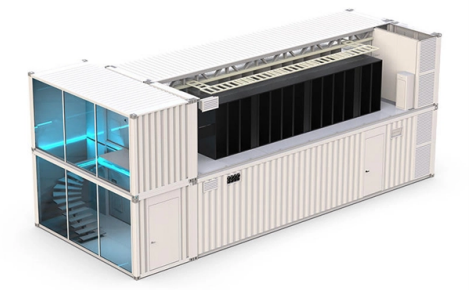
Cable tray material code table



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Cable tray materials are standardized by codes such as NEMA VE 1, UL 568, and IEC 61537, covering steel, stainless steel, aluminum, and nonmetallic options.

Common Cable Tray Materials and Codes

Material Type

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Standard / CodeDescriptionTypical ApplicationsSteel (Hot-Dip Galvanized)NEMA VE 1, UL 568Carbon steel coated with zinc for corrosion resistance; suitable for indoor and outdoor useIndustrial, commercial, and utility installationsStainless Steel (AISI 304 / 316L)IEC 61537High chromium content provides excellent corrosion resistance; 316L preferred for marine or chemical environmentsCoastal, chemical plants, and high-humidity areasAluminum (Alloys per Aluminum Association)NEMA VE 1, IEC 61537Lightweight, corrosion-resistant due to natural oxide layer; easily formableIndoor/outdoor installations, areas requiring low weightNonmetallic (Fiberglass / Pultruded Resin)UL 568, NEMA FG-1High resistance to corrosion, chemical exposure, and electrical insulation; pultruded polyester or vinyl esterChemical plants, corrosive environments, and areas requiring electrical isolationWire Mesh / Basket Tray (Steel or Stainless Steel)NEMA VE 1, IEC 61537Welded wire mesh for light cable loads; ventilated for heat dissipationData centers, instrumentation, and control cablingSolid or Ventilated Channel / Ladder TrayNEMA VE 1, IEC 61537Solid bottom for protection, ventilated for airflow; ladder style for heavy power cablesPower distribution, industrial plants, and commercial buildingsKey Notes on Material SelectionEnvironmental Considerations: Choose stainless steel or nonmetallic trays in corrosive or marine environments; aluminum is suitable for general outdoor use due to its corrosion resistance.

Load and Span Requirements: NEMA VE 1 provides load/span class designations for metal trays, ensuring structural integrity under cable weight. Compliance: UL 568 covers nonmetallic trays, while IEC 61537 provides international standards for all metal and nonmetallic trays, including mechanical strength, corrosion resistance, and electrical continuity. Finish Options: Steel trays may be hot-dip galvanized, pre-galvanized, or powder-coated; aluminum trays may have anodized finishes for additional protection.

References for Detailed CodesNEMA VE 1: Metal cable tray systems, including ladder, channel, wire mesh, and solid bottom types, harmonized with Canadian Electrical Code.

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L 568: Performance requirements for fiberglass/nonmetallic cable trays.

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C 61537: International standard for metal and nonmetallic cable trays, covering construction, testing, and performance. This table and notes provide a comprehensive reference for selecting cable tray materials according to recognized codes and environmental requirements, ensuring safety, durability, and compliance in electrical installations.

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