

Voltage breakdown of tubular busbars



AI Overview

Tubular busbars in outdoor substations are designed to withstand voltages up to 132 kV, with voltage breakdown determined by air clearance, insulation, and material properties.

Overview Tubular busbars are metallic conductors, typically aluminium or copper tubes, used in high-current and high-voltage applications such as outdoor substations. The voltage breakdown of a busbar refers to the maximum voltage it can withstand before electrical discharge occurs through air or along its surface. This is influenced by:

- Busbar material:** Aluminium and copper have high conductivity but are uninsulated, so breakdown depends on surrounding air and insulators.
- Air clearance:** The distance between busbars and grounded structures or other phases is critical. Larger clearances increase the voltage withstand capability.
- Support insulators:** Tubular busbars are mounted on insulators that must withstand the system voltage without flashover.
- Environmental conditions:** Pollution, humidity, and altitude can reduce the effective breakdown voltage.

Typical Voltage Ratings According to Northern Powergrid specifications, tubular busbars are used in substations up to 132 kV. The design ensures that the air gaps and insulator ratings prevent flashover under normal and transient conditions. For example:

- Open-air aluminium tubes** are used for new installations, while copper tubes may be used for extensions of existing systems.

The voltage withstand is determined by standards such as IEC 865 and national codes, which specify short-term and continuous voltage ratings for busbars.

Design Considerations

- Clearance and Creepage:** The distance between busbars and grounded structures must meet or exceed the minimum required for the system voltage to prevent breakdown.
- Insulator Selection:** Insulators must be rated for the system voltage and environmental conditions.
- Busbar Geometry:** Tubular shapes provide high surface area, reducing corona discharge and improving cooling, which indirectly affects voltage withstand capability.
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Why is the determination of phase-to-phase and phase-to-ground clearance crucial in bus bar system design, especially for high voltage applications? Determining

Aluminum Busbar

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