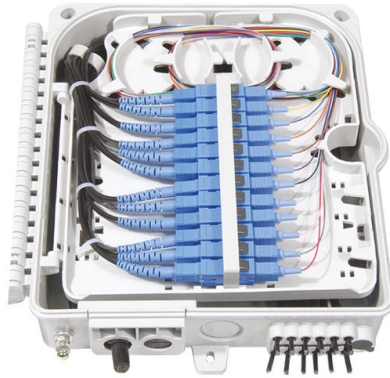


How to calculate the short-circuit capacity of a 10kV busbar



Article Overview

The short-circuit capacity of a 10kV busbar depends on its material, cross-section, support spacing, and fault duration, and is typically calculated using IEC 60909 and IEC 61439 standards.

Key Considerations

Thermal withstand: During a short-circuit, the busbar heats up rapidly. The maximum RMS fault current it can handle without exceeding the material's temperature limit is calculated using the adiabatic formula: $A \geq I \times \sqrt{t} / k$, where A is the cross-sectional area, I is the RMS short-circuit current, t is the fault duration, and k is a material constant (≈ 143 for copper, 93 for aluminum). This ensures the busbar does not melt or deform thermally. **Electrodynamic withstand:** Short-circuit currents generate strong electromagnetic forces between parallel busbars. The peak force is proportional to the square of the peak current and inversely proportional to the spacing between phases: $F = 0.2 \times I_p^2 / d$ (N/m), where I_p is the peak asymmetric current and d is the phase spacing. Proper support spacing and mechanical strength are critical to prevent bending or permanent deformation. **IEC 60909 guidance:** For a 10kV system with a base MVA of 200, the initial symmetrical short-circuit current is approximately 10.5 kA, with a peak current around 26.7 kA. These values are used to size busbars and protective devices. **IEC 61439 verification:** Busbars in low-voltage assemblies must be verified for short-circuit withstand, considering thermal limits, mechanical forces, support spacing, and enclosure layout. The assembly must survive the fault until the protective device clears it, typically within 0.2–1 second depending...

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