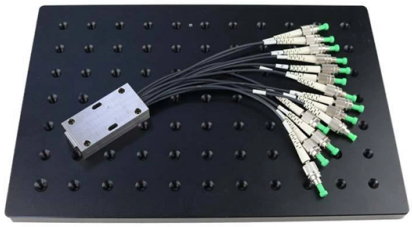
# Classification Table of Metal Cable Tray Types



## Overview

Explore all types of cable trays—ladder, perforated, basket, solid, and channel. Learn their uses, materials, pros, cons, and key differences.

## Key Takeaways

Metal cable trays are classified by type, material, finish, corrosion resistance, temperature rating, and compliance with international standards.

### Classification Table of Metal Cable Trays

### Classification Category



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Details / OptionsNotes / StandardsTray TypesLadder, Perforated, Solid Bottom, Basket (Wire Mesh), ChannelLadder trays are ideal for long horizontal runs; perforated trays provide ventilation; solid trays protect sensitive cables; basket trays are versatile for communication cables; channel trays support small cable runs MaterialsSteel (Carbon, Galvanized, Hot-Dip), Aluminum, Stainless Steel (AISI 316L)Material selection depends on environment and corrosion resistance; aluminum offers lightweight corrosion resistance; stainless steel provides high corrosion resistance in harsh environments Finishes / CoatingsPre-galvanized, Hot-Dip Galvanized, Zinc Coating, Powder Coating, Stainless Steel PassivationZinc coating thickness and type per ASTM A123, A653, B633; stainless steel passivation enhances corrosion resistance Corrosion Resistance ClassificationClass 1: Mild environments, Class 2: Moderate, Class 3: Severe, Class 4: Highly aggressiveBased on BS EN 61537 and manufacturer tables; stainless steel and hot-dip galvanized steel provide higher resistance Temperature RatingsMinimum: -40°C to -10°C, Maximum: 90°C to 250°CRefer to BS EN 61537 Tables 2 & 3; depends on material and finish Perforation / Base TypeSolid, Perforated, VentilatedPerforated trays allow heat dissipation; solid trays provide EMI shielding; free base area affects ventilation and cable support Standards ComplianceBS EN 61537, NEMA VE 1, NEMA VE 2, NEC Article 392, UL Classified, NFPA 70BEnsures mechanical, electrical, and fire safety compliance; CE marking for European directives Accessories / FittingsBends, Tees, Elbows, Drop-outs, Supports, Hangers, Splice Plates, Expansion JointsRequired for routing, structural support, and accommodating changes in direction or elevation Electrical ContinuityElectrically conductive system componentsEnsures grounding and bonding of metallic trays; mandatory for steel and stainless steel trays Installation GuidelinesHorizontal and vertical runs, spacing of supports, load ratingsFollow NEMA VE 2 and manufacturer recommendations; field verification required for exact routing NotesMaterial and finish selection should consider environmental conditions, such as indoor, outdoor, chemical exposure, or marine environments.

Corrosion resistance is critical for long-term durability; stainless steel and hot-dip galvanized steel are preferred in aggressive environments. Tray type selection depends on cable type, load, ventilation needs, and EMI protection requirements. Compliance with standards ensures safety, reliability, and compatibility with electrical codes and regulations.

This table provides a comprehensive reference for engineers, designers, and procurement teams to select the appropriate metal cable tray system for any industrial, commercial, or data center application.

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7 Types of Cable Trays: How to Choose the Right One

To simplify decision-making, the following table summarizes key technical characteristics of each cable tray type, based on mechanical, thermal, and practical performance factors.

Type of Cable Tray

Cable Tray Materials: Most cable tray systems are fabricated from a corrosion-resistant metal (low-carbon steel, stainless steel or an aluminium alloy) or from a metal with a corrosion-resistant finish

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Introduction and classification of cable trays

A cable tray (or simply a cable tray) is a rigid structural system that closely supports cables and consists of trough-, tray-, or stepped-type straight sections, elbows, tees, and crosses, as well as brackets

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The design and cost of the cable tray is greatly affected by this designation. In order to determine the most appropriate and economical system, a class should be selected that reflects the actual total

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SOLID-BOTTOM CABLE TRAY Providing additional cable protection, solid-bottom cable tray is sometimes preferred to support and protect numerous small instrumentation and control cables.

Types of Cable Trays – Purpose, Advantages, Disadvantages

Cable tray is alternatives to wire ways and electrical conduits, which completely enclose cables. Study types of cable trays, purpose, advantages.

Full cable tray systems specification document

B. Cable tray systems are defined to include, but are not limited to straight sections of [ladder type] [trough type] [solid bottom type] [channel type] cable trays, bends, tees, elbows, drop-outs, supports

Cable Tray

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Cable Tray Cable trays are mechanical support systems that provide a rigid structural system for electrical cables, raceways, and insulated conductors used for electric power distribution, control,

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