Cable trays must have holes



Overview

The Surprising Reason Cable Trays Have Holes. Most electricians think the holes in cable tray are there for cable ties.They're not.In this video, we take.

Key Takeaways

Yes, many cable trays have holes, especially perforated or ventilated types, to allow cable ventilation, drainage, and easier installation.

Types of Cable Trays and Holes

Cable trays come in several types, and the presence of holes depends on the design: Perforated Cable Trays: These trays have holes on the bottom sheet and side rails. The holes can be round, square, or triangular and serve multiple purposes, including ventilation, heat dispersion, and easier cable positioning. They are commonly used in industrial plants, hospitals, airports, and other facilities where airflow and cable management are important.

Ventilated Trays: Similar to perforated trays, ventilated trays have openings that allow air circulation around cables, water drainage, and dust to fall through. Small cables can exit through these openings, and the trays may have solid covers for additional protection. Solid Bottom Trays: These trays do not have holes and provide maximum protection for cables.

They are used when cables need to be fully enclosed, but entry and exit points require cutting the tray or using fittings.

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Type Trays: These have side rails connected by rungs, leaving open spaces between rungs. While not perforated in the traditional sense, the open design allows for ventilation and easy cable support.

Purpose of Holes in Cable Trays

Ventilation: Holes help dissipate heat generated by electrical cables, reducing the risk of overheating. Cable Management: Holes provide positions for securing cables with ties or clamps. Drainage: In outdoor or humid environments, holes allow water to drain, preventing corrosion or damage.

Ease of Installation: Pre-punched holes reduce the need for on-site drilling when connecting trays or mounting fittings.

Summary

Not all cable trays have holes, but perforated and ventilated trays are specifically designed with holes to improve airflow, heat dissipation, and cable management. Solid trays exist for maximum protection, while ladder-type trays provide open support without a solid bottom. The choice depends on the application, cable type, and environmental conditions.

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Cable Tray Installation Rules (NEC 392) – Electrical Trader

The 2026 NEC introduced an important update: cable trays must have at least 12 inches of clear vertical space above them to allow for installation and maintenance access.

Cable Tray Design and Standards Guide

Design and construction requirements specify that cable trays must be ladder or perforated type depending on cable, fabricated from hot rolled steel sheet. Tray dimensions, hole spacing, and

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Tray-rated cables are required for cable tray installation, so using a channel cable tray system or wire mesh system for exits may be more convenient and economical.

NEC Article 392 Guide: Ensuring Compliance for Cable

To ensure that a cable tray is safe, all the bolts should be tight, and all the connections should also be clean. Without a properly bonded tray, the tray

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Where cable tray wiring systems with current carrying conductors are installed in a dust environment, ladder type cable trays should be used since there is less surface area for dust buildup than in

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A channel cable tray can be added to an existing cable tray system using the method illustrated in Figure 3-89 to add approved cabling systems. Refer to the loading information of the existing cable

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