

# Cable Tray Thickness Comparison Table



## Article Overview

Cable tray thickness varies by tray type and material, affecting load capacity, span, and durability.

### Standard Thickness Ranges by Tray Type and Material

| Tray Type               | Typical Material       | Standard Thickness Range  | Notes                                                                                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ladder Tray             | Steel (galvanized)     | 1.2 mm – 3.0 mm           | Heavier loads, long spans; side rail height and thickness critical for structural strength |
| Ladder Tray             | Aluminum               | 1.5 mm – 3.0 mm           | Lightweight, corrosion-resistant; suitable for moderate loads                              |
| Ladder Tray             | Stainless Steel (316L) | 1.5 mm – 3.0 mm           | High corrosion resistance for harsh environments                                           |
| Perforated/ Trough Tray | Steel                  | 1.0 mm – 2.5 mm           | Continuous bottom support with ventilation; thickness affects load and deflection          |
| Channel Tray            | Steel                  | 1.0 mm – 2.0 mm           | Compact, light-duty applications; not suitable for heavy power cables                      |
| Wire Mesh/ Basket Tray  | Steel Wire             | 3 mm – 6 mm wire diameter | Load capacity depends on wire diameter and support spacing; flexible installation          |
| Wire Mesh/ Basket Tray  | Stainless Steel Wire   | 3 mm – 6 mm wire diameter | Corrosion-resistant; ideal for data and telecom cabling                                    |

### Key Considerations

- **Load Capacity:** Thicker side rails or wire diameters increase the tray's ability to support heavier cables and longer spans .
- **Span and Deflection:** Material thickness directly affects allowable span; thinner trays may sag under heavy loads .
- **Environmental Factors:** Aluminum and stainless steel are preferred in corrosive environments, while galvanized steel is common for general indoor use .
- **Tray Type Selection:** Ladder trays are best for heavy power cables and heat dissip...

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The cable ampacity installed in solid tray will be similar to cable installed without spacing in accordance with CEC Rule 12-1210 (3).

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Cable Tray Systems Guide HUBBELL Hubbell Wiring Device-Kellems and Hubbell Premise Wiring are divisions of Hubbell

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T& B channel tray systems are fabricated from a corrosion-resistant metal (low-carbon steel, stainless steel or an aluminum alloy) or

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For ladder or ventilated trough trays, the total sum of the cross-sectional areas of all the cables to be installed in the cable tray must

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Determine the tray series using the NEMA load/ span designations page A14, and sizing cable tray page A21. Select nominal depth

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Cable Tray Fittings are designed to support cables as they transition directions. Note:  
Perforated slot dimensions and patterns may

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NEMA vs IEC vs BS: Global Cable Tray Standards Comparison

Note: NEMA does not specify minimum thickness —the philosophy is that if the tray  
passes the load test at the

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