

What are the selection criteria for high-voltage busbars



Article Overview

High voltage busbars should be selected based on material conductivity, cross-sectional area, mechanical strength, thermal performance, and compliance with standards to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable power distribution.

Material Selection

High voltage busbars are typically made from copper or aluminum. Copper offers higher conductivity, lower resistance, and smaller cross-section requirements, making it ideal for compact, high-current applications, though it is heavier and more expensive. Aluminum is lighter and cost-effective but requires a larger cross-section and stronger connections to handle the same current safely .

Cross-Section and Shape

The cross-sectional area must accommodate the rated current while limiting temperature rise. Rectangular, wide, and thin busbars are preferred for AC systems to reduce skin effect and improve cooling. Tubular or hollow busbars can reduce weight and enhance heat dissipation, while laminated or sandwich busbars are used in compact or high-performance designs to minimize stray inductance .

Thermal and Mechanical Considerations

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