Where is the small busbar installed in the high-voltage switchgear

Overview

The horizontal busbars are placed at the top of the switchgear and/or at the bottom. They are connected with screwed joints between each cubicle unit, thus simplifying assembly, replacement and extension.

Key Takeaways

The small busbar in high-voltage switchgear is typically the bypass or auxiliary bus, positioned parallel to the main busbars to allow sectionalizing and maintenance without interrupting supply.

Overview

In high-voltage switchgear, busbars are metallic conductors—usually copper or aluminum—that carry current between incoming feeders, circuit breakers, and outgoing circuits. While the main busbars handle the full system current, the small busbar (often called a bypass or auxiliary bus) is used to provide operational flexibility, allowing parts of the switchgear to be isolated for maintenance or fault management.

Typical Location

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Parallel to Main Busbars: The small busbar runs alongside the main busbars but is smaller in cross-section since it carries only a portion of the current or serves as a temporary path during maintenance. Connected via Bypass Branches: It is linked to the main busbars through bypass branches or tie breakers, enabling a section of the switchgear to remain energized while another section is serviced. Near Circuit Breakers: In many designs, the small busbar is positioned close to draw-out circuit breakers or feeder connections, allowing easy switching between the main and bypass paths.

Inside the Busbar Compartment: It is mounted on insulators within the switchgear enclosure, maintaining proper clearance and creepage distances to prevent flashover or short circuits.

Function

Maintenance Flexibility: Allows isolation of a section without interrupting the entire system. Fault Management: Provides an alternative current path to limit short-circuit impact. Operational Redundancy: Supports double-bus or single-bus-plus-bypass configurations, enhancing reliability.

Summary

The small busbar is an auxiliary or bypass bus located parallel to the main busbars, connected via tie or bypass branches, and positioned near circuit breakers for operational flexibility. Its design ensures safe isolation, maintenance, and continuity of power in high-voltage switchgear systems.

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