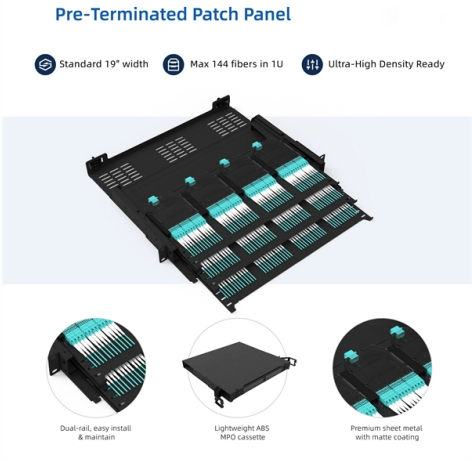
Connecting to high-voltage busbar trunking



Overview

To connect various high voltage (HV) components to the HV system, we also deliver a wide variety of busbars. In cooperation with the customer, these can also feature our Bus Bar Insulation Tubing (BBIT).

Key Takeaways

High-voltage busbar trunking insertion involves connecting insulated busbar conductors within a protective trunking system to safely distribute electrical power at high voltages.

Overview of High-

Voltage Busbar TrunkingHigh-voltage (HV) busbar trunking systems are pre-assembled conductor assemblies enclosed in metallic or insulated housings, designed to efficiently distribute electrical power between transformers, switchgear, and other HV equipment. They are commonly used in applications where high currents and limited space make traditional cable connections impractical, such as in switchyards, substations, and industrial plants. Busbars can be made of copper or aluminum and are often insulated using epoxy resin, XLPE, or RIP technology to ensure safety and reliability.

Insertion and Connection Process

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Trunking Preparation: The busbar trunking is typically supplied in standard straight lengths (e.g., 3 meters) with pre-insulated conductors. The trunking may include support insulators or internal spacers to maintain conductor separation. Alignment and Support: Trunking sections are aligned and supported using brackets or column insulators, ensuring proper mechanical stability and electrical isolation.

Compact bending radii are considered to avoid stress on conductors, especially in high-current applications.

Tap-

Off Installation: Power is extracted from the busbar trunking using tap-off units installed at predefined locations. These units connect to the busbar via high-integrity weld-bonded tabs or mechanical clamps, allowing safe and controlled power distribution to downstream equipment. Insulation and Safety: Additional insulation, such as Bus Bar Insulation Tubing (BBIT) or epoxy coatings, is applied to prevent accidental contact and ensure dielectric strength.

Surge arresters may be installed to protect against overvoltage conditions. Testing and Commissioning: After insertion, the system is tested for continuity, insulation resistance, and mechanical integrity. High-voltage testing ensures that the busbar trunking can safely handle rated currents and voltages.

Advantages of Busbar Trunking Systems

Space Efficiency: Compact design reduces the footprint compared to multiple cable runs. Ease of Installation: Pre-assembled sections and tap-off flexibility simplify installation and future modifications. Mechanical Strength: Robust construction minimizes the need for extensive supports and reduces installation time.

Safety and Reliability: Insulated conductors and high-quality connections reduce the risk of short circuits and fire spread. High Current Capacity: Capable of handling currents from hundreds to several thousand amperes, suitable for HV and EHV applications. ApplicationsHigh-voltage busbar trunking is widely used in: Electrical substations and switchgear installationsIndustrial plants with high-power machineryRail and transportation systems for HV roofline connectionsPower generation facilities where space and reliability are critical In summary, high-voltage busbar trunking insertion is a precise process involving alignment, insulation, tap-off connection, and testing to ensure safe, reliable, and efficient power distribution in high-voltage electrical systems.

Proper design and installation practices are essential to maximize performance and safety.

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