

Connect the busbar to the low-voltage switchgear



Article Overview

Connecting busbars in low-voltage switchgear requires proper contact area, pressure, material preparation, and torque control to ensure safe and reliable operation.

Busbar Preparation

Before connecting, prepare the busbar surfaces to ensure good conductivity and prevent corrosion. For copper busbars, polish the contact surfaces with fine sandpaper until a mirror finish is achieved, then apply a power compound grease compliant with EN 50165. For aluminum busbars, use an aluminum-specific anti-oxidation agent and, if connecting to copper, employ copper-aluminum transition joints with insulating heat-shrink tubing rated $\geq 125^{\circ}\text{C}$ to prevent electrochemical corrosion and withstand high temperatures .

Contact Area and Pressure

The contact area between busbars is critical for heat dissipation and current flow. For main busbar continuity links, the contact area should be at least five times the cross-section of the bar ($S_c > 5 \times S_b$). Branch busbars can have smaller contact areas but must still meet this minimum. For equipment connection plates, ensure contact over the entire surface to handle nominal current . Contact pressure is provided by bolts or screws. Use the correct size, number, and torque according to the busbar dimensions and current rating. Over-tightening can exceed the bolt's elastic limit and cause copper creep, while insufficient torque reduces contact pressure and increases resis...

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