

Outdoor overhead cable trays for high voltage



Article Overview

For high-voltage outdoor applications, ventilated or ladder-type cable trays made from corrosion-resistant materials like galvanized steel, aluminum, or fiberglass are preferred to ensure safety, thermal management, and durability.

Key Considerations for High-Voltage Outdoor Cable Trays

1. Tray Type and Design High-voltage power cables generate significant heat, so ventilated trays or cable ladders are almost always required. The open design allows maximum airflow, preventing overheating and maintaining ampacity, which is critical for system safety and long-term reliability . Solid-bottom trays are generally avoided for high-voltage applications due to poor heat dissipation. 2. Material Selection

- Galvanized Steel: Strong, cost-effective, and suitable for heavy cable loads.
- Aluminum: Lightweight, corrosion-resistant, and easier to handle during installation.
- Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP): Non-conductive, ideal for areas with sensitive electronics or where fault current is a concern . 3. Environmental Protection Outdoor trays must withstand UV exposure, moisture, temperature fluctuations, wind, and debris. Coatings or non-metallic materials provide additional protection against corrosion and sunlight damage . Enclosed raceways can be used for extra protection against dust and water, but open trays are preferred for high-voltage heat management. 4. Structural and Installation Considerations
- Ensure reinforced junctions and robust wall construction to support heavy cable loads and long spans

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