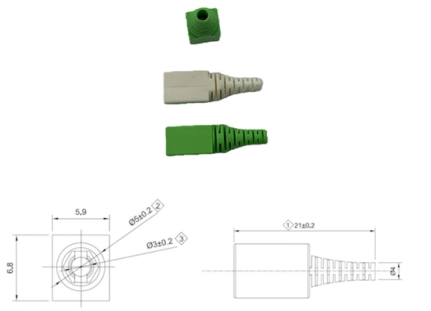
Theoretical Specific Gravity of Channel Cable Trays



Overview

Channel trayThe width of a channel tray is a function of the number, size, spacing and weight of the cables in the tray. Available nominal widths are 1.5.

Key Takeaways

The theoretical specific gravity of channel cable trays depends on the material: aluminum trays ~2. 7, steel trays ~7. 85, and stainless steel trays ~7.

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Material-

Based Specific Gravity

Channel cable trays are typically fabricated from aluminum alloys, galvanized steel, or stainless steel. The theoretical specific gravity (SG) is the ratio of the material's density to the density of water (1 g/cm³): Aluminum (Alloy 6063 or 5052): Density ~2. 70 g/cm³ → SG ≈ 2.

7 Pre-galvanized or hot-dip galvanized steel (ASTM A653/A1011): Density ~7. 85 g/cm³ → SG ≈ 7. 85 Stainless steel (AISI 304/316): Density ~7.

9 g/cm³ → SG ≈ 7. 9 These values are theoretical, assuming solid material without perforations or ventilation. Ventilated trays with perforated bottoms will have a slightly lower effective specific gravity due to the reduced material volume.

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Factors Affecting Specific Gravity

Tray Type and Ventilation: Solid-bottom trays have full material density, while ventilated trays reduce the effective density proportionally to the open area. For example, a tray with 20% perforation will have an effective SG reduced by ~20%. Gauge Thickness: Steel trays are often 14 gauge (~2 mm thick), while aluminum trays may vary; thinner gauges reduce the overall weight but do not change the material's intrinsic SG.

Fittings and Accessories: Splice plates, bends, and supports add localized weight but are generally included in load calculations rather than altering the material SG.

Practical Use

The theoretical specific gravity is used to calculate dead loads for structural design, support spacing, and seismic or live load analysis. For example, a 3-inch wide, 12-foot aluminum channel tray with 14-gauge thickness can have its weight per foot estimated using the SG of 2. 7 and the tray's cross-sectional volume.

By combining the material density with the tray geometry, engineers can determine the weight per unit length and ensure compliance with NEMA VE-1/CSA C22. 2 standards for safe installation.

Article Content

Channel tray

The width of a channel tray is a function of the number, size, spacing and weight of the cables in the tray. Available nominal widths are 1.5, 3, 4 and 6 inches.

GUIDE CABLE TRAYS TECHNICAL

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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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.,

Channel cable tray specification document

Channel cable tray straight sections shall be constructed with ventilated flat bottom. Ventilated bottom shall be perforated with 2.25" diameter holes and have slots to facilitate the use of cable ties to

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Cable Tray Design and Sizing Guide

The document discusses several key factors to consider when designing a cable tray system, including: 1) The width and height of the tray, type of tray bottom (ladder, ventilated, or solid), and type of

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It details different types of cable trays, such as ladder, perforated, solid bottom, wire mesh, and channel trays, along with guidelines for selecting the appropriate size based on cable diameter and quantity.

Product Specifications: CABLE TRAY

AS/NZS 4680:2006 FDG CABLE TRAY FDG Cable Tray is designed to continuously support cable systems includ. ng; Power, Data, and Audio Visual. A quick and easy system to install without the

TECHNICAL AND SIZING DATA

Even though a 900 mm wide tray has six (6) times the volume of a 150 mm wide tray, it cannot carry any more cable weight. When piling cable in tray, the required air separation between cables can be

Cable Tray Dimensions Guide: Standard Sizes, Tray Types & Sizing

We will first explain standard cable tray dimensions used across the industry, then examine how dimensions vary by tray type, and finally show how to calculate and select the correct

B-Line series Cable Tray Design Considerations

Most outdoor cable tray systems are ladder type tray, and the most severe wind loading will be the impact pressure to the cable tray side rails. The generic impact pressures corresponding to various

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 Dimensions Guide: Standard Sizes, Tray

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

Cable Tray Raceway Fill and Load Calculations

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The Wire Mesh / Cable Tray Fill table in below section shows the number of cables and the load in lbf/lineal foot developed by typical 4 pair and 6 pair cable weighing 20 lb/kft and 40 lb/kft,

Channel tray

Cable channel T&B offers cable channel in solid or ventilated straight sections. Ventilated channel has burr-free oblong punched holes for easy access. Ty-Rap cable tie slots are provided between each

Explaining NEC Article 392 on Cable Trays

NEC Article 392 explains cable trays, their components, appropriate wiring methods for cable trays, and instances where they are and are not

Types of Cable Trays

Perhaps you''ve heard of cable trays, and the tray cable that is approved to be used with them. They represent an alternative to conduits in electrical infrastructure, and offer a significant

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