

Voltage drop of low-voltage dense busbars



Article Overview

Voltage drop in low-voltage dense busbars is primarily determined by the busbar resistance and current, and should typically be limited to 1–3% of the system voltage to ensure reliable operation.

Understanding Voltage Drop

Voltage drop occurs when current flows through a busbar due to its inherent resistance, following Ohm's Law: $V = I \times R$, where V is the voltage drop, I is the current, and R is the resistance of the busbar. The resistance depends on the material (usually copper or aluminum), cross-sectional area, and length of the busbar. Even in low-voltage systems, small voltage drops can significantly affect performance, potentially causing equipment malfunction or erratic operation.

Design Considerations

- **Busbar Dimensions:** Short, wide, and thick busbars reduce resistance and minimize voltage drop. For example, in a 12V DC system, a 0.2V drop represents ~1.7% loss, which is significant for sensitive electronics.
- **Parallel Busbars:** Multiple busbars can be connected in parallel to increase current capacity, but designers must account for mutual heating and proximity effects, which can reduce the effective current-sharing capability.
- **Thermal Effects:** Current flow generates heat ($P = I^2 \times R$), which increases resistance and further contributes to voltage drop. Busbars must be sized to operate below their maximum temperature rating, typically around 140°C for low-voltage as...

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Determination of voltage drop

The impedance of circuit conductors is low but not negligible: when carrying load current there is a voltage drop

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Placing the busbars together reduces the inductance of the busbars "Xa", impedance (Z), voltage drop ($I \cdot Z$) and so also the

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Distinguishing High and Low Voltage Busbars

Voltage Level High Voltage Busbars: Typically refer to busbars with a rated voltage of 1kV and above, including common voltages

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The voltage-drop along a BTS run is dependent on the current flowing and the impedance (resistance and reactance) of the busbars.

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