**CARBON BRUSH** 

A carbon brush is a device which conducts current between stationary wires and moving parts. The carbon brush plays an important role in sending electrical current between non-moving and rotating parts by sliding contact.

The performance of the brush has a significant impact on the performance of the rotating device, hence the selection of the brush is a critical factor.

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## CARBON BRUSH PROPERTIES

Self-lubrication and wear resistance

Carbon/graphite's lamellar crystal structure gives good self-lubricating property and low coefficient of friction make it ideal to produce brushes for the electrical industry.

#### Conductivity

Because of its excellent electrical conductivity, carbon can offer a steady, most favorable level of electrical resistivity, which can be enhanced by suitable selection of materials and production processes.

#### Durability

Carbon has a low coefficient of thermal expansion, meaning it can withstand or retain its shape or quality even at high temperatures. It is also resistant to the softening and melt-down that can occur due to sparking.

#### Rid ability during sliding contact

In comparison with other conductive metals in general, carbon has superior rideability during sliding contact owing to density and low coefficient of friction.

## **APPLICATIONS**

- Electric Motors
- Alternators
- Electric Generators
- Wind-power
- Automotive applications

# ELECTROLYTIC COPPER POWDER

The exact composition of the brush depends on the application. Graphite/carbon powder is commonly used.

- Copper and copper alloys are used for better conductance.
- In order to maximize electrical conductivity and green strength, highly dendritic (electrolytic) copper powder is the best choice.

CNPC's electrolytic copper powder is produced by placing a pure Copper cathode in an chemical bath and the application of electricity in the right ratios to produce a light dendritic copper particle. The particles are then washed and classified to a given specification.

The dendritic shape of electrolytic copper powder makes it ideal for carbon brushes.