35kV Hard Busbar Spacing



Overview

When considering bus spacings, two dimensions are important. The first is clearance, or the distance through air between conductors of opposite polarity or between an energized conductor and ground.

Key Takeaways

Busbar support spacing for 35kV systems depends on dielectric clearance, mechanical strength, and short-circuit withstand, typically ranging from 1. 2 to 1. 5 meters for straight runs, but exact spacing must be verified against manufacturer and ANSI standards.

Key Considerations

Dielectric Clearance: The spacing between busbars and supports must ensure sufficient air and surface creepage distances to prevent flashover. For 35kV systems, phase-to-phase and phase-to-ground clearances are critical, and the design must pass power frequency and impulse withstand tests as per ANSI standards. Clearance values vary depending on whether conductors are insulated or bare.

Mechanical Support: Bus supports must withstand the rated short-circuit forces and thermal expansion. Supports are typically made from flame-retardant, non-hygroscopic materials and should be positioned to prevent sagging or vibration. The spacing is influenced by busbar cross-section, material (copper or aluminum), and current rating.

Typical Spacing Guidelines: While ANSI standards do not prescribe exact distances, practical engineering experience suggests: Straight busbar runs: 1. 2–1. 5 meters between supports for 35kV, depending on busbar size and weight.

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Near joints or bends: Supports should be closer, often 0. 5–0. 8 meters, to maintain mechanical stability and prevent excessive deflection.

Insulated busbars: Can allow slightly longer spans due to reduced risk of flashover, but must still meet dielectric tests. Environmental and Installation Factors: Outdoor installations, vibration-prone areas, or high-humidity environments may require closer support spacing. Supports should also accommodate thermal expansion and allow for inspection and maintenance.

Summary: The exact support spacing for a 35kV busbar is not fixed by ANSI standards but is determined by a combination of electrical clearance, mechanical strength, and short-circuit withstand requirements. Engineers typically use 1. 2–1.

5 meters for straight runs, with closer spacing near bends or joints, and always verify against manufacturer guidelines and dielectric testing requirements.

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Busbar Calculator — Current Rating, Temperature Rise, IEC 61439

The busbar sizing calculator determines the required busbar dimensions based on the continuous current rating, short circuit withstand, and thermal limits for switchgear assemblies.

IEC Standard For Busbar Clearance : Electrical

The IEC standard for busbar clearance plays a critical role in the design and safety of electrical panels and power distribution systems. It defines

Minimum distance requirement between bus bars and enclosure per

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There are two columns in this table under section 408.56 that indicate different spacing requirements. One pertains to "opposite polarity where mounted on the same surface" and indicates

Phase to Phase Clearance as per IEC 61439: Standard & Chart

Phase to phase clearance as per IEC 61439 explained with minimum clearance chart, busbar clearance values, and voltage-based calculator for panel design.

Functional Specification for 15 kV, 25 kV, or 35 kV Underground ...

Bushings shall be mounted with minimum spacing of 8.0-inches between centerlines, except between the C-phase bushings which may be a minimum of 7.0-inches. A standoff bracket or parking stand

Bus Bars and Bus Ducts Design Requirements ANSI C37.23

For bus duct rated 600 V and above, both indoor and outdoor bus sections shall be equipped with space heaters. Screened breather-drains shall be provided in the bottom of the enclosures.

Busbar Size Calculator

Busbar size calculator is an online calculator tool to determine copper (or) aluminum busbar dimensions based on current, voltage, temperature rise and safety standards.

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Section 7 Switchgear and controlgear assemblies

7.2.1 Busbars and their connections are to be of copper or aluminium, all connections being so made as to inhibit corrosion/oxidation between current-carrying mating faces, which may result in poor

Gap distance between main bus bar

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Copper for Busbars

For busbar applications, the most common forms supplied are bar, rod or tube and these are normally supplied in the hard condition. In this condition they offer greater stiffness, strength and hardness

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Busbar used Current carrying capasity of 4" EH IPS Al. Tube for Temp. rise of 50 Deg.C over an ambient of 35 Deg.C Correction Factor for temp. raise of 35 Deg.C over an ambient of 50 Dec.C

Design Guide for bus bars

Impedance In the design of laminated bus bars, you should consider maintaining the impedance at the lowest possible level. This will reduce the transmission of all forms of EMI (electromagnetic

Busbar Deisgn Guide

Typical Busbar Sizes If this program recommends sizes that do not fit into the ranges below, change either the number of conductors or the section thickness of the busbar and recalculate the minimum

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These standards collectively form the regulatory framework for busbar design, ensuring that all design and testing processes are comparable

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