Substation busbar grounding



Overview

This article examines the purpose of substation grounding, outlines the IEEE Std 80 design approach with emphasis on step and touch potential limits, discusses common grounding materials, and concludes with best-practice field testing per IEEE Std 81. Grounding (earthing) is the safety backbone of every substation. A properly engineered ground grid limits hazardous voltage gradients during faults, provides. An electrical ground bus bar is a conductive bar made from materials like copper or aluminum, and it serves as the central point for connecting multiple grounding conductors in an electrical system. Grounding is one of the most crucial safety measures in electrical installations, and the bus bar. Secondary equipment grounding refers to connecting the secondary equipment (such as relay protection and computer monitoring systems) in power plants and substations to the earth via dedicated conductors. Generally speaking, the various metal elements and grounds of a source station must be connected to the. With the exception of SF6-to-air bushings terminals, all active portions of gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) are contained within grounded enclosures, which means that they are not susceptible to inadvertent contact. This makes gas-insulated switchgear intrinsically safe.

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