



## News Release

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# Cooper B-Line Flextray F.A.S.T System Designed for Raised Floor Environments

*Enhanced Flextray F.A.S.T (Foldable, Adjustable, Stackable, Tool-less) System delivers next generation of RF solution*

**HIGHLAND, IL, July 16, 2009** – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, has enhanced its Flextray F.A.S.T System offering for raised floor cable management. The additions to the industry-leading product line feature two newly designed shorter stands: a 4” tall non-adjustable stand and a 6-8” height-adjustable stand. Both stands are available in standard 12” and 20” widths for the Flextray F.A.S.T. System.

The new lower height stands make the Flextray F.A.S.T. System an ideal choice for the shallow raised floors typically found in commercial office spaces. Since underfloor air distribution is common in green buildings to reduce energy usage, raised floors are being installed more frequently in new buildings and cable management is also being run inside the floor. Low stands are also convenient for retrofit projects, as raised floors in existing buildings may not be as deep as the floors installed on new buildings. The new stands are compatible with the taller stands and cantilever pieces that are already part of the Flextray F.A.S.T. System, providing unmatched flexibility and the ability to create multiple-tier installations.

The Flextray F.A.S.T. System features a completely tool-less assembly, reducing installation time by eliminating the effort associated with assembling cumbersome hardware. Flat fittings are available for turns to eliminate wire cutting and bending on the jobsite. Plus, the remarkable flexibility and convenience of the supports (foldable, adjustable and stackable) provides for a simpler, more practical installation.

Contractors who have installed the Flextray F.A.S.T. System have been amazed by how quickly the installation is completed. Many project managers have saved time by having the stands and Flextray installed before the raised floor is in place – a time savings made possible because the Flextray F.A.S.T. System is self-supporting and completely independent from the floor structure. Installing cable supports before the flooring simplifies installation, reduces the amount of coordination required between contractors on the jobsite, and reduces contractor fatigue from working within the constraints of the flooring grid. Time studies show savings of \$10/ft. when using the Flextray F.A.S.T. System instead of conventional methods of underfloor cable management. A video time study of the system vs. competitive solutions is available on the Cooper B-Line website at <http://www.cooperblines.com/Flash/FAST/FAST.html>.

The cables in a Flextray F.A.S.T. System installation are supported by Flextray wire basket cable tray. Flextray's recognizable "T" weld safety edge protects both the cable and the installer during installation. For raised floor applications, Flextray is provided in a pre-galvanized steel material, but other materials and finishes are available upon request.

For additional information on Cooper B-Line Flextray F.A.S.T System products and services, call Cooper B-Line at (800) 851-7415 or visit [www.cooperblines.com/fast](http://www.cooperblines.com/fast)

### **About Cooper B-Line**

Cooper B-Line, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries (NYSE: CBE), is a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineer facility subsystem applications. Cooper B-Line's products are used in a variety of settings for the commercial, industrial, utility and OEM markets. For more information, visit [www.cooperblines.com](http://www.cooperblines.com).

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