

What is the function of the small busbar in a high-voltage switchgear



Article Overview

Small busbars in high voltage switchgear serve to distribute power within subassemblies, connect components, and maintain reliable, low-resistance electrical paths in compact or modular sections.

Role and Purpose

Small busbars act as localized conductors within high voltage switchgear, linking circuit breakers, relays, control devices, and outgoing feeders without relying on extensive cabling. They provide a low-impedance path for current, ensuring minimal voltage drop and efficient power transfer between components while maintaining system organization and safety . Unlike main busbars, which carry the bulk of incoming power, small busbars handle sub-circuit distribution and interconnections within panels or modular units .

Electrical and Mechanical Considerations

Even though they are smaller, these busbars must maintain mechanical stability under electromagnetic forces and thermal expansion during normal operation and fault conditions . They are often made of copper or aluminum, chosen for high conductivity and low resistance, and may be flat, laminated, or flexible to fit compact spaces and accommodate vibration or movement . Proper sizing and support prevent overheating, reduce the risk of short circuits, and ensure reliable operation over time

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