

Discoloration of tubular busbars

Article Overview

Discoloration of tubular busbars is primarily caused by oxidation, overheating, and environmental contamination, which can compromise electrical performance and safety.

Causes of Discoloration

Oxidation: Copper busbars naturally form a surface oxide layer when exposed to air. This can appear as brown, black, or greenish discoloration depending on the environmental conditions and the type of copper compound formed. Sulfur and chloride pollutants accelerate this process, especially in humid, coastal, or industrial environments, leading to visible darkening within months rather than years in dry conditions . **Overheating:** Poor connections, loose bolts, or high current loads can cause localized heating. Overheated areas often show darker discoloration, indicating increased resistance and potential thermal stress on the busbar and insulation . **Contamination:** Dust, dirt, and chemical residues on the busbar surface can absorb moisture and corrosive gases, promoting localized corrosion and discoloration. This can lead to pitting, material loss, and eventual mechanical failure . **Galvanic Corrosion:** When copper is in contact with a more active metal in the presence of moisture, galvanic corrosion can occur, further contributing to discoloration and degradation .

Consequences

- **Increased Electrical Resistance:** Corroded or oxidized surfaces at connection points raise resistance, causing localized heating and energy loss

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