High-voltage plug-in busbar trunking

Overview

Design a flexible and efficient power distribution system with Schneider Electric UK''s innovative busbar systems.

Key Takeaways

High voltage busbar trunking systems provide safe, efficient, and flexible power distribution for industrial and critical power applications, handling voltages from 3. 6kV up to 400kV with high current capacities.

Overview

High voltage (HV) busbar trunking systems are engineered to distribute electrical power efficiently over short to medium distances, connecting transformers, switchgear, generators, and other HV equipment. They consist of conductors enclosed in insulated or isolated-phase enclosures, often made of aluminium or copper, with epoxy resin or other high-dielectric insulation to ensure safety and reliability. These systems are designed to handle high currents and fault levels, making them suitable for industrial plants, substations, and large-scale electrical installations.

Design and Construction

Conductor Materials: Copper or aluminium busbars are commonly used, with sandwich or isolated-phase arrangements to optimize current-carrying capacity and reduce impedance. Insulation: High-quality epoxy resin coatings or Bus Bar Insulation Tubing (BBIT) provide electrical isolation and protection against environmental factors. Enclosures: Aluminium or steel housings with IP55 to IP66 ratings protect the busbars from dust, moisture, and mechanical damage.

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Modularity: Standard lengths (e.g., 3m) allow for flexible installation, with multiple tap-off points for connecting loads without extensive rewiring.

Applications

High voltage busbar trunking systems are used in: Power generation and distribution: Connecting generators to transformers and switchgear. Industrial processes: Electrolytic processing, smelting, and chemical plants requiring high current and fault handling. Rail and transportation: HV connections for pantographs, circuit breakers, and inter-car jumpers on electric trains.

Data centers and critical facilities: Overhead busways for flexible, high-current distribution to IT racks and high-performance computing environments.

Advantages

High current capacity: Can handle currents from hundreds of amperes up to tens of kiloamperes, depending on design. Reduced impedance and losses: Optimized conductor arrangements minimize voltage drop and energy loss. Flexibility: Tap-off points allow easy connection or relocation of loads without major rewiring.

Safety and reliability: Enclosed, insulated designs reduce the risk of electrical faults and improve maintenance safety. Space efficiency: Compact design compared to traditional cable installations, especially in congested areas.

Standards and Ratings

High voltage busbar trunking systems are manufactured to comply with international and national standards such as BS EN 61439-6 for low and medium voltage systems, and can operate in voltage ranges from 3. 6kV to 400kV, with current ratings up to 40kA for isolated phase busbars. Systems are tested for short-circuit withstand, thermal performance, and environmental protection.

Conclusion

High voltage busbar trunking systems offer a robust, modular, and efficient solution for distributing large amounts of electrical power safely. Their flexibility, high current capacity, and compliance with international standards make them ideal for industrial plants, substations, rail systems, and critical infrastructure where reliability and ease of maintenance are essential.

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It is not advisable to repeat this on an installed busbar trunking system due to the safety hazards from high voltages (2200 V 50 Hz is typical). If the client requires such a test then a risk assessment must

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