Low-voltage busbar models and parameters

Article Overview

Low-voltage busbars are designed according to IEC 61439 standards, with key parameters including rated current, short-circuit withstand capacity, temperature rise limits, material type, insulation, and mounting conditions.

Key Technical Parameters

Rated Current (Ir): The continuous current a busbar can carry without exceeding permissible temperature rise. Copper busbars typically allow a temperature rise of 70?C above ambient, while aluminum busbars are limited to 55?C above ambient temperature . Short-Circuit Current (Isc): Maximum current the busbar can withstand during a fault for a specified duration (usually 1-3 seconds). This ensures the busbar can survive short-circuit events without mechanical or thermal damage . Material Type: Busbars are usually made of copper or aluminum. Copper offers higher conductivity and smaller cross-sectional area but is more expensive, whereas aluminum is lighter and cheaper but requires a larger cross-section to carry the same current . Temperature Rise and Thermal Limits: IEC 61439 sets the upper safe temperature limit at 140?C for busbars under maximum working load, assuming an ambient temperature of 35?C. Thermal performance is verified through testing or calculation to prevent insulation degradation and fire hazards . Insulation and Enclosure: Busbars may be installed in open-air or enclosed assemblies. Enclosure type affects cooling and heat dissipation. IEC 61439 specifies minimum clearances, creepage distances, and protection against electric shock . Mounting Orientation: Vertical or horizontal installation impacts airflow and cooling efficiency. Proper support and spacing are required to maintain thermal and mechanical performance . Environmental Conditions: Factors such as ambient temperature, altitude, and humidity influence busbar sizing. IEC 61439 requires derating for high-altitude installations, typically increasing clearances by 1% per 100 meters above 2000 meters . Diversity Factor: Busbars rarely operate at full load continuously. A diversity factor is applied to determine the main busbar current requirement based on total equipment load, improving efficiency and reducing oversizing . Forms of Internal Separation: IEC 61439 defines separation levels (Form 1 to Form 4b) to segregate busbars, functional units, and terminals, enhancing arc fault containment and personnel protection .

Practical Sizing Example

A 50 mm x 10 mm copper busbar in open air can typically carry about 1000 A at 35?C ambient temperature with a 70?C temperature rise limit. Aluminum would require a larger cross-section to achieve the same current rating .

Additional Considerations

o Corrosion resistance and electromagnetic compatibility are tested under IEC 61439.

o Short-circuit withstand strength can be verified by calculation, testing, or comparison with reference designs. o Support systems and finger-safe covers are used to ensure mechanical stability and safety . By adhering to these parameters, low-voltage busbars can safely and efficiently distribute power in switchgear, control gear assemblies, and industrial distribution systems while complying with international standards .

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In order to highlight these phenomena, the detailed specification of the parameters during tests is displayed. In the

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