Specifications for 10kV switchgear top busbar



Overview

These values are based on the design and empirical data for switchgear assemblies, as well as on the intended use of the switchgear under normal service conditions according to IEC 62271-1.

Key Takeaways

A 10kV switchgear top busbar must meet stringent electrical, mechanical, and thermal standards, typically using copper or aluminum conductors, designed for rated currents, short-circuit withstand, and compliance with IEC 62271 and IEC busbar standards.

Material and Construction

Top busbars in 10kV medium-voltage switchgear are generally made of high-conductivity copper or aluminum, with surface treatments to prevent corrosion and ensure long-term reliability. They are metal-enclosed within the switchgear housing to provide protection against environmental factors such as humidity, dust, and small animals, and to ensure safe-to-touch operation under normal conditions (IP65 for high-voltage parts).

Electrical Ratings

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Rated voltage: 10kV ACRated current: Determined by system load; busbars are designed to carry the full load continuously without exceeding thermal limits. Thermal performance is verified through temperature-rise tests, ensuring the busbar does not exceed safe operating temperatures (typically 105K above 35°C ambient). Short-circuit withstand: Busbars must withstand short-circuit currents for a specified duration, with mechanical and thermal stresses accounted for in design.

Mechanical Design

Segregation: Busbars may be single or non-segregated phase, depending on switchgear configuration. Non-segregated busbars are common for top bus connections between panels. Support and spacing: Busbars are supported with insulating brackets to maintain phase clearance and prevent vibration.

Mechanical strength is designed to withstand short-circuit forces and handling during installation or maintenance. Expansion and extension: Some designs, such as Siemens 8DB10, allow extension or replacement of outgoing feeders without disconnecting the busbar, ensuring high availability. Insulation and SafetyGas-insulated or air-insulated options: Gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) uses SF6 or alternative gases to reduce dimensions and improve insulation, while air-insulated switchgear (AIS) relies on clearances and solid insulation.

Earthing and interlocks: Make-proof earthing switches and interlocks ensure that busbars cannot be energized during maintenance, enhancing operational safety. Standards ComplianceIEC 62271-200: Governs medium-voltage switchgear and busbar design, including internal arc resistance and operational safety.

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C 61439: Provides guidance on busbar thermal performance, mechanical strength, and assembly verification, ensuring safe operation under rated load and short-circuit conditions. Internal arc testing: Busbars and compartments are tested for internal arc faults (IAC AFLR) to protect personnel and equipment.

Summary

A 10kV switchgear top busbar must be robust, thermally stable, and electrically reliable, with proper material selection, mechanical support, and compliance with IEC standards. It should allow safe operation, maintenance flexibility, and withstand both continuous load and short-circuit stresses, ensuring the overall reliability of the medium-voltage distribution system.

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Technical Specification Metal-clad Switchgear

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Appendix D: Bus Bar System

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