

There are several small busbars on the high-voltage switchgear



Article Overview

High-voltage switchgear contains small busbars such as branch, auxiliary, and flexible busbars that connect main busbars to circuit breakers, feeders, and control devices.

Overview of Small Busbars

In high-voltage switchgear, small busbars are used to distribute power from the main busbars to individual circuits or equipment. Unlike the main busbars, which carry the full system current, small busbars handle lower currents and are often used for:

- Branch busbars: Connect the main busbar to outgoing feeders or circuit breakers, allowing power to be distributed to specific loads or sections of the network .
- Auxiliary busbars: Supply control circuits, protection relays, and instrumentation within the switchgear, typically carrying very low currents .
- Flexible busbars: Made from braided copper or laminated thin layers, these accommodate movement, vibration, or thermal expansion, often connecting moving parts like draw-out circuit breakers to the main bus .

Design and Material Considerations

Small busbars are usually copper or aluminum, with copper preferred for high reliability and compact installations due to its superior conductivity and mechanical strength . They can be:...

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