

Selection and Verification of Low-Voltage Busbars



Article Overview

Low-voltage busbars should be selected based on current rating, short-circuit capacity, material, temperature rise, insulation, and environmental conditions according to IEC 61439 standards.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Current Rating (I_r): The busbar must carry the continuous load current without exceeding the permissible temperature rise. The IEC 61439 standard specifies maximum temperature rise limits, typically 70°C above ambient for copper and 55°C for aluminum, ensuring safe operation under rated current conditions . 2. Short-Circuit Withstand Capacity (I_{sc}): Busbars must withstand fault currents for a specified duration (usually 1–3 seconds) without mechanical or thermal damage. This ensures protection during short-circuit events and prevents catastrophic failures . 3. Material Type: Copper and aluminum are the most common materials. Copper offers higher conductivity and lower resistive losses, while aluminum is lighter and more cost-effective. Material choice affects current-carrying capacity, temperature rise, and mechanical strength . 4. Temperature Rise and Thermal Performance: Busbars must be designed to dissipate heat efficiently. Factors such as ambient temperature, enclosure type (open-air or enclosed), and mounting orientation (vertical or horizontal) influence thermal performance. IEC 61439 requires verification of temperature rise through calculation, testing, or comparison with reference assemblies . 5. Insulation and Clearance: Adequate insulation and creepage distances are critical to prevent electrical breakdown. IEC 61439 defines minimum clearances...

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