

# Additional Cable Tray Sizing Requirements

## AMPACITY:

### Multiconductor Cables (2000V or Less)

Cable ampacities shall comply with Tables 310.16 and 310.18 of the NEC® subject to the provisions below:

1. If there are more than 3 current carrying conductors in a cable, derate cable ampacity per section 310.15(B)(2)(A).
2. If tray has solid covers, use 95% of the ampacity values shown in Tables 310.16 and 310.18.
3. If cables are placed in a single layer, with a maintained spacing of not less than 1 cable diameter between cables, the ampacity of the cables shall not exceed the allowable ambient temperature-corrected ampacities of multiconductor cables with not more than 3 insulated conductors in free air in accordance with Section 310.15(C) and Table B.310.3. You must use the ambient ampacity correction factors, found below Table B.310.3, for ambient temperatures other than 40°C (104°F).

### Multiconductor Cables (2001 Volts and over) Type MV and Type MC Cables

1. Where cable trays are covered for more than 6 ft. with solid, unventilated covers, use not more than 95% of the ampacity values of Tables 310.75 and 310.76.
2. Where cables are installed in a single layer in uncovered trays with a maintained spacing of not less than one cable diameter between cables, you can use the ampacity values listed in Tables 310.71 and 310.72.

### Single Conductor Cables

Ampacity of Cables Rated 2000 Volts or Less in Cable Tray (single conductor cables)

Cable Sizes	Solid Unventilated Cable Tray Cover ?	Applicable Ampacity Tables (*)	Mult. Amp. Table Values By	Special Conditions
600 kcmil and Larger	No (**)	310.17 and 310.19	0.75	
600 kcmil and Larger	Yes	310.17 and 310.19	0.70	
1/0 AWG through 500 kcmil	No (**)	310.17 and 310.19	0.65	
1/0 AWG through 500 kcmil	Yes	310.17 and 310.19	0.60	
1/0 AWG & Larger In Single Layer	No (**)	310.17 and 310.19	1.00	Maintained Spacing Of One Cable Diameter
Single Conductors In Triangle Config. 1/0 AWG and Larger	No (**)	310.20 [See NEC Section 310.15(B)]	1.00	Spacing Of 2.15 x One Conductor O.D. Between Cables

Ampacity of Type MV and Type MC Cables (2001 volts or over) in Cable Trays (single conductor cables)

Cable Sizes	Solid Unventilated Cable Tray Cover ?	Applicable Ampacity Tables (*)	Mult. Amp. Table Values By	Special Conditions
1/0 AWG and Larger	No (**)	310.69 and 310.70	0.75	
1/0 AWG and Larger	Yes	310.69 and 310.70	0.70	
1/0 AWG & Larger In Single Layer	No (**)	310.69 and 310.70	1.00	Maintained Spacing Of One Cable Diameter
Single Conductors In Triangle Config. 1/0 AWG and Larger	No (**)	310.67 and 310.68	1.05	Spacing Of 2.15 x One Conductor O.D. Between Cables

(\*) The ambient ampacity correction factors must be used.

(\*\*) At a specific position, where it is determined that the tray cables require mechanical protection, a single cable tray cover of six feet or less in length can be installed.

## Cable Fill in Hazardous (Classified) Locations:

Section 392.3 of the NEC regulates the use of cable tray wiring systems in hazardous (classified) locations. This section states that if cable tray wiring systems are installed in hazardous (classified) locations, the cables that they support must be suitable for installation in those hazardous (classified) locations. The cable carries the installation restriction, not the cable tray except that the cable tray installation must comply with Section 392.4.

Some hazardous (classified) locations require special spacing of the cables. When installing Type MC, MI & TC cables in cable tray in Class II, Division 2 Hazardous (classified) areas, (combustible dusts), the cables are limited to a single layer with spacing between cables equal to the diameter of the largest adjacent cable. This is the only hazardous (classified) location where the spacing of the cables is required although it is recommended that this wiring method also be employed in Class III, Division I, and Class III, Division 2 (Ignitable Fibers & Flyings). Please note that this will alter the cable tray sizing information obtained from the sizing flow chart on page 36 & 37 of this catalog.