

Size of the busbar in the distribution box



Article Overview

Busbar dimensions in a distribution box depend on current rating, material, and IEC 61439 compliance, typically ranging from 5-20 mm thickness and 20-50 mm width for copper busbars in residential and commercial load centers.

Key Factors Affecting Busbar Dimensions

Material: Copper and aluminum are the most common materials. Copper has higher conductivity (58 MS/m) and allows for more compact busbars, while aluminum (35 MS/m) requires larger dimensions to carry the same current safely . **Current Rating:** The busbar must carry the rated current without exceeding permissible temperature rise. IEC 61439 specifies maximum temperature rise of 50°C above ambient and voltage drop limits of 3% . **Design Considerations:**

- **Thickness and Width:** For typical residential and commercial distribution boxes, copper busbars are often 5-20 mm thick and 20-50 mm wide, depending on the load and number of circuits .
 - **Single-Piece Construction:** Modern load centers use single-piece ETP copper busbars with 99.9% purity to reduce heat generation and improve conductivity .
 - **Connection Points:** Properly designed connection points minimize resistance and localized heating. **Safety and Compliance:** Busbars must withstand short-circuit currents and prevent overheating, insulation degradation, and fire hazards. Oversized busbars increase cost, while undersized busbars risk equipment failure .
- Environmental Factors:** Ambient temperature, air circulation, and enclosure size influence the required busbar dimensions. A safety factor of 125% is often applied to account for future load increases and temporary overloads

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The power is then distributed from a load center to various branch circuits for lighting, appliances, and electrical

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depending on the power installed, distribution is carried out via distribution blocks (up to 400 A) or via busbars (250 A to 4000 A).

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