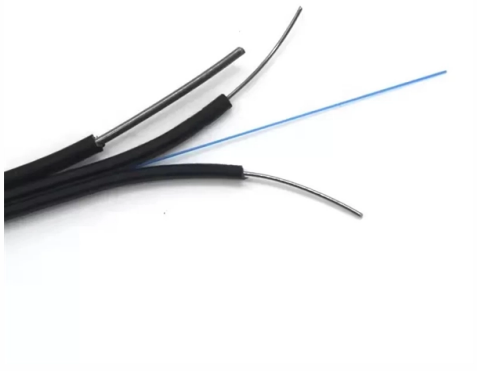
The fixed support is wider than the cable tray



Overview

From surface-fixed T&E to armoured cable, Unicrimp explores the correct support types, spacing and installation best practice for compliant wiring systems.

Key Takeaways

Fixed supports are generally designed to be slightly wider than the cable tray to ensure stability and proper load distribution, typically extending 25–50 mm beyond each side of the tray.

Practical Guidelines

Fixed supports, such as wall brackets, ceiling hangers, or floor-mounted supports, are intended to securely hold cable trays and prevent movement under the weight of cables and environmental forces like wind or vibration. To achieve this, the support width is usually slightly greater than the tray width, allowing the tray to rest fully on the support without overhang that could compromise stability. Standard practice: The support width often exceeds the tray width by 25–50 mm on each side, depending on the tray type, load, and installation environment.

For example, a 300 mm wide tray may require a support width of 350–400 mm. Load considerations: Wider supports help distribute the weight of heavy power cables or bundled instrumentation cables, reducing stress on the tray and preventing sagging. Installation flexibility: Slightly wider supports allow for minor adjustments during installation, ensuring the tray is level and properly aligned with other sections.

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Additional Considerations

Tray type: Ladder, ventilated, or solid-bottom trays may have different support requirements. Ladder trays with wide rung spacing may need stronger or slightly wider supports to maintain rigidity. Environmental factors: Outdoor or high-vibration environments may require supports with additional width or reinforcement to prevent tray displacement.

Compliance: Always follow manufacturer specifications and relevant standards (e.g., BS EN 61537) to ensure safe and reliable installation. In summary, the fixed support should extend beyond the cable tray by a small margin, typically 25–50 mm per side, to provide stability, accommodate load, and allow for proper installation alignment. This ensures the cable tray system functions safely and effectively under operational conditions.

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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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