

# How long should a cable tray be before it needs to be extended



## Article Overview

Cable trays should typically be extended or include expansion connectors every 30 meters (100 feet) for long runs.

### Recommended Extension Intervals

For long cable tray runs, especially outdoors, expansion connectors should be installed at intervals of 30 meters (100 feet) or as specified by NEMA VE 2 standards to accommodate thermal expansion and contraction of the tray material (metal or aluminum) and prevent structural stress on the system . Additionally, bonding jumpers should be installed at each expansion joint to maintain electrical continuity and grounding .

### Support and Grounding Considerations

- **Support spacing:** Cable trays must be supported at regular intervals to prevent sagging. While the exact spacing depends on tray type, material, and load, typical spans for ladder or ventilated trays range from 1.5 to 3 meters (5–10 feet) for standard installations. Heavier loads or wider trays may require closer support .
- **Grounding:** Cable trays should be grounded at least every 15 meters (50 feet) and at both ends to ensure safety and compliance with electrical codes .
- **Expansion joints:** Besides long runs, expansion connectors are also recommended at building expansion joints or where environmental temperature changes may cause significant tray expansion or contraction .

### Practical Tips

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### BEAMA Best Practice Guide to Cable Ladder & Cable Tray Systems

This document provides guidance on best practices for installing cable ladder and cable tray systems, including channel support

### Cable Tray Systems: NEC Article 392 Installation Guide

Per NEC 392.10 (A), cable tray installations must be in locations that are accessible (not above suspended ceilings unless

### Cable Tray SHIB NAL

Where a cable tray includes only multiconductor cables, there is generally no need to use the tray as an equipment grounding

Cable Tray Dimensions and Specifications as per NEC

The entire amount of the cross-sectional areas for all of the single conductor cables that are going to be positioned in

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