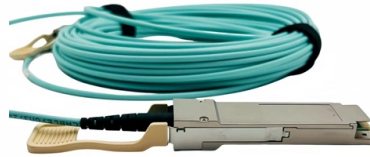


High Voltage Busbars



AI Overview

High-voltage busbars are conductive bars used to safely distribute electrical power in high-voltage systems, providing compact, reliable connections between components. Function and Applications High-voltage busbars serve as central conductors that collect and distribute electrical power from incoming feeders to outgoing circuits, acting as a junction for current flow in HV and extra-high-voltage (EHV) systems. They are widely used in switchgear, electric vehicles, industrial power systems, and rail transport, where space is limited and reliable high-current connections are required. In electric vehicles, busbars support battery units and other high-voltage components, often requiring custom designs for optimal performance. Materials and Construction Busbars are typically made from copper or aluminum, chosen for their high conductivity and mechanical strength. Aluminum alloys, such as Al-Mg-Si, are also used for lightweight applications. Busbars can be tubular or stranded, with tubular designs offering superior mechanical strength and corona resistance, while stranded-wire busbars provide flexibility for large-span installations. Design Considerations High-voltage busbar design focuses on current-carrying capacity, heat dissipation, and insulation. The cross-sectional area is calculated based on the expected continuous current and target current density, typically $1.5\text{--}2.5\text{ A/mm}^2$ for copper in enclosed environments. Short, wide busbars minimize voltage drop and improve reliability. Symmetry in multi-branch systems ensures even current distribution, reducing hotspots and fault risks. Insulation can be provided using Bus Bar Insulation Tubing (BBIT), heat shrink, overmolding, or plastic enclosures depending on the application. Mechanical Support and Safety Busbars in high-voltage systems are often supported by insulators, such as ceramic columns, to maintain safe distances and prevent arcing. In rail and industrial applications, busbars are integrated with surge arresters and connectors to ensure...

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