

Low-voltage busbar frame standard



Article Overview

IEC 61439 is the primary international standard governing low-voltage busbar frames, defining design, verification, and performance requirements for safe and reliable assemblies.

Overview of IEC 61439

IEC 61439, developed by the International Electrotechnical Commission, sets the design and verification requirements for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies, including busbar frames, for voltages up to 1000 V AC or 1500 V DC . It replaced the older IEC 60439 standard in 2009, eliminating the distinction between Type-Tested Assemblies (TTA) and Partially Type-Tested Assemblies (PTTA), ensuring uniform safety and performance benchmarks for all assemblies . The standard covers:

- Thermal performance: Maximum temperature rise limits to prevent insulation degradation and fire hazards, typically allowing a busbar temperature up to 140°C under rated load conditions .
- Short-circuit withstand strength: Verification that busbars can handle fault currents without mechanical or thermal failure.
- Dielectric properties: Ensuring insulation withstands rated voltages.
- Protection against electric shock: Compliance with IP ratings and safety requirements.
- Mechanical integrity: Structural strength of busbar frames and enclosures under operational and fault conditions

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IEC 61439 Standards-R1

Rated impulse withstand voltage, referred to as Uimp, is the peak value of an impulse voltage of prescribed form and polarity that the

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1.6 Busbars requirements laid down in SANS 1195. The completed busbar system shall be a standard modular system and shall

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