

High Voltage Busbar Specifications and Dimensions



Overview

High-Voltage (HV) Extruded Busbar High voltage and high current capabilities. Fully customizable – shape, size and length. Compact design for space efficie.

Key Takeaways

High-voltage busbars are typically designed with large cross-sectional areas, fully insulated, and customizable in shape and length to safely carry high currents and withstand voltages up to 30 kV. Material and Cross-SectionHigh-voltage busbars are usually made of copper or aluminum due to their high conductivity. Copper offers superior conductivity (58 MS/m) and allows for more compact designs, while aluminum is lighter and cheaper but requires larger dimensions to carry the same current.

The cross-sectional area is selected based on the continuous current rating, short-circuit withstand, and thermal limits. For copper busbars in enclosed systems, typical current densities range from 1. 5 to 2.

5 A/mm², depending on cooling conditions.

Typical Dimensions



Width and thickness: Busbar dimensions vary widely depending on current rating and system voltage. For high-voltage applications, widths can range from 50 mm to 200 mm, and thicknesses from 5 mm to 50 mm, with larger dimensions for higher currents. **Length:** Fully customizable to fit the installation environment, often designed to minimize voltage drop and reduce electromagnetic forces between parallel bars.

Insulation: High-voltage busbars are insulated with materials like PA12 nylon, capable of withstanding voltages up to 30 kV, providing safety against short circuits and mechanical protection.

Design Considerations

Current Carrying Capacity: Ensure the busbar can handle the maximum expected current without exceeding safe operating temperatures, typically limiting temperature rise to 50–70°C above ambient. **Voltage Drop:** Maintain voltage drop below 3% for efficient power distribution. **Mechanical Strength:** Busbars must withstand electromagnetic forces during short circuits, which depends on spacing, thickness, and support insulators.

Customization: High-voltage busbars can be extruded, laminated, or flexible, allowing integration into compact spaces and complex electrical layouts. **Summary** High-voltage busbars are large, insulated conductive bars designed to safely carry high currents and voltages. Their dimensions are determined by current rating, material, thermal limits, and installation constraints, and they are often fully customizable in width, thickness, length, and shape to optimize performance and safety in high-voltage power systems.

Article Content

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High voltage and high current capabilities. Fully customizable – shape, size and length. Compact design for space efficiency. Strong mechanical strength. Easy installation, thus reducing assembly time and

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Cut out details, dimensions and drilling plans are provided with the customer drawings and it is the responsibility of the switchgear manufacturer to provide the opening, drill fixing holes, connecting

Busbar Calculator — Current Rating, Temperature Rise, IEC 61439

Busbar sizing calculator for copper and aluminum per IEC 61439. Current rating, temperature rise, short-circuit forces, and skin effect. User-selectable busbar dimensions.

Vertiv PowerBar HPB

Technical Features Vertiv™ Powerbar HPB is constructed from high density 99.97% conductivity copper or 55% conductivity aluminium. The conductors are insulated with a Class B or Class F epoxy

High voltage bus bar

These busbars are used in demanding environments, particularly in the healthcare and automotive industries, where high quality, reliability, and performance are essential.

XCP – Xtra Compact high power busbar system

All plastic components have a V1 self-extinguishing degree (as per UL94); they are fire retardant and comply with the glow-wire test according to standards. Dimension H changes with the ratings and it

High Voltage Busbars

Learn how TE's high voltage insulators provide robust, light-weight support for pantographs, busbars and other high voltage electric equipment on locomotives, multiple units and high speed trains.

IEC Busbar Mounting System Specifications Technical Data

Standard Busbar Adapters without electrical connections include two connection clips. They are intended to form bigger platforms; for example: for reversing starters, starters with Smart Motor

XCM Medium power busbar system

Ranging from 160 A to 1000 A with aluminium alloy conductors, and from 250 A to 1000 A with 99.9% electrolytic copper conductors. The range is designed to trunk several bars into a single

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Busbar Deisgn Guide

Typical Busbar Sizes If this program recommends sizes that do not fit into the ranges below, change either the number of conductors or the section thickness of the busbar and recalculate the minimum

Busbar Design Standards for MV Switchgear

These standards collectively form the regulatory framework for busbar design, ensuring that all design and testing processes are comparable

Current Transformer (CT) Guide: Accuracy & Selection

Comprehensive CT guide covering ratio selection, accuracy classes (ANSI/IEC), burden calculation, saturation, knee point, and safety. Includes real-world

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