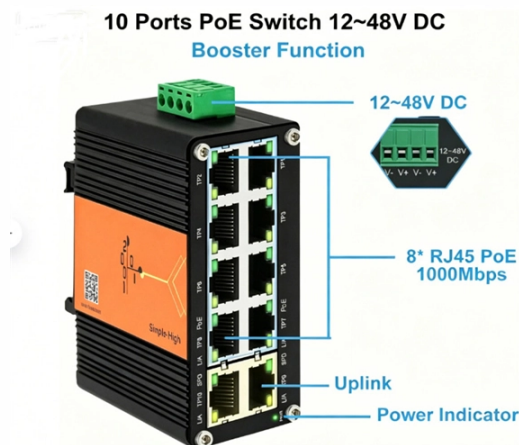


# The function of installing cable trays for laying cables



## Overview

When properly selected and installed, cable trays simplify routing, improve accessibility, and support future expansion while maintaining compliance with electrical codes and standards. But before you lay the first tray or clamp down a single cable, you need a solid plan. This guide breaks down the process step by step. Cable trays are used as an alternative to open wiring or electrical conduit systems, and are commonly used for cable management in. Article Summary: A compliant cable tray installation requires a thorough understanding of NEC Article 392, proper structural support, and precise installation techniques. This guide covers the critical steps, from selecting the right electrical cable tray and performing accurate cable fill. Cable tray systems provide a safe, organized, and flexible method for supporting insulated conductors and cables in commercial and industrial electrical installations. A cable tray system forms a structural framework.



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Best practice is to install separate trays for power and data cables, or use dividers within the same tray. This separation is required by NEC Article 392 and improves both safety and reliability.

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