

What materials are used for high-voltage busbars



AI Overview

High-voltage busbars are primarily made of copper or aluminum, with options for plated or alloyed variants to optimize conductivity, weight, and durability.

Primary Materials

Copper is the most commonly used material for high-voltage busbars due to its excellent electrical conductivity (100% IACS), high thermal performance, and mechanical strength, making it ideal for applications requiring high current-carrying capacity and reliability . Copper busbars are often made from ETP (Electrolytic Tough Pitch) copper with 99.9% purity. For enhanced corrosion resistance and connection reliability, copper busbars can be tin-plated, silver-plated, or nickel-plated, which prevents oxide formation and maintains low contact resistance over time . Aluminum is another widely used material, offering significant weight reduction (approximately 66% lighter than copper) and cost savings (30-50% cheaper), though its conductivity is lower (around 61% IACS). Aluminum is preferred in applications where weight and cost are critical, such as electric vehicles and aerospace systems .

Composite and Overmolded Materials

High-voltage busbars in automotive and e-mobility applications often combine metal conductors with thermoplastics or elastomers to provide insulation, mechanical stability, and protection against accidental contact . Overmolded busbars integrate copper or aluminum conductors with insulating materials, ensuring safe operation u...

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