

# Calculation Rules for Steel Structure Cable Tray Supports



## Overview

This article explains the principles, methods, and practical examples for calculating cable tray support quantity. Cable tray support quantity can be calculated using a simple formula:  $\text{Support Quantity} = \frac{\text{Total Length}}{\text{Support Spacing}} + 1$ . In a typical project, a 20-meter cable tray with a support spacing of 2 meters would require  $\frac{20}{2} + 1 = 11$  supports. This guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and performing accurate cable fill calculations to managing a safe cable pull through and ensuring all bonding and grounding requirements are met. These racks safely support and organize electrical cables, ensuring durability, accessibility, and safety. The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) represents the major electrical equipment manufacturers in the U.S. The Cable Tray Engineering standards, performance standards, test standards and application in this document have been tested extensively by competent professional engineers and are completely installed, without damage either to conductors or to the tray. Wire Mesh Cable Tray Fill Ratio =  $\frac{\text{Cross section of cable}}{\text{Cross section of tray}}$  According to NEC 392. The design of cable trays and their supports conform to the following codes and standards: □ American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), Specification for the Design of Cold Formed Steel Structural Members, 1996 Edition and

Supplement No. 1, July 30, 1999 □American Institute of Steel Construction.

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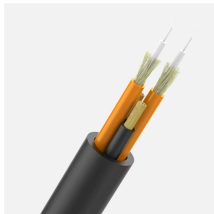
The load capacity of the cable trays according to the support width can be read off in the diagram using load curves - here, shown as an example for a cable tray with the tray widths 100 to 600 mm.



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Once the load/foot has been determined, the weight on each cable tray support can be determined by multiplying the load/foot by the number of feet between supports.



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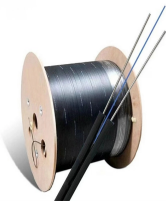
Learn cable rack structural steel design with detailed explanations, load calculations, components, materials, and practical design tips for industrial and infrastructure projects.



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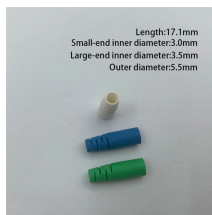
Cable tray length is selected based on the load to be supported, the distance between the supports (also referred to as the span), and handling and installation constraints.



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The basic stress allowables for cable tray supports utilizing rolled structural shapes are in accordance with ANSI/AISC N-690 and the supplemental requirements described in subsection 3.8.4.5.2.



Then, according to cable tray support configuration, a structural engineer may calculate the actual load on each support rod and according to rod material: steel, fiberglass or else to state the ...

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