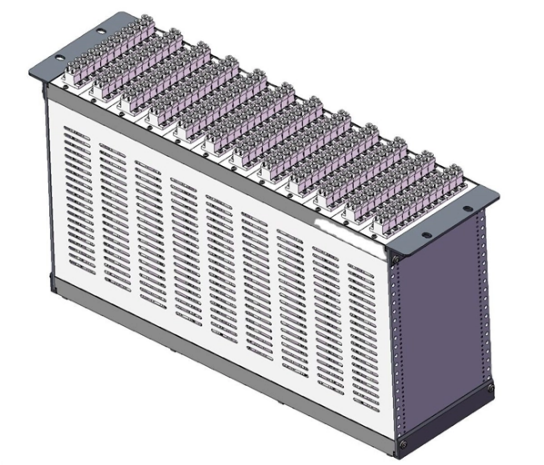
# How much horizontal cable tray spacing



## Overview

As per the NEC, the maximum allowable rung spacing is 9 inches (230 mm) when cable tray carries sin-gle-conductor cables of 1/0 to 4/0 AWG (American Wire Gauge) (Appendix I).

## Key Takeaways

Horizontal cable tray support spans typically range from 1. 5 meters to 3 meters for standard indoor installations, with adjustments based on tray type, cable load, and environmental conditions.

### Support Span Guidelines

For horizontal runs, the distance between supports (support span) is critical to prevent sagging and maintain system integrity. Typical recommendations are: Short-span trays: Supported every 6 to 8 feet (approximately 1. 8 to 2.

4 meters) for light indoor installations. Intermediate-span trays: Supported every 10 to 12 feet (3 to 3. 7 meters) for moderate loads.

Long-span trays: Supported every 14 to 20 feet (4. 3 to 6 meters), often used outdoors or for heavy cable loads. Extra-long spans: Exceeding 20 feet (6 meters), used for road crossings or to reduce the number of supports in large installations.

The tray type affects spacing: ladder trays with wider rungs or solid-bottom trays may require closer supports to maintain strength and prevent excessive deflection. For small-diameter control or instrumentation cables, rung spacing of 6, 9, or 12 inches is recommended, while larger power cables may require 9 inches or more.

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### Cable Separation and EMI Considerations

When horizontal trays carry both power and signal cables, a minimum separation of 0. 5 meters is recommended to reduce electromagnetic interference (EMI). If the trays are shielded, this spacing can be reduced to 0.

3 meters. Adequate spacing also allows for proper airflow, heat dissipation, and future maintenance.

### Additional Installation Notes

Ensure that bends and transitions maintain the cable's minimum bending radius, with supports applied on either side of bends. For flexible systems like J-hanger installations, calculations may be required to determine support spacing to limit deflection. Vertical spacing between stacked trays should be at least 150 millimeters to allow for ventilation and maintenance.

By following these guidelines, horizontal cable trays can safely support cable loads, maintain signal integrity, and comply with industry standards.

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Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) – Electrical Trader

Support spacing for cable trays must align with the manufacturer''s instructions, as outlined in NEC 392.30 (A). Generally, standard trays require supports every 6 to 10 feet, while

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The cable ampacity installed in solid tray will be similar to cable installed without spacing in accordance with CEC Rule 12-1210 (3). Solid tray will carry the same type of conductors as ventilated trays.

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