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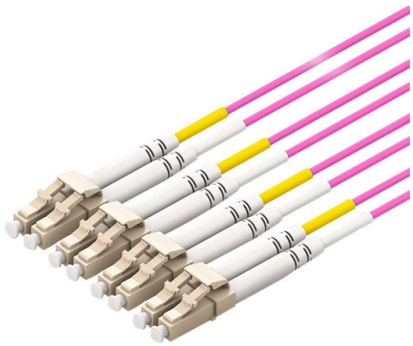

Overview

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Key Takeaways

Standard cable tray lengths typically range from 12 to 30 feet, with some manufacturers offering lengths up to 40 feet for specialized applications.

Standard Lengths

Cable trays are manufactured in standard straight sections to simplify transport, installation, and structural design. The most common lengths include 12 feet, 20 feet, 24 feet, and 30 feet, following NEMA standards. Some manufacturers, such as Eaton, also provide extra-long sections up to 40 feet for outdoor or long-span installations.

Considerations for Selecting Length

Support Spacing: Short-span trays are usually supported every 6 to 8 feet, intermediate spans every 10 to 12 feet, and long spans every 14 to 20 feet. The tray length should align with support intervals to ensure structural integrity. Installation Type: Indoor installations often use 10- or 12-foot trays for ease of handling, while outdoor or road-crossing applications may require longer trays to reduce the number of supports.

Load and Environmental Factors: Longer trays must account for cable weight and environmental loads such as wind, snow, or ice. Extra-long spans require careful placement of splice plates and supports to maintain strength.

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Practical Notes

Transport and Handling: Standard lengths like 3 meters (approximately 10 feet) are common internationally because they are easy to transport and handle on-site. Flexibility: Using standard lengths allows for modular installation, easier future expansion, and compatibility with fittings and covers. In summary, while 12 to 30 feet are the most common cable tray lengths, the choice depends on support spacing, installation environment, and load requirements, with some projects requiring custom or extra-long trays up to 40 feet for efficiency and reduced support needs.

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