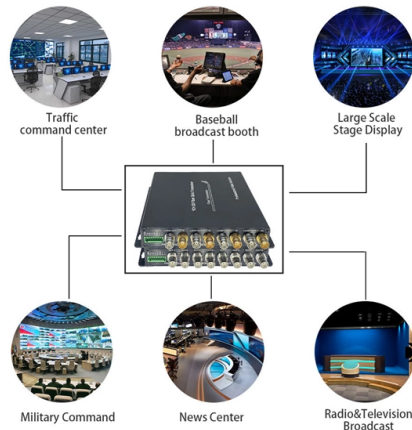


Laying out cable trays



Article Overview

Proper cable tray installation requires careful planning, correct tray selection, secure mounting, organized cable laying, and adherence to safety and electrical standards.

Planning and Preparation

Before installation, plan the cable tray route based on site layout, clearance, and load requirements. Review approved shop drawings to determine tray lengths, bends, and risers, and ensure all materials match the approved submittals. Inspect trays, ladders, and fittings for damage, and store them horizontally on flat surfaces with timber supports to prevent moisture or sunlight damage .

Tray Selection and Sizing

Choose the appropriate tray type: ladder trays for airflow and heavy cables, perforated trays for lighter loads, or solid-bottom trays for protection. Calculate tray width and depth based on cable count, type, and spacing, ensuring the tray is not overfilled (typically max 40-50% of capacity) to prevent overheating .

Mounting and Support

Secure trays using wall brackets, cantilever supports, or ceiling suspension systems. Standard support spacing is usually 1.5-3 meters, depending on tray type and load. Ensure trays are level, straight, and properly aligned, using connectors and fittings for long runs. For GI trays, handle carefully to avoid coating damage

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