

How to model a double-layer cable tray



AI Overview

A double-layer cable tray can be modeled by stacking two cable tray runs on a shared support system, ensuring proper spacing, load capacity, and connectivity in CAD or BIM software.

Design Considerations

When modeling a double-layer cable tray, start with design planning:

- **Tray Type and Material:** Choose the appropriate tray type (ladder, perforated, or solid-bottom) and material (aluminum, steel, or fiberglass) based on load, environment, and corrosion resistance .
- **Load and Fill Capacity:** Calculate the allowable cable fill for each tray layer. For example, an 18-inch wide tray may have a fill area of 21 square inches, which must be distributed across both layers .
- **Spacing Between Layers:** Maintain sufficient vertical clearance between the two layers to allow cable installation, heat dissipation, and maintenance access .
- **Supports:** Use trapeze or other support systems to hold both layers securely. Trapeze supports can carry multiple trays on a single support structure, optimizing space and reducing the number of supports .
- **Thermal Expansion:** Account for thermal contraction and expansion, especially in long runs or outdoor installations .

Modeling Workflow in CAD/BIM

- **Import or Create Base Tray:** Start by importing a standard cable tray CAD file or creating a tray in your software (SOLIDWORKS, AutoCAD, Revit, etc.), .

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