

High Voltage System Top Busbar



Article Overview

A high-voltage system top busbar is a solid conductive component designed to safely distribute high-voltage current between system components while ensuring insulation, mechanical support, and space-efficient integration.

Function and Purpose

High-voltage busbars serve as the central electrical backbone in HV systems, connecting components such as batteries, inverters, circuit breakers, and charging units. They replace multiple cable connections, reducing resistance imbalances and improving current symmetry, which is critical for high-current applications. In electric vehicles (EVs) and rail systems, top busbars often handle connections near the pantograph or roofline, where space is limited.

Design Considerations

- **Material and Cross-Section:** Typically made of copper or aluminum, busbars are sized based on current density guidelines ($1.5\text{--}2.5\text{ A/mm}^2$ for continuous duty in enclosed environments). For example, a 300A continuous current requires a cross-sectional area of 150 mm^2 at 2 A/mm^2 .
- **Insulation:** High-voltage busbars require robust insulation to prevent accidental contact and short circuits. Solutions include overmolding, insulation tubing, and support insulators.
- **Thermal Management:** Busbars must withstand temperature cycling and thermal shock, especially in automotive applications, where copper and thermoplastics with different thermal expansion coefficients are used

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