



COPPER BUSBAR ASSEMBLY IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

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Calculation of copper busbar current carrying capacity

Determination of busbar cross-section suitable for the current

Rectangular sectioned copper busbar current carrying capacity Calculated as described below according to DIN 43671 (1975). Charts commonly used in our country

are based on the 1964 version of DIN 43671 standard.

Ibusbar=Ichart x k1 x k2x k3 x k4 x k5

Ibusbar	: Current value of the said busbar	[A]
Ichart	: Current value stated in Chart 1	[A]
<i>k</i> 1, <i>k</i> 2, <i>k</i> 3, <i>k</i> 4, <i>k</i> 5	: Multipliers	[1]

Chart 1- Maximum current that E-Cu F30 material copper busbars when they heat up to 65°C according to DIN 43671

Width	Cross	Weight	Alternative current up to 60 Hz							
x	section		Painted Bare							
Thickness			Number of busbars				Number o	of busbars		
			1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
[mm]	[mm ²]	[ka/m]								
12x2	23.5	0.209	123	202	228		108	182	216	
15,0	20,0	0,200	140	240	220		100	010	047	
15X2	29,5	0,262	148	240	201		128	212	247	
15x3	44,5	0,396	187	316	381		162	282	361	
20x2	39,5	0,351	189	302	313		162	264	298	
20x3	59,9	0,529	237	394	454		204	348	431	
20x5	99,1	0,882	319	560	728		274	500	690	
20x10	199	1,77	497	924	1320		427	825	1180	
25x3	74,5	0,663	287	470	525		245	412	498	
25x5	124	1,11	384	662	839		327	586	795	
30x3	89,5	0,796	337	544	593		285	476	564	
30x5	149	1,33	447	760	944		379	672	896	
30x10	299	2,66	676	1200	1670		573	1060	1480	
40x3	119	1,06	435	692	725		366	600	690	
40x5	199	1,77	573	952	1140		482	836	1090	
40x10	399	3,55	850	1470	2000	2580	715	1290	1770	2280
50x5	249	2,22	697	1140	1330	2010	583	994	1260	1920
50x10	499	4,44	1020	1720	2320	2950	852	1510	2040	2600
60x5	299	2,66	826	1330	1510	2310	688	1150	1440	2210
60x10	599	5,33	1180	1960	2610	3290	985	1720	2300	2900
80x5	399	3,55	1070	1680	1830	2830	885	1450	1750	2720
80x10	799	7,11	1500	2410	3170	3930	1240	2110	2790	3450
100x5	499	4,44	1300	2010	2150	3300	1080	1730	2050	3190
100x10	999	8,89	1810	2850	3720	4530	1490	2480	3260	3680
120x10	1200	10,7	2110	3280	4270	5130	1740	2860	3740	4500
160x10	1600	14,2	2700	4130	5360	6320	2220	3590	4680	5530
200x10	2000	17,8	3290	4970	6430	7490	2690	4310	5610	6540

Notes: 1) Current values above are values obtained with experiment for 35°C ambient temperature

2) Busbar distance is the same as busbar thickness for busbar numbers 2, 3 and 4; Distance for twin groups for 4 is 50mm.



k₁ - Effect of Multiplier / Material





k₂ - Effect of Multiplier / Temperature



Heat resistance of equipment in contact with busbars (such as insulators or current transformers) must be considered when determining the temperature level that busbars can reach.

In electricity switch enclosures, busbar temperature must be under 100°C.



Comments

k ₂	It must be assumed that switch devices that busbars are connected to will heat under the influence of busbars.	Rated currents of switch devices vary ac the temperature they are in.	cording to				
	Copper is highly heat conductive. $t_{busbar} \approx t_{device}$	Percentages showing the change of rated current of a compact switch according to ambient temperature.	40°C % 50°C % 55°C % 60°C % 70°C %	100 96 93 91 86	100 92 87 83 73	100 96 94 92 88	100 94 90 87 80

\mathbf{k}_3 - Effect of order according to Multiplier / Floor

If busbars are arranged horizontally, i.e. parallel to floor or longer than 2m, k3-multiplier is determined according to Chart 2; otherwise k3=1.

Chart 2 k3 - Multiplier

Comments

k₃ Busbars must be arranged vertically in electricity switch enclosures unless otherwise is required.

Number of busbars		Busbar Width	k ₃ - Multiplier		
		[mm]	Painted	Bare	
2		50-200	0,85	0,8	
3		50-80	0,85	0,8	
		100-120	0,8	0,75	
4		160	0,75	0,7	
		200	0,7	0,65	

k₄ - Multiplier / Effect of Busbar assembly geometry

This is especially important when distance between phases is small.

k₄-multiplier is used when there is no outlet in 2m on busbar.





Comments

k₄ 4=1 is generally used for electricity switch enclosures.



k4 multiplier for s=10mm



k₅ - Multiplier / Effect of Altitude

Chart 3 k5 - Multiplier

Altitude	k ₅ - Multiplier		
[mm]	Internal	External	
1000	1	0,98	
2000	0,99	0,94	
3000	0,96	0,89	
4000	0,9	0,83	

Sample calculation:





Ichart

bare

painted

Comment; Ambient temperature is considered as 35°C.

In an average switch enclosure without an additional cooling assembly, heat is distributed 15-20k in height starting from the floor. Outside temperature is considered as 20°C and busbars are considered as located on top of the switch enclosure and ambient temperature for busbars is considered as 35°C.



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rt value;

Determination of k₁ - Multiplier;

Busbars used in switch enclosures are generally made of E-Cu F25 or E-Cu F30 material. If no certain information is found on the conductivity of the busbar, $k_1=1$ can be used.

2x80x10 mm 2.410 A

2.110 A

k₁=1,00

k₂=1,00

2.110 A

t _{copper}	55°C	65°C	75°C	85°C
k ₂	0,8	1,0	1,17	1,32
painted	1.928 A	2.410 A	2.820 A	3.181 A
bare	1.688 A	2.110 A	2.469 A	2.785 A

If busbars were arranged side by side,

	\$1111111111111111111111111111111111111		k _{3painted} =0,85	
7///////		///////	k _{3bare} =0,80	k ₃ =1,00

There is no busbar longer than 2m in the sam-	
ple switch enclosure without any outlet.	k ₄ =1,00
Altitude is lower than 1000m in sample switch	
assembly.	k ₅ =1,00

Determination of k₂ - Multiplier;

Allowed copper temperature Determination of $\ensuremath{t_{\text{copper}}}$

Determination of k₃ - Multiplier;

Determination of k₄ - Multiplier;

Determination of k₅ - Multiplier;

Additional points to consider during copper busbar sizing Influence of supply point physical location on busbar rated current

In assemblies consisting of multiple switch enclosures, it is possible to determine suitable supply locations and lower the main busbar rated current by half by supplying from the middle.



Expansion of main busbar

Length of busbars increase by expanding due to increase in temperature. This must be taken into account when busbars are supported.



Sample expansion calculation

Expansion amount of 80X10mm cross-section 3m copper busbars used as main busbars of a site that operates in the day but closed at night ($t_{day} = 65^{\circ}C$; $t_{night} = 15^{\circ}C$) will be calculated.

 $\Delta \ell = 3000 \text{ [mm]} x0,000017[1/K] x(65-15)[K]=2,55[mm]$

When both ends of the same busbar are tightly supported, forces generated in these support points due to expansion are calculated as shown below.



$\Delta \ell$	=	$\ell_{o} X \alpha X \Delta t$
$\Delta \ell$		expansion lengthening

	'	1 0 0	
ℓ_0	;	initial length	[m]
Δt	;	temperature difference	[m]
α	:	thermic expansion coefficient	[1/K]

 $\alpha_{Cu} = 0,000017$ [1/K]

$F = E \times \alpha \times \Delta t \times A$	
F ; force	[N]
A ; cross section	[mm ²]
Δt ; temperature difference	[K]
α ; thermic expansion coefficient	[1/K]
α_{Cu} 0,000017	[1/K]
E; elasticity module	[N/mm ²]
$E_{Cu} = 110.000$	[N/mm ²]

 $F = 110.000 \text{ [N/mm^2]} \times 0,000017 \text{ [1/K]} \times (65-15) \text{ [K]} \times 800 \text{ [mm^2]} = 74.800 \text{ [N]} \approx 7.480 \text{ [kg]}$

Groups made of multiple electricity switch enclosures are divided into small sections while being transferred from the manufacturing site to the place they will be installed. These sections must not exceed 2-2.5m. Measures must be adopted against the drop of contact pressure taking into account that busbars will expand in joints that are made during reassembly of groups.







[m]

Short circuit mechanical resistance calculation of copper busbar assemblies

Rectangular sectioned copper busbar short circuit mechanical resistance is calculated as described below according to EN 60865 (1993).



$\simeq c \times i^2 \times$	$\frac{\ell}{a}$	
; force		[N]
; constant		[N/A ²]
; current		[A]
; conductor len	igth	[m]
; distance betw	een conductors	[m]

Forces generated during short circuit in switch enclosures

Fm; forces between main busbars (phase busbars)



 F_s ; forces between auxiliary busbars (busbars in phase)



When main busbars (phase busbars) are formed of a single busbar, calculations related to auxiliary busbars are not necessary. In this case, main busbar is the auxiliary busbar at the same time.

Important !

- It is required for
- 1) Busbars themselves,
- 2) Support insulators
- to resists generated forces.

- *F_m*; forces between main busbars (phase busbars) can be in pull or push direction according to current direction flowing in adjacent phases.
- *F_s*; forces between auxiliary busbars (busbars in phase) are always in pull direction, current flowing in adjacent auxiliary busbar is always in the same direction.



The photograph above belongs to busbar assemblies to which B Series type tests are applied and it shows that busbars themselves are subjected to mechanical forces. It is seen that Auxiliary busbars are inclined to each other.



[m]

Calculation of force generated between main busbars

$$F_m = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \times \frac{i_p^2}{p^3} \times \frac{I_m}{a_m}$$

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comment;	1 p3	approximate	calculation	

 $\label{eq:post} \begin{array}{l} \dot{i}_{p3} & \text{Short circuit current peak value } i_{p3}, \text{effective value} \\ & \text{is proportionate with } i \widetilde{'}_{k3} \end{array}$

$i_{p3} \le n \times i'_{k3}$	
n-multiplier for an average site for IEC439-1	n
iĩ _{k³≤} 5kA	1,5
5kA < i″ k₃≤ 10kA	1,7
10 kA < $i''_{k_3} \le 20$ kA	2
20kA < i″k₃≤ 50kA	2,1
50 kA < i''_{k3}	2,2

Calculation of \mathbf{a}_{m} -value

In order to determine the effective distance between main busbars, In Figure-1 a_{1s} =a, b=b_m ve d=d_m is used and k_{12} is reached.

(For the formula, see . P.14)

Figure-1



Fm	; forces generated between main busbars	[N]
μ_o	; magnetic field constant	[H/m]
	$\mu_o = 4 \pi 10^{-7} \left[\frac{\text{H}}{\text{m}}\right] \left[1\text{H} = 1\frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{A}^2}\right]$	

- i_{P^3} ; three phase symmetrical short circuit current peak value [A]
- Im ; length of main busbars between to support points [M]
- a_{m} ; effective length between main busbars

Comment; i k3 approximate calculation of short circuit effective value

 i''_{p_3} i''_{k_3} value is limited to transformer specifications in the site.

 i''_{k3} value is calculated approximately by using the power of the transformer feeding only the site. Calculation in worst circumstances, that is assuming there is short circuit in transformer outlet is shown below.

$$S_{nT} = \sqrt{3 \times I_{nT} \times U_n}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{nT} = \frac{\mathbf{S}_{nT}}{\sqrt{3} \times \mathbf{U}_{nT}}$$

 $I_{nT} \cong 1,5 \times S_{nT} [\text{kVA}]$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{U}_{kT} \times \mathbf{i}_{k3}^{*} &= \mathbf{U}_{n} \times \mathbf{I}_{nT} \\ \mathbf{i}_{k3}^{*} &= \frac{\mathbf{U}_{n}}{\mathbf{U}_{kT}} \mathbf{I}_{nT} \\ \mathbf{i}_{k3}^{*} &= \frac{1}{\% \mathbf{u}_{k}} \times \mathbf{I}_{nT} \\ \mathbf{i}_{k3}^{*} &= \frac{1}{\% \mathbf{u}_{k}} \times \mathbf{1}_{nT} \times \mathbf{S}_{nT} \left[\mathsf{k} \forall \mathsf{A} \right] \end{split}$$

Practically;

 $\begin{array}{l} u_{k} = 4 \hspace{0.2cm} \text{icin} \hspace{0.2cm} i\widetilde{}_{k3} \!\cong\! 36 \!\times\! S_{nT} [\text{kVA}] \\ u_{k} = 6 \hspace{0.2cm} \text{icin} \hspace{0.2cm} i\widetilde{}_{k3} \!\cong\! 25 \!\times\! S_{nT} [\text{kVA}] \end{array}$

Generally, for transformers more powerful than 400kVA, it is $\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{k}} = 6$. Example; Maximum short circuit current effective and peak values in a site supplied by a 1000kVA transformer;

i^r_{k3} = 25 [kA] i^r_{p3} = 52,5 [kA]







Calculation of force generated between auxiliary busbars

$$F_{\rm s} = \frac{\mu_o}{2\pi} \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{i}_{p3}}{\mathbf{n}}\right)^2 \times \frac{\mathbf{l}_{\rm s}}{\mathbf{a}_{\rm s}}$$

 $I_{\mbox{\scriptsize s}}$ -calculation of the value

- F_s ; forces generated between auxiliary busbars [N]
- μ_o ; magnetic field constant [H/m]

$$\mu_o = 4 \pi 10^{-7} \left[\frac{\text{H}}{\text{m}}\right] \left[1\text{H} = 1\frac{\text{Nm}}{\text{A}^2}\right]$$

 i_{P^3} ; three phase symmetrical short circuit current peak value [A]

- n; number of auxiliary busbars creating the main busbar [1]
- Is ; largest distance between two adjacent intermediate support element used between main busbars [m]
- *a*_s ; *effective length between main busbars* [m]



Copper joints used to provide outlet, etc. are also used as intermediate support element.

 \mathbf{a}_{s} -calculation of the value

Chart-4

Order of auxiliary	Busbar thickness		E	Busba	ar Wi	dth I	o[mn	ןר]	
busbars	d[mm]	40	50	60	80	100	120	160	200
	5	20	24	27	33	40	-	-	-
	10	28	31	34	41	47	54	67	80
	5	-	13	15	18	22	-	-	-
	10	17	19	20	23	27	30	37	43

Order of Busbar Busbar Width b[mm] auxiliary thickness busbars d[mm] 60 100 120 160 200 40 50 80 5 _ ---_ -_ 10 14 15 18 20 22 26 31 16 5 -14 15 18 20 ---10 17,4 18 20 22 25 27 32 -

 \mathbf{a}_{s} and \mathbf{a}_{m} values can also be calculated using the formula below.

$$\mathbf{k}_{IS} = \begin{cases} -\left[\frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right]^{3} x \ln \frac{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1]^{2}} + 2 x \left(\frac{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right)^{3} x \ln \frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}^{2}} - \left(\frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right)^{3} x \ln \frac{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}} + \frac{(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} \ln \frac{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}} - \frac{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} \ln \frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}} \\ + 3 x \left[\left(\frac{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right)^{3} x \ln \frac{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}} + \frac{1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} \ln \frac{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}} - \frac{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} \ln \frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}}{[(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1]^{2}+(\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d})^{2}} \right] \\ + 6 x \left[\left(\frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right)^{2} x \arctan \frac{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1} - 2 x \left(\frac{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right)^{2} x \arctan \frac{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}} + \left(\frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}\right)^{2} x \arctan \frac{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}}{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1} \right] \right] \\ + 2 x \left[x \arctan \frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})+1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} - 2 x \arctan \frac{\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d}}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} x \arctan \frac{(\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{d})-1}{\mathbf{b}/\mathbf{d}} \right] \right]$$



Short circuit mechanical resistance of copper busbars

 $\begin{bmatrix} N \\ m^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Forces generated during short circuit forces causes busbars to bend. Mechanical tensions generated in these circumstances and calculation related to busbar resistance are shown below.

 σ_m Bending tension on main busbars

$$\sigma_{\rm m} = \mathbf{V}_{\rm \sigma} \times \mathbf{V}_{\rm r} \times \beta \times \frac{\mathbf{F}_{\rm m} \times \mathbf{l}_{\rm m}}{8 \times \mathbf{Z}_{\rm m}}$$

 O_s Bending tension on auxiliary busbars $\begin{bmatrix} N \\ m^2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\sigma_{\rm s} = \mathbf{V}_{\rm os} \times \mathbf{V}_{\rm rs} \times \frac{\mathbf{F}_{\rm s} \times \mathbf{l}_{\rm s}}{16 \times \mathbf{Z}_{\rm s}}$$

Comment

$V_{\sigma}, V_{r}, V_{\sigma s}, V_{rs},$	Multipliers related to dynamic forces is 1 if
	there is no "reclosing" applied in the said
	site.
	Reclosing is not carried out in short circuit
	cases in low voltage sites. That's why
	these multipliers can be ignored in low
	voltage applications.
Calculation of $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{r}}$	$_{ m m}$ and ${ m Z}_{ m s}$ values Ahesaplanmasi

 \mathbf{Z}_{s} value is calculated as shown in Figure 4 according to force

direction (busbar assembly Cross section axis).

Figure-4



If $\mathbf{Z_m}$ - value force direction is A as shown in Figure-4, it is calculated by multiplying $\mathbf{Z_s}$ – number with auxiliary busbar number. If force direction is B as shown in Figure 4 and there is only one or no support between Auxiliary busbars, the same calculation is used. In this case, if there are two or more support elements, values in Figure 5 are used.

Figure-5



V_{σ} , V_{r} , $V_{\sigma s}$, V_{rs} ; Multipliers related to dynamic forces	[1]
β ; Multiplier related to support method	[1]
$Z_{\rm m}$; Cross section inertia moment of main conductors	[m ³]
$Z_{s}\ ;\ Cross\ section\ inertia\ moment\ of\ auxiliary\ conductors$	[m³]
$l_{\rm m}$; Distance of main busbars between two support points	[m]
$l_{ m s}~$; Largest distance between two adjacent intermediate	
support element used between Auxiliary busbars	[m]
$F_{\rm m}$; Forces generated between main busbars	[N]
F _s ; Forces generated between Auxiliary busbars	[N]

Figure 3 - ß- multiplier



Comments

β In insulators used in busbar assemblies of low voltage electricity switch enclosures, busbars are basically supported in two types.

1-Busbars are positioned in a way to slide on insulators and constrained between the two insulators.

If there is too much support in this state, $\beta{=}0.73$ can be used in general.

2-Busbars are fixed on insulators with bolts in holes opened on them. If there is too much support in this state, β =0.5 can be used in general.

For busbars to resist short circuit forces without being deformed;

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} = \sigma_{\text{s}} + \sigma_{\text{m}} \leq \mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{R}_{\text{p0.2}}^{\text{min.}}$$

Comments; Copper flow resistance upper and lower limit $R_{p0,2}$ $R_{p0,2}^{min} [\frac{N}{m^2}]$ $R_{p0,2}^{min} [\frac{N}{m^2}]$ E-Cu F25200290E-Cu F30250360

Forces acting on support points

 \boldsymbol{F}_d -Forces acting on support points; [N]

$$\mathbf{F}_{d} = \mathbf{V}_{F} \times \mathbf{V}_{r} \times \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{F}_{m}$$

Figure 5 multiplier

	Support method	lpha-multiplier
		A: 0,5 B: 0,5
single switch enclosure		A: 0,625 B: 0,375
		A: 0,5 B: 0,5
multiple switch enclosures with		A: 0,375 B: 1,25
same support distances		A: 0,4 B: 1,1

σ_{tot}	;	Total bending tension of busbars	$\left[\frac{N}{m^2}\right]$
q	;	Plasticity multiplier	[1]
$R_{p0,2}^{min.}$;	Copper flow resistance lower limit	$\left[\frac{N}{m^2}\right]$

Comments

q

For rectangular cross-section busbars q=1,5

V_{F}	; The ratio of dynamic force on bearing point to	
	static force	[1]
$V_{\rm r}$; Proportion of a dynamic force generated during	
	an unsuccessful three terminal reclosing to a	
	successful one	[1]
α	; Multiplier	[1]
$F_{\rm m}$; Forces generated between main busbars	[N]

Comments

χ	In insulators used in busbar assemblies of low
	voltage electricity switch enclosures, busbars
	are basically supported in two types.
	1-Busbars are positioned in a way to slide on
	insulators and constrained between the two
	insulators. If there is too much support in this
	state $\alpha = 1,1$ can be used in general.
	2-Busbars are fixed on insulators with bolts in
	holes opened on them. If there is more than
	three supports in this state α =0,4 can be used
	in general.

$V_F \times V_r$ Calculation of the multiplier	$\frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{0.8 \times \mathbf{R}_{\text{p0.2}}^{\text{max}}} \leq 0.37$	$0,37 < \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{0,8 \times \mathbf{R}_{p0,2}^{\text{max}}} < 1,0$	$1,0 \leq \frac{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}{0,8 \times \mathbf{R}_{p0,2}^{\max}}$
$\mathbf{V_F} \times \mathbf{V_r}$	2,7	$\frac{0.8 \times \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p}0,2}^{\max}}{\sigma_{\text{tot}}}$	1,0

Short circuit strength of insulators

If the short circuit strength of insulators is not demonstrated by means of testing, it should be demonstrated by calculation that the force on support points is less than the strength force supplied by the insulator manufacturer.

Sample Calculation

Current information;

- Busbar assembly whose short circuit mechanic strength will be calculated consists of 2 pcs of busbars (with a cross-section of 100x10mm) per phase.
- Distance between phase axis is 150mm.
- Short circuit current is unknown; however it is known that the transformer supplying the entire plant has a power of 1000kVA.
- Busbar assembly was supported on two lateral planes of each switch cabinets. The widest switch cabinet has a width of 600mm.

In light of this information, the calculation of the short circuit mechanic strength of the mentioned busbar assembly is as follows, based on certain assumptions.

Assumptions:

• Effective short circuit current can be calculated in the following way, assuming that there is short circuit right in the output terminals of the transformer:

i"k3 [A]_{≈25} × *S*nT [kVA] = 25 × 1000 = 25.000[A] = 25 [kA]

- Busbar material is assumed to be E-Cu F30.
- It is assumed that busbars are positioned in a way to slide on insulators and constrained be tween the two insulators.
- It is accepted that no other reinforcement piece apart from the support points is used between two busbars that constitute the phase conductor or no supports are provided by making another busbar output.

Values that form the basis of the calculations;

Busbar cross-section 100 [mm] x10 [mm] Number of busbars in the phase n=2

$\mathbf{i''_{k3}} = 25[kA]$	$\mu_0 = 4\pi . 10^7 \left[\frac{H}{m}\right]$
$\mathbf{i''_{p3}} = \mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{i''_{k3}} = 2.1 \times 25[\text{kA}] = 52,5[\text{kA}] = 52,5 \times 10^3 [\text{A}]$	α = 1.1
Bara Malzemesi E-Cu F30	B = 0.73
$\mathbf{R_{p0,2}^{min}} = 250 \left[\frac{N}{mm^2}\right]$	$\mathbf{l_m} = 600$ mm $\mathbf{l_s} = 600$ mm
$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{p}0,2}^{\max} = 360 \Big[\frac{N}{mm^2} \Big]$	a = 150mm

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$F_{m3} = 1801 [N]$	$\mathbf{F_{m3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \times \mathbf{i_{p3}^2} \times \frac{\mathbf{l_m}}{\mathbf{a_m}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{4\pi 10^{-7} \left[\frac{\text{H}}{\text{m}}\right]}{2\pi} \times (52.5 \times 10^3 \text{[A]})^2 \times \frac{0.6[\text{m}]}{0.159[\text{m}]}$
	$\mathbf{a}_{m} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{k}_{12}} = \frac{0.15\text{m}}{0.94} = 0.159\text{m} \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{d}} = \frac{\mathbf{b}_{m}}{\mathbf{d}_{m}} = \frac{100\text{mm}}{30\text{mm}} \cong 3.33 \frac{\mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{d}_{m}} = \frac{150\text{mm}}{30\text{mm}} \cong 5 \mathbf{k}_{12} \cong 0.94$ see. Figure 2
F _s = 1736 [N]	$\mathbf{F}_{s} = \frac{\mu_{0}}{2\pi} \times \left(\frac{\mathbf{i}_{p3}}{\mathbf{n}}\right)^{2} \times \frac{\mathbf{l}_{s}}{\mathbf{a}_{s}} = \frac{4\pi 10^{-7} \left[\frac{\text{H}}{\text{m}}\right]}{2\pi} \times \left(\frac{52.5 \times 10^{3} \text{[A]}}{2}\right)^{2} \times \frac{0.6[\text{m}]}{47.62 \times 10^{-3} \text{[m]}}$

$\frac{1}{\mathbf{a}_{s}} = \frac{\mathbf{k}_{12}}{\mathbf{a}_{12}} = \frac{0.42}{20\text{mm}} = \frac{1}{47.62\text{mm}} \qquad \frac{\mathbf{b}}{\mathbf{d}} = \frac{100}{10} = 10 \qquad \frac{\mathbf{a}_{12}}{\mathbf{d}} = \frac{20\text{mm}}{10\text{mm}} = 2 \qquad \mathbf{k}_{12} = 0.42$ see. Figure 2

$\sigma_{\rm m} = 29.61 \times 10^6 \left[\frac{\rm N}{\rm m^2}\right]$ $= 29.61 \left[\frac{\rm N}{\rm mm^2}\right]$	$\sigma_{\mathbf{m}} = \mathbf{V}_{\sigma} = \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{r}} \times \beta \mathbf{x} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{m3} \times \mathbf{l}_{m}}{8\mathbf{Z}} = 1.0 \times 0.73 \times \frac{1801[N] \times 0.6[m]}{8 \times 3.33 \times 10^{-6} [m^{3}]}$	
	$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{n}\mathbf{x}\frac{\mathbf{b}\mathbf{d}^2}{6} = 2\mathbf{x}\frac{0.1\mathbf{x}0.01^2}{6} [m^3] = 3.33 \times 10^{-6} [m^3]$	

$\sigma_{s} = 39.22 \times 10^{6} \left[\frac{N}{m^{2}} \right]$ $= 39.22 \left[\frac{N}{mm^{2}} \right]$	$\sigma_{s} = \mathbf{V}_{\sigma s} \times \mathbf{V}_{rs} \times \frac{\mathbf{F}_{s} \times \mathbf{I}_{s}}{16\mathbf{Z}_{s}} = 1.0 \times \frac{1736[N] \times 0.6[m^{3}]}{16 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-6} [m^{3}]}$
	$\mathbf{Z}_{s} = \frac{\mathbf{bd}^{2}}{6} = \frac{0.1 \times 0.01^{2}}{6} [m^{3}] = 1.66 \times 10^{-6} [m^{3}]$

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$\sigma_{toplam} \leq q \times \mathbf{R}_{p0.2}^{min}$	$\sigma_{\text{toplam}} = \sigma_{\text{s}} + \sigma_{\text{m}} = 29.61 + 39.22 = 68.83 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$ $\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{R}_{\text{p0.2}}^{\text{min}} = 1.5 \times 250 = 375 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{mm}^2}$	$68.83 \le 375$ provided
1. Result; Busbars can resist short circuit current without bending.		

$F_{d} = 5349[N]$	$\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{d}} = \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{F}} \times \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{m}} = 3.7 \times 1.1 \times 1801[N]$	
	$\mathbf{V_F} \times \mathbf{V_r} \cong 2.7 \qquad \qquad$	

2. Result; Insulators need 5349 [N] (approximately 535kg) peak force in order to resist short circuit current.

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Short circuit thermic resistance calculation of copper busbar assemblies

Short circuit currents can heat copper busbars up to high temperatures. Temperature level reached after short circuit is proportionate with short circuit period and the temperature at which short circuit starts. Allowable maximum temperature for copper busbars is 200°C.

Maximum current amount that can flow from a busbar assembly after short circuit according to EN 60865 (1993) is calculated as stated below depending on short circuit time. Here, calculation is made with current intensity values in order to be independent of cross section calculations used in the said busbar assembly.



Sample calculation:

Calculation of maximum short circuit current that can flow for 3 seconds from a busbar assembly that contains two 100mmx10mm copper busbars that are allowed to heat up to 70°C in operating conditions and 140°C in short circuit condition in each phase is shown below.

 $\frac{i_{k3}^{''}}{A} \leq S_{thr} \times \sqrt{\frac{T_{kr}}{T_{k}}} \quad A; total \ conductor \ cross \ section \ [mm^2]$ $\frac{i_{k3}''}{2 \times 100 [\text{mm}] \times 10 [\text{mm}]} \le 100 \left[\frac{\text{A}}{\text{mm}^2}\right] \times \sqrt{\frac{1[\text{s}]}{3[\text{s}]}}$ $\mathbf{i}_{\mathbf{k}3} \le 2 \times 100 [\text{mm}] \times 10 [\text{mm}] \times 100 \left[\frac{\text{A}}{\text{mm}^2}\right] \times \sqrt{\frac{1[\text{s}]}{3[\text{s}]}}$ **i**_{**k**3}≤115[kA]

Comments

In low voltage electricity switch enclosure enclosures, the 200°C limit that is generally set for copper is not forced. In many applications, there are measures to ensure that short circuit currents end in 1 sec.

Besides the thermic resistance of copper busbars, another important issue is the resistance of insulator material that is in contact with them. The said heating is brief. In this context, short term thermic resistance of insulator material must be high enough.

Use of type tested isolators in type tested switch enclosures

IEC 61439-1:2011 standard that is used to prove technical capability of switch enclosures describes the tests to be applied on switch enclosures in details.

The test related to proving short circuit resistance among the said tests is described in section 10.11 of this standard. B Series insulators' short circuit resistance is proven with "verification by testing" method.

IEC 61439-1:2011 standard article 10.11.4 describes "verification by comparison with reference design". Accordingly, evaluation of rated short circuit resistance current of board and circuits must be carried out by comparing a board verified by testing" with the board to be evaluated. Verification evaluation of main circuits of a board must be according to "Annex P" section, i.e. IEC 60865-1 of the standard. Each of the circuits of the board to be evaluated in addition must meet the specifications below.

Are the short circuit protection assemblies of each circuit of the board to be evaluated, the same and better limiting characteristics taking assembly manufacturer data as basis (l².t.l_{pk}) equivalent to same reference design such as manufacturing and series?

- If the board to be evaluated includes a housing, does the reference design include one when verified by testing?
- Does the housing of the board to be evaluated have the same design, type and same dimensions at least?
- Do the cells of each circuit of the board to be evaluated have the same mechanical design as the reference design and same dimensions at least?





B series type tested isolators

B Series low voltage insulators are designed by EAE. They are subjected to approximately 80 circuit type tests in IPH Berlin and KEMA Netherlands laboratories. There are various types of insulators in different circuit current values in B Series to be used for different purposes and methods.

B Series insulators have modular design to meet all kinds of needs for low voltage electricity switch enclosure busbar applications. Distances between phases can be changed.

In order to use short circuit type tested B Series insulators in partially type tested switch enclosures by comparison with calculation, requirements stated in article 10.11.4 of IEC 61439-1:2011 standard must be met.

- 1) B Series Insulators are tested in very high short circuit currents. The short circuit current that each insulator type is tested at is given in related technical specifications page. There are insulators resisting maximum 150kA.
- 2) Conductive current intensities related to thermic resistances of B Series insulators during type tests are given in related technical specifications page. Insulator thermic resistance can be proven when desired by calculating compared busbar assembly current intensity. During this calculation, it can be seen that very high current intensities are used in type tests.
- 3) Material and manufacturing quality of B Series insulators is under EAE warranty.
- 4) It is mandatory for switch devices to be connected to busbar assemblies that will be compared to be type tested and that busbar connections made with them are compliant with technical documents of manufacturers.
- 5) Short circuit resistance of the said busbar assembly must be proven by calculating according to IEC-60865-1. Also, there are graphics that show maximum support gaps for distances between different phases on related technical specifications pages.





EG PA 15 13 Product Description





EG PA 15 23 Product Description



PM MA / MB / MC GENERAL FEATURES

Specifications

- Designed to be used with busbars of 5mm thickness.
- Material: fiberglass reinforced polycarbonate
- Does not discharge halogen gas when burned (halogen-free)
- Fire resistant V0 according to UL94
- Tested maximum short circuit effective current 100kA
- Continuous operating temperature maximum 150°C
- Maximum current intensity applied in type tests 165 165 (A/mm²)
- Distances between phases can be increased in 25mm increments after 75mm.
- Maximum support distances based on short circuit currents for different phase distances are given in P.28 and P.29.

Tension Insulation Specifications

- Shortest walking distance is 16mm.
- Material CTI value 175V
- Material group Illa
- Rated insulation tension: Max. 1000V for contamination class 3







PM MC 0531 INSULATOR SET



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PM GF

Material: glass-fiber reinforced polyester (GRP) Features:

- Halogen-free
- Flame retardant according to UL94 V0
- Maximum effective short circuit current; 100kA
- Maximum operation temperature 120°C

Voltage Insulation Properties:

- Material CTI value; 600V
- Material group; I
- User as indicated IEC 61439-1, defines rated voltage insulation and movement distance -related to application







PM GF Isolator Selection			
Panel Width mm	GF50	GF75	
600	PMGF5006	PMGF7506	
700	PMGF5007	PMGF7507	
800	PMGF5008	PMGF7508	
1000	PMGF5010	PMGF7510	
1200	-	PMGF7512	
1400	-	PMGF7514	

Type test document

76 tests are applied for all insulator types in different phase and support distances.





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