

Materials for Tubular Busbars



Article Overview

Tubular busbars are typically made from copper or aluminum, with optional alloys and surface platings to optimize conductivity, weight, and corrosion resistance.

Core Conductive Materials

Copper is the most common material for tubular busbars due to its high electrical conductivity, excellent heat resistance, and ease of fabrication. It minimizes energy loss and can handle high current densities, making it ideal for industrial and high-performance electrical systems. Copper is often used in ETP (Electrolytic Tough Pitch) form with 99.9% purity for maximum conductivity. Aluminum is another widely used material, valued for its lightweight properties (approximately 66% lighter than copper) and lower cost (30-50% cheaper). While its conductivity is lower than copper (around 61% IACS), aluminum is suitable for applications where weight reduction and cost savings are priorities, such as civil electrical systems or medium-voltage installations. Alloys, such as brass or aluminum alloys, are sometimes used to combine strength, corrosion resistance, and machinability. These are preferred in harsh environments or high-temperature applications where mechanical robustness is critical.

Surface Treatments and Platings

To enhance performance and longevity, tubular busbars may be plated with tin, silver, nickel, or gold. Plating improves corrosion resistance, reduces contact resistance, and enhances connection reliability. For example, tin-plated copper is commonly used in coastal or humid environments to prevent oxidation while maintaining high conductivity. Gold plating is typically reserved for termination surfaces due to cost considerations.

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Materials used shall be compatible with the conductor and associated equipment terminal. All terminal fittings for tubular open

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Aluminium is the main alternative material, but a comparison of the properties of the two metals shows that, in nearly all respects,

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Aluminium tubular busbars are made from high-purity aluminium or its alloys (e.g., 6061, 6063). Their tubular design optimizes the

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Of importance are equipment and component mechanical and behavior under static and dynamic conditions. Types of connections

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