Mechanical Industry Cable Tray Standards



Overview

This guide for engineers and installers has been developed by ABB as a practical reference regarding cable tray characteristics, installation, and requirements.

Key Takeaways

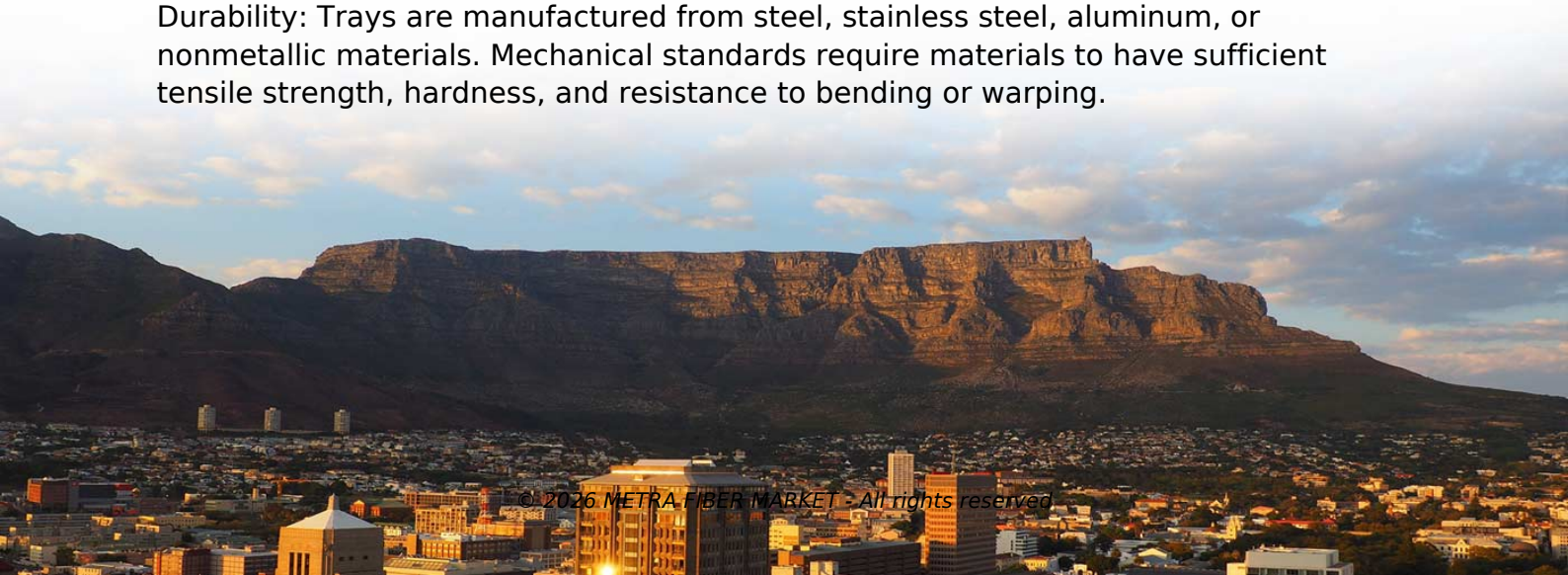
Cable trays must meet mechanical standards for load-bearing, corrosion resistance, and structural integrity as defined by IEC 61537, NEMA VE 1, and UL 568. Key Mechanical RequirementsLoad-Bearing Capacity: Cable trays are designed to support the weight of cables, environmental loads, and external forces.

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C 61537 specifies load testing methods to ensure trays can withstand these stresses without deformation or failure, including uniform and concentrated load tests.

NEMA V

E 1 provides span and load class designations for metal trays, ensuring proper selection based on cable weight and installation span. Material Strength and Durability: Trays are manufactured from steel, stainless steel, aluminum, or nonmetallic materials. Mechanical standards require materials to have sufficient tensile strength, hardness, and resistance to bending or warping.



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Stainless steel trays, for example, often use AISI 316L with added chromium and molybdenum for enhanced corrosion resistance and mechanical stability. Corrosion Resistance: Mechanical standards include requirements for coatings or material selection to resist corrosion in harsh environments, such as marine, chemical, or industrial settings. Aluminum trays rely on natural oxide films, while steel trays may be pre-galvanized or hot-dip galvanized to maintain structural integrity over time.

Structural Design: Standards define tray types (ladder, ventilated trough, solid bottom, channel, or wire mesh) and their mechanical performance. Proper rung spacing, side rail height, and tray depth are specified to maintain cable support, prevent sagging, and allow safe cable bending radii. Testing and Compliance: IEC 61537 and UL 568 outline mechanical tests, including load deflection, impact resistance, and vibration endurance.

Compliance ensures trays can safely support cables and serve as grounding paths where applicable. Installation Considerations: Mechanical standards also cover installation practices, such as support spacing, anchoring, and handling, to prevent mechanical damage during assembly and operation.

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C Article 310 and CEC Section 12-2200 provide guidance on installation loads and conductor support.

Summary

Mechanical standards for cable trays ensure safety, durability, and performance by specifying load capacities, material strength, corrosion resistance, structural design, and testing procedures.

Adhering to IE

C 61537, NEMA VE 1, and UL 568 helps engineers and contractors select and install trays that maintain integrity under operational and environmental stresses, while also complying with electrical codes like NEC and CEC.

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