

Vertical fixed distance of cable tray



Overview

When planning the vertical spacing between floor-mounted cable trays, the minimum distance should be 150 millimeters.

Key Takeaways

For vertical cable trays, supports should be fixed to the building structure at intervals preferably less than 2 meters, with cables secured at the top and every 1.5 meters.

Support Spacing

Vertical cable trays must be mechanically supported to prevent sagging and maintain structural integrity. The recommended distance between supports is less than 2 meters, ensuring the tray is securely attached to walls, ceilings, or structural elements. This spacing helps prevent undue mechanical strain on the cables and the tray itself, especially for heavier or larger cable bundles.

Cable Securing Intervals

Cables within vertical trays should be secured at the top of the tray and then at intervals of every 1.5 meters along the vertical run. This ensures that cables remain organized, do not cross or overlap, and are restrained against movement that could cause wear or damage.

When binding cables, the distance between ties should also not exceed 1.5 meters to maintain even tension and proper alignment.



Clearance and Installation Considerations

Minimum vertical clearance between floor-mounted trays is 150 millimeters, allowing for ventilation and future cable additions. Height above ground for cable trays should ideally be at least 2.2 meters, with a minimum top clearance of 0.

3 meters from ceilings or obstructions. For vertical bends or transitions, ensure that the tray and cables are properly fastened to prevent displacement or stress on the cables.

Additional Notes

Proper spacing and securing of vertical cable trays also facilitate heat dissipation, maintenance access, and safety compliance. For specialized installations, such as fire-resistant or shielded cable systems, spacing may need adjustment according to manufacturer or regulatory guidelines. By following these guidelines, vertical cable tray installations remain safe, organized, and compliant with standard electrical installation practices.

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Cable Support Distances

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NEMA VE 1-2017 Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

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Any horizontal and/or vertical change of direction can be realized on site with the fittings and the connectors (from page). All changes of direction must be supported in the immediate vicinity of the

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GENERAL INFORMATION

As demonstrated in the previous paragraph, Optical Cable Corporation's cable can be installed in vertical rises for great distances. However, due to the practical nature of installing cable, the weight

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Vertical adjustable splice plates should be designed and placed to maximize the rigidity of the cable tray, unless vertical adjustable splice plates are part of a system specifically designed for other placement,

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