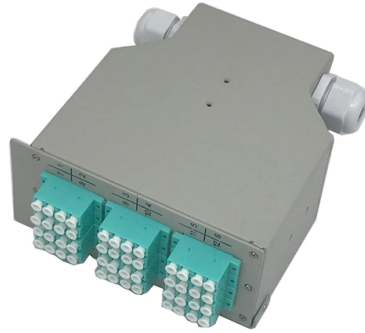


Spacing of cable trays on the roof



Overview

When installing two cable trays in parallel at the same height, the distance between them should be no less than 0. This spacing is crucial for adequate maintenance access, ease of inspection, and ensuring proper airflow for effective heat dissipation. The spacing between trays, whether horizontal or vertical, depends on various factors like cable type, environment, and tray material. Proper installation can significantly reduce electromagnetic interference, prevent fire hazards, and improve overall efficiency. However, BS 7671, BS 8519, and BS 5839 collectively establish that life-safety circuits must be installed on dedicated containment and be either separated by, maintain spacing or to keep cables in place when the tray is ect the minimum bend ra-dius for cables as they exit the bottom of the cable tray. A rung spacing of 6 to 9 inches (150 to 230 mm) is preferable when the cable tray cont d for instrumentation and control applications that require. Those systems ensure the effectiveness of the cables they protect, reduce wear and tear to rooftop installations, and help ensure safety for people, as well as, property. Cable ladder systems and cable tray systems shall be manufactured in accordance with BS EN 61537, channel support. The cable support lengths and fittings can basically be designed as cable trays, cable ladders or mesh cable trays, in which cables are routed.



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