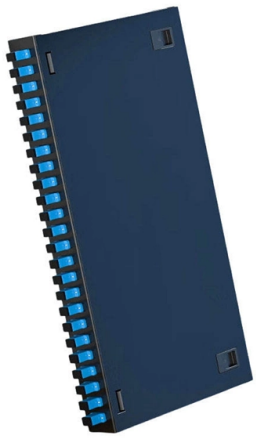
Installation of Long-Span Cable Trays in France



Overview

Widths of 8 and 15 millimetres enable flexible adjustment to different cable trays, cable ladders and cable volumes.

Key Takeaways

Long-span cable trays in France require careful selection of tray type, material, support spacing, and compliance with European and national standards to ensure safety, durability, and efficient cable management.

Types of Long-

Span Cable TraysLong-span cable trays are available in several configurations: Ladder Tray: Open design with rungs connecting side rails, ideal for power cables and long spans due to excellent ventilation and load support. Ventilated Trough: Solid bottom with perforations, suitable for smaller control and instrumentation cables, providing continuous support while allowing heat dissipation.

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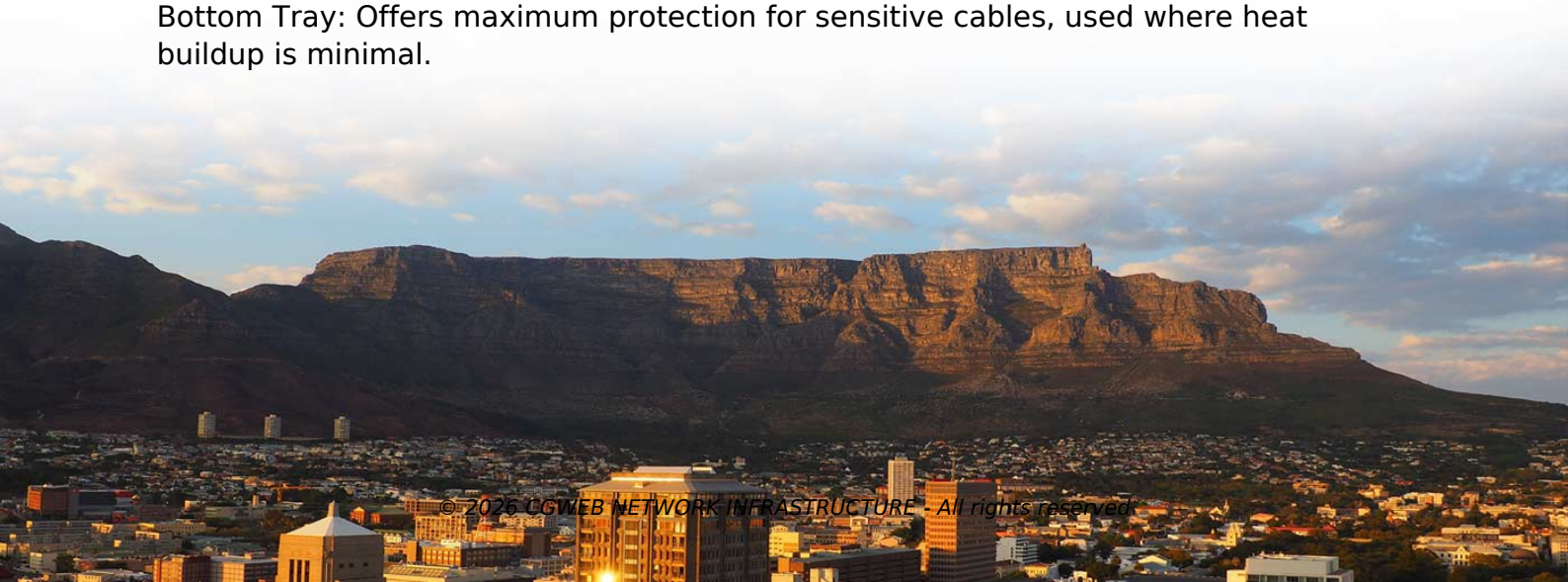
Bottom Tray: Offers maximum protection for sensitive cables, used where heat buildup is minimal.



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Wire Mesh/

Basket Tray: Lightweight, corrosion-resistant, and ideal for telecommunication or fiber optic cables.

Composite/

Fiberglass Tray: Non-conductive, corrosion-resistant, and suitable for chemically aggressive or high-moisture environments.

Material Selection and Corrosion Protection

Materials commonly used in France include: Aluminum: Lightweight, naturally corrosion-resistant, suitable for indoor and outdoor installations. Stainless Steel (AISI 316L): High corrosion resistance, especially in chloride-rich environments, ideal for coastal or industrial sites.

Hot-

Dip Galvanized Steel: Economical and effective for general industrial use, with zinc coating providing sacrificial protection. Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP): Non-metallic, non-conductive, and flame-retardant, suitable for corrosive environments. Surface treatments and galvanization must be selected based on the corrosivity category of the environment, following DIN EN ISO 12944-2 and IEC/EN 61537 standards.

Support Structures and Span Considerations

Support Methods: Trapeze hangers, cantilever wall brackets, and ceiling-mounted supports are commonly used. Support Spacing: Determined by the tray's load rating and cable weight. Long-span trays may require reinforced side rails or I-beam designs to maintain structural integrity over spans up to 15 meters or more.

Expansion Joints: Necessary for long runs to accommodate thermal expansion and contraction. Load Calculations: Include both uniform cable load and any concentrated static loads. Use manufacturer load/span charts to select the appropriate tray class.

Installation Best Practices

Planning: Establish elevations and routing using laser levels or transit instruments. Precut and pre-thread support rods to save installation time. Cable Fill: Calculate maximum fill according to NEC Article 392 or equivalent European standards to prevent overheating and maintain ampacity.

Bonding and Grounding: Ensure electrical continuity across all metallic trays using listed connectors or bonding jumpers.

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Tie-

Downs and Segregation: Secure cables to maintain spacing, prevent sagging, and segregate power from control/data cables to reduce EMI. Firestopping: Install approved firestopping systems where trays penetrate fire-rated walls or floors. Maintenance Access: Ensure trays are accessible for inspection, cable addition, or removal.

Compliance and Standards

European Directives: CE marking ensures compliance with EU safety standards. French National Standards: NF certification verifies conformity with French regulations. IEC/EN 61537: Defines requirements for mechanical strength, electrical continuity, corrosion resistance, and fire performance.

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A VE1/VE2: Provides guidelines for metal cable tray manufacturing and installation, widely referenced in technical documentation. Environmental Compliance: RoHS and REACH directives govern hazardous substances in materials.

Manufacturer Guidance

Leading suppliers in France include NIEDAX France, Legrand, and OBO Bettermann, offering pre-spliced, long-span, and heavy-duty trays with technical support, BIM files, and on-site installation assistance. They provide solutions for industrial, commercial, and infrastructure projects, including airports, tunnels, and power plants.

Summary

Successful installation of long-span cable trays in France requires: Selecting the appropriate tray type and material for the environment. Calculating support spacing and load capacity accurately. Following European and French standards for safety, corrosion, and fire resistance.

Implementing proper bonding, grounding, and cable management practices. Consulting manufacturer guidelines and leveraging technical support for complex or large-scale projects. By adhering to these principles, long-span cable tray systems can provide safe, durable, and efficient cable management for industrial and commercial facilities in France.

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Ladder Type Cable Tray

Cable ladder trays have side rails with rungs to route and support cable. The rungs allow cable to enter and exit anywhere along the span, and they facilitate future changes. These trays also provide free

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