

Low-voltage power room busbar exploded



Article Overview

A busbar explosion in a low-voltage power room is typically caused by excessive current, poor connections, or failure to meet thermal and short-circuit standards.

Potential Causes

Overcurrent or Short-Circuit: Busbars are designed to carry a rated current, and exceeding this can cause overheating or arcing. IEC 61439 specifies the short-circuit withstand strength and thermal limits for low-voltage busbars, with a maximum safe temperature rise of 140°C above ambient for continuous operation . If a short-circuit occurs beyond the rated capacity, the mechanical and thermal stress can lead to an explosion . **Poor Connections or Corrosion:** Loose or oxidized connections increase resistance, generating localized heat. This can degrade insulation and cause arcing or melting of the busbar material, potentially triggering an explosion . **Inadequate Design or Assembly:** Busbars must comply with IEC 61439 design verification, including temperature-rise calculations, rated diversity factor, and mechanical stress tests . Partially type-tested assemblies or improper installation can fail under normal or fault conditions. **Environmental Factors:** High ambient temperature, dust, moisture, or corrosive environments can accelerate degradation of busbar insulation and supports, increasing the risk of failure .

Safety and Preventive Measures

Regular Inspection and Maintenance: Check for loose connections, corrosion, and signs of overheating. Ensure supports and covers are intact to prevent accidental contact . **Compliance with Standards:** Ensure busbar assemblies are designed and t...

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