

High-voltage switchgear busbar discharge



Article Overview

The discharge distance, or minimum air clearance, for high-voltage switchgear busbars depends on system voltage, pollution degree, altitude, and insulation type, with IEC 61439 providing standard guidelines.

Key Concepts

Clearance Distance is the shortest distance through air between two conductive parts or between a conductor and grounded surfaces. It prevents electrical arcing, flashover, and insulation breakdown under normal and transient conditions .

Creepage Distance is the shortest path along the surface of an insulating material between two conductive parts. It is critical in environments with high humidity, dust, or pollution to prevent surface tracking and leakage currents .

Factors Affecting Discharge Distance

- **Voltage Level:** Higher system voltages require larger air gaps to withstand transient overvoltages and switching surges .
- **Pollution Degree:** Industrial environments with dust, moisture, or chemical contaminants (Pollution Degree 3) require increased clearance and creepage distances to prevent surface discharge .
- **Altitude:** At elevations above 2000 meters, air density decreases, reducing dielectric strength. Clearance values must be increased, typically by 25% at 3000 meters .

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Bus Protection Theory

The high magnitude fault currents require high-speed operation of the busbar protection to limit equipment damage. However, this

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