

How to measure the weight of a cable tray



Article Overview

The weight of a cable tray is calculated by multiplying the tray's material density by its volume, considering dimensions, thickness, and type of tray.

Step 1: Identify Tray Material

Cable trays are commonly made from steel, stainless steel, aluminum, or FRP. Each material has a specific density: steel $\sim 7,850 \text{ kg/m}^3$, stainless steel $\sim 8,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$, aluminum $\sim 2,700 \text{ kg/m}^3$, and FRP $\sim 1,800\text{--}2,000 \text{ kg/m}^3$. The choice of material affects both the tray's weight and its structural performance.

Step 2: Measure Tray Dimensions

You need the width (W), side height (H), length (L), and material thickness (T). For trays with return flanges or covers, include these dimensions as well. For perforated trays, account for the open area percentage to reduce the effective metal volume.

Step 3: Calculate Tray Volume

For solid or perforated trays, approximate the developed width as $W + 2H + 2R$, where R is the return flange. Multiply this by the tray length and material thickness to get the metal volume. Ladder trays are calculated as the sum of the two side rails plus the average rung material per meter, considering rung spacing (typically 200–300 mm),

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Cable Tray Weight Calculator | Steel, SS & Aluminum

Use this reference table to quickly identify approximate weights per meter for various standard cable tray configurations. Sizing

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