# Width Requirements for Aluminum Alloy Cable Trays




## Overview

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## Key Takeaways

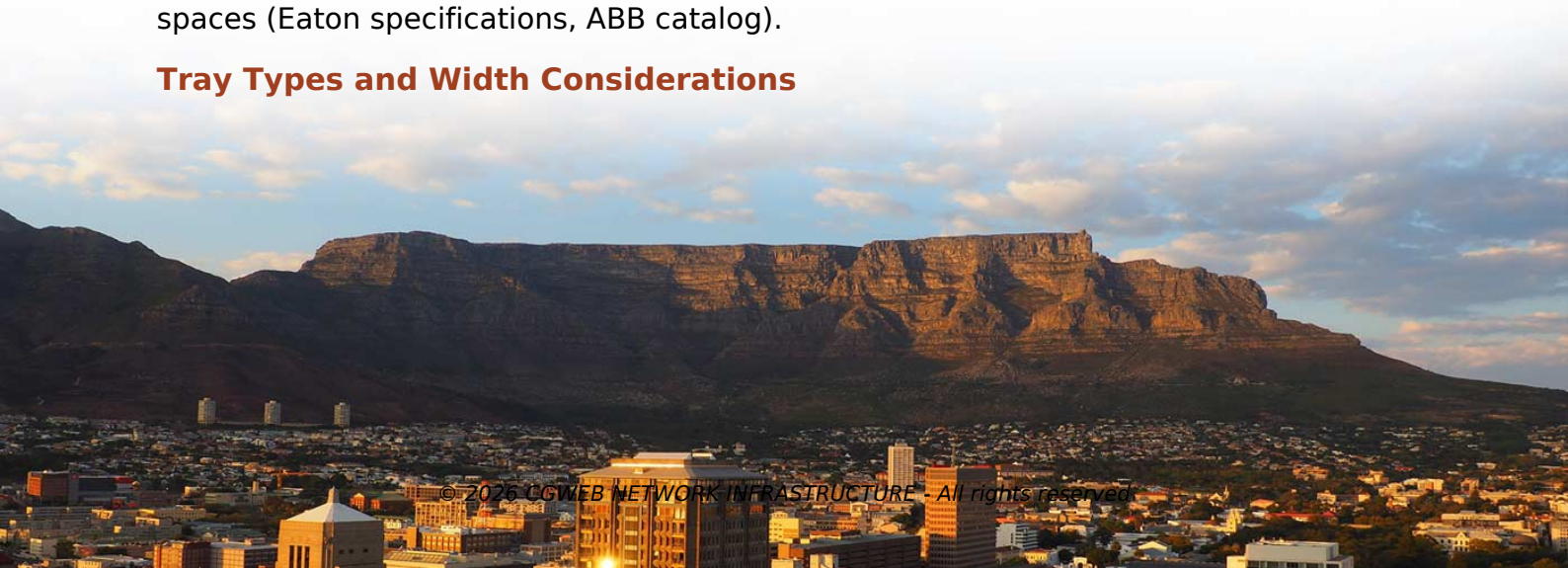
Aluminum alloy cable trays are commonly available in nominal widths of 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 inches, with the usable inside width slightly less due to side rail thickness.

### Standard Widths

Aluminum cable trays are manufactured in a range of nominal widths to accommodate different cable capacities and applications. Typical widths include 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 inches. These widths refer to the inside usable width, which determines how many cables can be installed while maintaining proper spacing and NEC fill compliance.

The outside width is slightly larger due to the thickness of the side rails, which is important when coordinating wall or floor penetrations or fitting trays into confined spaces (Eaton specifications, ABB catalog).

### Tray Types and Width Considerations



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Ladder trays: Feature two longitudinal side rails with welded rungs; widths follow the standard range and are preferred for power and large cable runs due to better airflow and easier cable pulling. Perforated or trough trays: Provide continuous bottom support with ventilation openings; usable cable area is slightly less than nominal width due to perforations. Channel trays: Narrower systems for small cable quantities or control wiring; they reach NEC fill limits faster and are not ideal for large power cables.

Wire mesh (basket) trays: Flexible and lightweight; width selection is critical for bundled cables, as load capacity depends on wire diameter and support spacing.

### Additional Dimensions

Side rail height (depth): Typically ranges from 3 to 8 inches, affecting vertical stacking and heat dissipation. Rung spacing: Commonly 6, 9, or 12 inches, with radiused fittings often using 9 inches at the center of the tray width. Material thickness: Varies by duty class and affects load capacity and allowable span.

### Practical Notes

When selecting aluminum alloy cable trays, consider future expansion, cable fill, airflow, and structural support. Wider trays are generally preferred over deeper trays for large power or solar DC runs to reduce cable stacking and heat concentration. Standard straight sections are available in lengths of 10, 12, 20, or 24 feet, with splice plates provided for easy connection.

By choosing the correct width and type, you ensure code compliance, safe cable installation, and long-term reliability.

## Article Content

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Aluminum Cable Tray Specifications. The document provides detailed specifications for aluminum cable trays, including features, accessories, material compliance, and load ratings. It outlines various

B-Line series Cable Tray Design Considerations

Ladder cable tray is available in widths of 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42 and 48 inches with rung spacings of 6, 9, 12 or 18 inches. Note that wider rung spacings and wider cable tray widths decrease the overall

Cable Tray Dimensions Guide: Standard Sizes, Tray Types & Sizing

Explore standard sizes by tray type, understand width and depth limits, and see how to calculate and choose compliant cable tray sizes for real projects.

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Cable Tray Technical Guide A practical guide to product selection and ...

This guide for engineers and installers has been developed by ABB as a practical reference regarding cable tray characteristics, installation, and requirements.

Series 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Alum Specification Document.pdf

Rung spacing in radiused fittings shall be industry standard 9" and measured at the center of the tray''s width. Each rung must be capable of supporting a 200 lb. concentrated load at the center of the cable

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All calculations and data are based on 36 in. wide cable trays with rungs spaced on 12 in. centers with tray supported as simple spans with deflection measured at the midpoint.

GUIDE CABLE TRAYS TECHNICAL

Specifies requirements for metal cable trays and associated fittings designed for use in accordance with the rules of Canadian Electrical Code, Part I and the National Electrical Code®

Cable Tray Size Guide: How to Choose the Right Dimensions

Complete cable tray sizing guide with standard size chart, NEC calculation methods, and real engineering examples. Learn how to select the right cable tray dimensions for your project.

Aluminum Cable Tray, Series 2, 3 & 4

Values are based on simple beam tests per NEMA VE 1 on 36" wide cable tray with rungs spaced on 12" centers. Cable trays will support without collapse a 200 lb. (90.7 kg) concentrated load over and

Aluminum Cable Tray

Aluminum Cable Tray systems are lighter than steel cable tray and Certified CSA Cable Tray, UL listed, NEMA and certified. Because of their lighter weight aluminum cable trays are easier to install than

Cable Tray Fitting Accessories

These fittings are typically constructed from materials like galvanized steel, stainless steel, aluminum alloy, or fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP). As the leading cable

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Report on Cable Tray Supplier Selection Strategies

Aluminum Alloy: Lightweight, suitable for scenarios with strict weight requirements. Load Capacity: Determine the required load capacity based on

Global Metal Cable Trays Market Growth 2026-2032

The upstream raw materials for Metal Cable Trays mainly include steel, aluminum alloy, zinc and surface treatment chemicals, fasteners, and accessory components.

How to Calculate the Cable Tray Support Quantity

Learn how to accurately calculate cable tray support quantities in electrical installation projects. Our guide covers

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3 4 5 Alternatively, most trays can be hot dip galvanized after fabrication to provide a long, corrosion resistant service life even when d outside. Depending on the design of the tray, you either use pre

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Aluminum cable tray Straight lengths — Tray bottom types: ladder, ventilated and solid trough Ladder Extra wide aluminum rungs are welded to extruded aluminum I-beam side rails. Every second rung is

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