# Operating Procedures for Polymer Cable Trays in Australia



## Overview

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## Key Takeaways

Polymer cable trays in Australia must be installed, maintained, and operated according to AS/NZS 3000 Wiring Rules, AS/NZS 3013 fire hazard requirements, and workplace safety procedures to ensure electrical safety, structural integrity, and regulatory compliance.

### Material Selection and Compliance

Polymer cable trays, often made from FRP (fiberglass reinforced plastic) or other fire-retardant polymers, are chosen for their corrosion resistance, UV stability, and lightweight properties. They must comply with AS/NZS 3000 (Wiring Rules) for electrical safety and AS/NZS 3013 for fire-rated applications, ensuring proper insulation, load-bearing capacity, and protection against environmental hazards such as moisture, rodents, and UV exposure. Proper sizing is critical, with tray depth typically ranging from 25mm to 100mm, depending on cable diameter and stacking requirements.

Installation ProceduresPre-Installation Planning: Conduct a site assessment to determine tray routing, load requirements, and environmental conditions. Ensure all personnel are trained and competent in handling polymer cable trays and electrical equipment. Handling and Storage: Polymer trays should be stored on flat surfaces, protected from direct sunlight and mechanical damage.

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Avoid stacking trays in a way that could cause warping or cracking. Mounting and Securing: Use appropriate supports, brackets, and fasteners compatible with polymer materials. Maintain recommended mounting heights and spacing to prevent sagging and ensure proper ventilation.

Cable Laying: Lay cables without exceeding the tray's load rating. Avoid sharp bends and ensure cables are evenly distributed to prevent overheating. Fire Safety Considerations: For fire-rated polymer trays, follow AS/NZS 3013 classifications, ensuring trays are installed with adequate separation from heat sources and flammable materials.

## Safety and Risk Management

Electrical Licensing: Only licensed electricians may perform cable tray installation and electrical connections. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Use gloves, eye protection, and insulated tools when handling trays and cables.

## Pre-

Start Inspections: Check tools, fasteners, and trays for defects before installation. Workplace Safety Compliance: Follow a Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) for cable tray installation, documenting hazards, control measures, and emergency procedures.

## Maintenance and Inspection

Regular Inspections: Check for physical damage, UV degradation, and secure fastenings. Inspect for signs of overheating or cable wear. Upgrades and Modifications: Polymer trays allow easy addition or removal of cables.

Ensure any modifications maintain compliance with AS/NZS 3000 and AS/NZS 3013. Record Keeping: Maintain documentation of installation, inspections, and maintenance activities for regulatory compliance and safety audits. Regulatory ReferencesAS/NZS 3000: Wiring Rules – Governs electrical wiring and cable support systems.

AS/NZS 3013: Fire Hazard Classification – Specifies fire resistance requirements for cable trays. Telecommunications Standards (AS/CA S008 & S009) – Apply if trays carry telecommunications cabling. Following these procedures ensures that polymer cable trays are safe, durable, and compliant with Australian electrical and workplace safety standards, minimizing risks of electrical faults, fire hazards, and structural failures.

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Workplace Health and Safety has conducted a comprehensive hazard analysis of the cable tray installation requirements for cable tray installation work and developed risk control measures for

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It is a full-closed cable trays, which is applied to the laying of cables, telecommunications cables, thermocouple cables and other highly sensitive system of control cables.

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Australian cabling standards As a cabler, you need to be familiar with all the cabling rules and standards that apply to your work.

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RECOMMENDED SPECIFICATIONS OF JUNCTION BOX AND CABLE TRAY

Basic requirements for some aspects of the E&I components (e.g., cable tray and junction box) can be found in the ABS Rules for Building and Classing Mobile Offshore Drilling Units (MODU Rules), as

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