Metallic Bipolar Plates
Fuel Cell Components

Ideal for Light Vehicle, Commercial Vehicle, and Off-Highway Vehicle Applications
Dana is combining proven technologies with new developments to deliver next-generation metallic bipolar plate solutions. Our unique manufacturing approach offers a cost-effective method to meet the stringent power density, reliability, and cost requirements of fuel cell stack original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

Applications for Dana’s technologies include bipolar plates for polymer electrolyte fuel cells. Markets for our state-of-the-art components and processes extend to power units, passenger cars, and transportation.

Dana Delivers:
- In-house expertise and quality control
- Testing base material for:
  - Formability
  - Material composition
  - Electrochemical stability
- Product analysis
  - High-precision dimensional measurements
  - Functional analysis (pressure film and force deflection curves)
  - In situ stack tests
- Analysis of cell components
  - Post-mortem analysis of bipolar plates, membrane electrode assembly (MEA), and gaskets
- Computer-aided design (CAD)
  - Integrated product design to meet customer needs
  - Transfer of customer specifications into metal bipolar plate technology
- Computational fluid dynamics (CFD)
  - Design optimization of fluid flow on header region, on plate level, and full-size stack
  - Optimal distribution and balancing of hydrogen, air, and coolant
- Finite element analysis (FEA)
  - In-depth analysis to fulfill customer needs on sealing performance
  - Simulation of plate forming process
  - Force distribution and balance between plate, MEA, and stack end plates
- Process, design, and materials
  - High-precision, high-speed stamping – full-dimensional accuracy to CAD
  - Sophisticated laser welding – ready for mass manufacturing
  - Durable, high-performance, active area coating at a cost that is commercially viable
  - Unique, customizable elastic bead seal technology offers ultra-low permeation, increases power density, and reduces cost