# Thickness of cable trays in pipe gallery



## Overview

Explore standard sizes by tray type, understand width and depth limits, and see how to calculate and choose compliant cable tray sizes for real projects.

## Key Takeaways

The standard thickness of cable trays typically ranges from 1. 5 mm to 3. 0 mm for light to medium duty, and up to 4.

0 mm for heavy-duty applications, depending on material, load, and environmental conditions. Typical Material Thickness by Duty ClassLight-duty trays: 1. 5–2.

0 mm (commonly used for small instrumentation, control, or low-voltage cables)Medium-duty trays: 2. 0–3. 0 mm (suitable for standard power and communication cables in industrial or commercial pipe galleries)Heavy-duty trays: 3.

0–4. 0 mm (used for large power cables, long spans, or areas with high mechanical stress) These thicknesses apply to steel, stainless steel, or aluminum trays, with galvanization or protective coatings adjusted according to environmental exposure, such as humidity, chemical presence, or outdoor installation.

### Factors Affecting Cable Tray Thickness

Load Capacity: Thicker trays are required for heavier cable loads or longer unsupported spans. Material Type: Aluminum trays may require slightly greater thickness for equivalent strength compared to steel due to lower density and stiffness. Environmental Conditions: Corrosive or high-temperature environments may necessitate thicker or coated trays to maintain structural integrity.

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Standards Compliance: IEC 61537, NEMA VE 1, and NEC guidelines influence minimum thickness requirements to ensure mechanical strength, fire resistance, and electrical safety.

### Practical Considerations in Pipe Galleries

Ventilation and Heat Dissipation: Perforated or ventilated trays may have slightly reduced thickness but must still meet load requirements.

### Segregation and EM

C: In facilities with multiple cable types, trays may need additional thickness or dividers to maintain electromagnetic compatibility and proper cable separation. Installation Span: Shorter spans allow lighter trays, while longer spans require thicker side rails or additional support brackets. In summary, selecting the correct cable tray thickness involves balancing mechanical load, material properties, environmental exposure, and compliance with IEC/NEMA standards.

For most pipe gallery installations, 2. 0–3. 0 mm steel trays are standard, with adjustments for heavy-duty or specialized conditions.

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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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Explore standard sizes by tray type, understand width and depth limits, and see how to calculate and choose compliant cable tray sizes for real projects.

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For ladder or ventilated trough trays, the total sum of the cross-sectional areas of all the cables to be installed in the cable tray must be equal to or less than the allowable cable area for the tray width, as

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Tables list standard sizes and specifications for straight and bent cable trays, including width, height, thickness, materials, and finishes. Drawings show different bent cable tray types like 90 degree and

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In designing supports for a cable tray system, consideration should be given to the loads associated with future cable additions and any additional loading that may be applied to the cable tray system (e.g.,

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Their thickness must be at least to 1.5 mm to avoid any deformations or damages due to a potential bad treatment of external companies working along the cable tray paths during and between the cable

TECHNICAL AND SIZING DATA

By loading this tray more heavily, the designer must be careful not to exceed the total cable capacity as outlined in the Canadian Electrical Code (See following section on ladder tray sizing).

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All the power & control cable shall be laid in proper dressed up fashion without overlapping of cables on trays. Minimum gap between two trays in vertical layer should be 250 mm and horizontal gap of 600

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