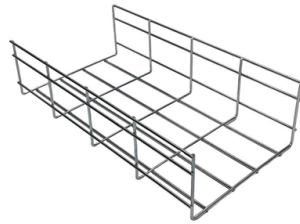


How to connect the external power supply to the small busbar



Overview

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Key Takeaways

Selecting an external power supply for a small busbar requires considering current capacity, connector compatibility, and thermal management to ensure efficient and safe power distribution.

Current Rating and Busbar Size Small busbars, such as those used on PCBs or compact power systems, typically require careful matching of the external power supply to the busbar's current-carrying capacity. Copper busbars on PCBs can handle high currents efficiently, with thicknesses commonly ranging from 1.0 mm to 1.5 mm, and can be customized to suit the application for low-loss power distribution and heat dissipation (Powerelement) .

Connector Compatibility High-current connectors like Amphenol's BarKlip® or Molex PowerPlane busbar connectors provide reliable connections between the external power supply and the busbar. These connectors feature silver-plated contacts for low resistance, multiple points of contact for enhanced reliability, and float-mount designs to accommodate slight misalignments, which is critical for small busbars in tight spaces .

Power Supply Options Busbar-compatible power supplies are available from distributors like Mouser Electronics, offering datasheets and inventory for various voltage and current ratings suitable for small busbars . When selecting a supply, ensure it matches the busbar's voltage and current requirements and supports the intended load without excessive voltage drop or heat generation.

Thermal Management Efficient heat dissipation is essential for small busbars carrying high currents. Copper busbars provide excellent thermal conductivity, and using press-fit or soldered connections can improve heat transfer. Some systems, like Siemens SIVACON 8PS busbar trunking, integrate energy monitoring and planning tools to optimize power distribution and reduce thermal stress .

Customization and Layout For PCB-mounted busbars, custom layouts can be designed to optimize current flow and minimize losses. Manufacturers like Powerelement allow you to provide a sketch of your PCB layout, and they will produce a busbar solution tailored to your project, ensuring proper integration with the external power supply .

Summary

To power a small busbar externally:

- Choose a power supply rated for the busbar's current and voltage.
- Use high-quality busbar connectors (e.g., BarKlip® or PowerPlane) for low-resistance, reliable connections.
- Ensure proper thermal management to prevent overheating.
- Consider custom busbar designs for PCB applications to optimize current distribution and efficiency. This approach ensures safe, efficient, and reliable power delivery to small busbars in compact or high-current applications.

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