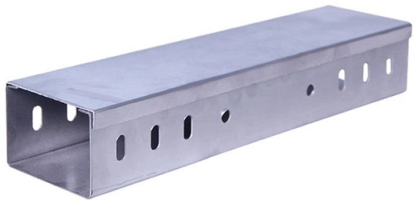
Methods for extending busbars in low-voltage switchgear



Overview

There are many situations where it is necessary to join two busbars to create a single, unified unit. This process, called “jointing,” may be needed to create a longer busbar from shorter, more manageable pieces; or to create a T-shaped tap-off connection from the main. Busbars are the main current-carrying conductors inside a low voltage switchboard, and they strongly influence thermal performance, fault withstand, maintenance safety, and panel footprint. In practice, good design is not only about ampacity. It also depends on material choice, joint quality. Busbar design in switchgear ensures safe, reliable power distribution by balancing current capacity, thermal performance, mechanical strength, insulation, and standards compliance. A busbar is a metal bar, usually made of copper or aluminum, that carries electricity inside switchgear. Creating busbars generally involves machining, bending and shaping which require a high degree of expertise to avoid weakening the bars or creating stray. IEC 61439 is a standard developed by the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) that covers design verification for low-voltage electrical products and assemblies. Most of the actual current transfer in busbar. ents), and the electrical equipment, formed by the internal connections and by the incoming and outgoing termina is regard, there has been an evolution which has resulted in the replacement of the previous Standard IEC 60439 with the present Stand rd IEC 61439.

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