

Steel cable tray load



AI Overview

Steel cable trays are rated based on load class, span length, and deflection limits, typically including a safety factor of 1.5 and compliance with NEMA, CSA, or IEC standards.

Load Rating Overview Steel cable trays are designed to support the weight of cables while minimizing deflection. Load ratings are determined by the tray type, material, width, and span between supports. Most manufacturers, such as ABB and Eaton, provide load tables specifying maximum uniform loads and concentrated loads for each tray size and span. A typical safety factor of 1.5 is applied, meaning trays can support 50% more than the published load without failure.

Span and Deflection Considerations

Support spacing: Recommended support locations are often 1/4 of the span to reduce stress and deflection at splice points.

Deflection limits: Standard practice limits deflection to $\text{span}/200$, with the worst-case scenario at the end span. Wider trays may experience additional local deflection, which is generally acceptable structurally but may affect appearance.

Continuous spans: Longer continuous spans can reduce deflection by up to 50% compared to single-span calculations.

Load Classes and Concentrated Loads Steel trays are rated for uniform loads across the tray width and can also support additional concentrated loads (e.g., 200 lb at any point on the tray) above the published load class. Eaton's B-Line KwikRail trays, for example, are rated for NEMA 12A and 12B (CSA class C-3m and D-3m), suitable for commercial and light-industrial applications.

Standards Compliance

NEMA VE-1/VE-2: Defines support locations, load classes, and installation practices for North American installations.

CSA: Canadian standards align with NEMA for load and span requirements.

IEC 61537: International standard specifying mechanical strength, deflection, and load testing for steel, stainless steel, and aluminum trays.

Compliance ensures trays can safely handle cable weight and environmental factors over time.

Practical Selection Tips

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1.Q: Does your company have its own cable tray production facility? A: Yes, we do. We control cable tray production from beginning, ensuring that every step of the process, including cutting, stamping,

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