

Copper busbar of low-voltage distribution box



Article Overview

Copper busbars are conductive metal bars used in low-voltage distribution boxes to efficiently distribute electrical power while ensuring safety, reliability, and compliance with IEC 61439 standards.

Overview

Copper busbars serve as a compact and reliable alternative to multiple large cables in low-voltage distribution systems, providing strong electrical and grounding connections in switchgear, panel boards, and distribution boxes. They are typically used in systems with voltage ratings up to 1000 V AC or 1500 V DC. Copper is preferred for its high electrical conductivity, thermal performance, and corrosion resistance, which ensures minimal energy loss and long-term reliability.

Design and Standards

Low-voltage copper busbars are designed according to IEC 61439, which specifies requirements for design verification, thermal limits, and safety. Key points include:

- Thermal limits: Maximum operating temperature is generally 140°C, accounting for ambient conditions and system load.
- Diversity factor: Busbar sizing considers the diversity factor to determine the actual current requirement, reducing oversizing and improving efficiency.
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