cable tray—also called a ventilated trough tray —features a solid bottom with regularly spaced ventilation holes and continuous side rails.

Key Takeaways

Side openings in trough-type cable trays provide easy access for cable installation, maintenance, and cover removal while maintaining structural support.

Purpose of Side Openings

Side openings in trough-type cable trays are designed to facilitate cable entry and exit along the tray without requiring complete disassembly. They allow installers to add or remove cables efficiently, especially in medium-duty or fiber-optic applications where frequent access is needed. Open sides also make it easier to remove and replace covers, improving maintenance efficiency and reducing downtime.

Design Considerations

Open Side vs Solid Side: Some trough trays feature fully open sides, while others have partial openings or removable panels. Open sides provide maximum accessibility, whereas solid sides offer better protection against dust, moisture, and mechanical damage. Side Rails: Even with side openings, trough trays maintain structural integrity through side rails that contain cables and support the tray load.

Width and Load: Side openings are typically designed to accommodate standard tray widths (e.g., up to 12 inches) and medium-duty loads, ensuring that accessibility does not compromise strength.

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Applications

Fiber Optic and Control Cables: Open sides are particularly useful for fiber optic or instrumentation cables, which require careful handling and frequent access. Maintenance and Expansion: Side openings allow for modular expansion of cable runs and easier retrofitting of additional cables without dismantling the entire tray system. Cover Integration: Trays with side openings often use removable covers that can be lifted or slid aside, providing protection while maintaining accessibility.

Summary

Side openings in trough-type cable trays are a practical feature that balances accessibility, protection, and structural support. They are ideal for installations where cables need to be frequently added, removed, or maintained, and they integrate seamlessly with covers and modular tray systems to ensure both safety and efficiency.

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