

How to distinguish the front and back of a cable tray



Article Overview

The front of a cable tray is typically the side with open access or rungs for cable placement, while the back is the side that faces the mounting surface or wall.

Key Indicators of Front vs. Back

1. Open vs. Closed Side Most cable trays, especially ladder or perforated types, have an open side with rungs or perforations where cables are laid and secured. This is considered the front, as it provides access for installation, maintenance, and inspection. The back is usually a flat or solid surface that rests against a wall, ceiling, or support structure, providing stability and support for the tray .
2. Orientation of Side Rails In ladder-type trays, the side rails are vertical supports, and the rungs connect them horizontally. The side with visible rungs or perforations is the front, while the side without rungs or with a solid backing is the back .
3. Mounting Features The back often has pre-drilled holes or brackets for attachment to walls, ceilings, or hangers. These features indicate the side that should face the mounting surface, distinguishing it from the front where cables are placed .
4. Cable Management Accessories Some trays include covers, dividers, or partitions. Covers are typically installed on the front to protect cables, while dividers may indicate the front-facing side for cable separation. The back rarely has these features .
5. Manufacturer Markings Many cable trays have labels, part numbers, or directional arrows stamped on the back or underside. These markings help installers identify the correct orientation and ensure proper airflow and load distribution

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