

The cable tray consists of several cables



AI Overview

Cable trays typically carry power, control, and communication cables that are specifically rated for tray installation, such as Type TC (Tray Cable) and metal-clad (MC) cables.

Types of Cables

- 1. Tray Cable (TC):** Tray cables are factory-assembled cables with two or more insulated conductors, optionally including bare or covered grounding conductors, all under a non-metallic jacket. They are rated for 600 volts and are commonly used for industrial power or control circuits. TC cables are flame-retardant and can be installed in cable trays, raceways, and outdoor locations if supported by a messenger wire. Certain TC cables, like TC-ER (exposure-rated), can extend up to six feet outside the tray if properly supported and secured (NEC Article 336).
- 2. Metal-Clad (MC) Cables:** MC cables are another type of cable suitable for cable trays, often used for 600-volt motor power applications. They provide mechanical protection through a metallic armor and are UL listed for tray use. MC cables can be used in industrial environments where additional durability is required.
- 3. Communication and Instrumentation Cables:** Cable trays also support low-voltage communication, data, and instrumentation cables, including fiber optic and twisted-pair cables. These cables are often installed in ventilated or ladder-type trays to allow airflow and prevent heat buildup, which is critical for sensitive electronics.

Installation Considerations

UL Listing and Tray Rating: All cables in a tray should be UL listed and marked as cable tray rated.

Environmental Ratings: Cables may be rated for indoor, outdoor, corrosive, or hazardous locations.

Physical Protection: Ladder-type trays provide support while allowing ventilation, whereas solid-bottom trays offer maximum protection against debris or liquids.

Ampacity and Fill: NEC Article 392 specifies allowable ampacity, tray fill, and securing methods to ensure safe installation.

Summary In a cable tray, you will typically find power cables (TC or MC), control cables, and communication/instrumentation cables, all selected based on vo...

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Cable tray

In the electrical wiring of buildings, a cable tray system is used to support insulated electrical cables used for power distribution, control, and communication.

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Cable tray installed in a hazardous location must contain only those cables that are appropriate for this type of environment as defined in Chapter 5 of the NEC.

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