

Thickness of cable trays in vertical shafts



Overview

Snow load is measured by density and thickness, and it can be significant for a cable tray that is completely full of cables or a cable tray that has covers.

Key Takeaways

The material thickness of vertical shaft cable trays typically ranges from 1.2 mm to 3.2 mm depending on tray type, load class, and material.

Material Thickness Guidelines

The thickness of a cable tray is determined by its duty class, the type of material (steel, stainless steel, or aluminum), and the expected load of cables it will support. For vertical shaft installations, trays must withstand the weight of cables over long vertical runs and potential environmental factors such as vibration or temperature changes. Typical thickness ranges include:

Light-duty trays: 1.2 mm to 1.5 mm (suitable for small instrumentation or control cables)
Medium-duty trays: 1.5 mm to 2.0 mm

Heavy-duty trays: 2.0 mm to 3.2 mm (for large power cables or high-density vertical runs)
Tray Type Considerations
Ladder trays: Require thicker side rails for vertical runs to maintain structural integrity; rung spacing and side rail thickness are critical for load support.

Solid bottom trays: Often used for sensitive instrumentation or EMI/RFI shielding; thickness must account for both cable weight and potential heat buildup.
Channel trays: Typically narrower and lighter; thickness is lower but must still meet vertical load requirements.

Standards and Compliance

Vertical shaft cable trays should comply with IEC 61537, NEC, or NEMA standards, which specify minimum thicknesses for different materials and load classes. Compliance ensures: Adequate mechanical strength to support vertical cable loads Proper fire resistance and heat dissipation Compatibility with accessories, bends, and risers in vertical installations Practical Recommendations Select thickness based on load and span: Heavier cable bundles require thicker trays. Consider material: Stainless steel or aluminum may allow slightly thinner trays due to higher strength-to-weight ratios.

Check manufacturer specifications: Each supplier provides recommended thicknesses for vertical applications, which should be verified against local codes. Account for environmental factors: Corrosion, moisture, and temperature variations may necessitate thicker or coated trays. By following these guidelines, engineers can ensure that vertical shaft cable trays are structurally sound, code-compliant, and capable of safely supporting the intended cable loads.

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To prevent linear twisting, side-rail deflection, or rung deformation under dynamic load stresses, a heavy-duty ladder cable tray thickness between 2.0mm and 3.0mm is strongly

Vertical Cable Ladders

The standard support construction of vertical cable ladders STL, STM and STIC in accordance with DIN 4102 Part 12 for vertical cable laying with circuit integrity maintenance classes E30, E60 and E90 are

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The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves – here, shown as an example for a cable tray with the tray widths 100 to 600 mm.

Cable Tray Design and Standards Guide

The document outlines codes and standards that must be followed for design and construction of cable trays and their components. Standards listed include those for materials, rolling and cutting

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Key Factors Impacting Cable Tray Spacing Understanding cable tray spacing is key to meeting safety regulations and maintaining system

CABLE TRAY

Cables may be fastened to the cable tray by means of cable clamps or cable ties (See Figures 5.7 and 5.8). Generally, cables are fastened every 450 mm (18 in.) on vertical runs.

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