

How to deploy network cabinets in a building



Article Overview

Deploying network cabinets requires careful planning of placement, cabling, power, cooling, and compliance to ensure a secure, maintainable, and scalable network infrastructure.

1. Planning and Cabinet Selection

Before installation, assess the equipment requirements and future growth. Choose cabinets based on standard rack sizes (typically 19-inch) and calculate the number of rack units (U) needed, leaving 20–30% extra space for expansion and accessories like PDUs and cable managers. Consider environmental ratings (IP20 for controlled rooms, IP54+ for harsher environments) and ensure the floor can support the cabinet's weight, especially for fully loaded racks.

2. Placement and Layout

- Spacing: Maintain at least 1 meter in front of cabinets for access; deeper devices may require 1.3 meters.
- Arrangement: Align cabinets with similar equipment in rows for aesthetics and management efficiency.
- Airflow: Use blanking panels and cooling holes to prevent hot and cold air mixing, improving cooling efficiency.
- Raised Floors: Place cabinets close to walls on raised floors for stability and safety.
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