Cable tray on the upper layer



Overview

As an industry leader in cable tray, Eaton offers one of the widest ranges of cable management solutions available in the market today with its B-Line series portfolio.

Key Takeaways

Upper-layer cable trays should maintain proper vertical clearance, use suitable tray types, and be supported to prevent interference with lower layers and other services.

Installation Overview

When installing a cable tray on the upper layer in a multi-layer system, it is essential to follow proper spacing and support guidelines. Typically, the upper layer is used for structured cabling systems such as data or communication cables, while the lower layer carries power circuits. A vertical distance of at least 30 cm (approximately 12 inches) should be maintained between the upper and lower trays to prevent electromagnetic interference and allow safe cable management.

Tray Types and Materials

For upper layers, basket trays or ventilated trays are commonly used because they provide good airflow, reduce heat buildup, and allow easy access for cable installation and maintenance. Materials for upper-layer trays include: Galvanized steel: strong and durable, suitable for most industrial environments. Aluminum: lightweight with excellent corrosion resistance, ideal for areas with atmospheric exposure.

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Fiberglass or FR

P: used in corrosive environments such as chemical plants. Support and Safety ConsiderationsUpper-layer trays must be properly supported using cantilever brackets, suspended supports, or center suspensions to ensure stability and prevent deflection under load. All metal components should be bonded and grounded to maintain electrical safety and continuity.

Additionally, check for potential clashes with other services like HVAC ducts, fire protection pipes, or drainage systems before installation.

Cable Management

Cables in the upper tray should be clamped or tied at regular intervals (typically 1500 mm for horizontal runs) to prevent sagging and maintain organization. Ensure that the tray and accessories have smooth surfaces to avoid cable damage during installation. Solid covers can be used if additional protection is required, but ventilated trays are preferred for heat dissipation.

Summary

Installing a cable tray on the upper layer requires careful planning of vertical clearance, tray type, material selection, and support systems. Proper installation ensures safe separation from power cables, prevents interference, and maintains structural integrity of the cable management system.

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The bottom layer will be a solid bottom cable trunk for electrical circuits with 150x100mm, while the upper layer will be a basket tray for a structured cabling

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