

How to segment low-voltage busbars



Article Overview

Segmenting low-voltage busbars involves dividing the main bus into multiple sections with proper connections, contact areas, and protection to ensure operational flexibility and safety.

Physical Segmentation and Shaping

Low-voltage busbars act as the backbone of switchgear, distributing energy from the main supply to branch circuits. To segment them:

- **Machining and Shaping:** Busbars must be carefully machined, bent, and shaped to avoid weakening or introducing stress points. Sharp bends or improper handling can reduce mechanical strength and increase the risk of failure .
- **Branch Connections:** Each segment can be connected to branch busbars or tap-off units. Contact areas should be at least five times the cross-section of the busbar for main continuity links, ensuring optimal heat transfer and minimal voltage drop .
- **Contact Pressure:** Use appropriately sized screws and torque settings to maintain firm contact. Devices like paint marks or brittle coatings can indicate loosening over time .

Electrical Segmentation and Protection

Segmenting busbars electrically allows for load balancing and fault isolation:

- **Multiple Segments:** A busbar can be divided into two or more segments, each feeding different circuits. This is common in double or triple busbar arrangements t...

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