

Building cable trays changed from large to small



Overview

Historically, the NEC has allowed cable trays, but has lacked specific guidelines for sizing conductors and using smaller conductors like PV wire and DG cable on rooftops. In practice, cable tray dimensions are a system of interrelated measurements —width, depth, length, and material thickness—that directly affect cable fill compliance, heat dissipation, structural loading, and long-term expandability. Pre-punched holes on the I-beam side rails allow for simple attachment of accessories without drilling. Some designers/specifiers utilize solid bottom. Getting the cable tray sizes right is the bedrock of any solid structured cabling project, especially in demanding environments like commercial buildings and hospitals. Here in the UK, standard widths run from a slim 50mm for a handful of data runs right up to 900mm or more for the heavy-duty. In this guide, you will learn how to calculate cable tray size step by step using a practical formula, tray selection rules, and a real example. Selecting the appropriate cable tray dimensions and size is essential for many kinds of reasons: The size of the cable tray has to be suitable on account. In this installment of our Code Corner series, Ryan Mayfield focuses on the 2023 National Electrical Code (NEC) changes concerning cable trays, particularly section 690.



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