

Low-voltage switchgear busbar height

Article Overview

The height of low-voltage switchgear busbars typically ranges from 10 mm to 50 mm, depending on current rating, busbar material, and switchgear design.

General Busbar Height Considerations

The height of a busbar in low-voltage switchgear is not fixed but is determined by several factors, including the continuous current rating, short-circuit withstand capacity, and thermal performance of the assembly (IEC 61439) . Copper and aluminum busbars are commonly used, and their cross-sectional dimensions—height, width, and thickness—are calculated to ensure safe current flow without exceeding permissible temperature rise .

- **Current Rating:** Higher current requires taller or thicker busbars to reduce resistance and heat buildup .
- **Thermal Limits:** IEC 61439 specifies a maximum temperature rise of 105 K above ambient (typically 35°C), which influences busbar height and cross-section .
- **Short-Circuit Strength:** Busbars must withstand mechanical forces during short-circuit events, which may require increased height for structural rigidity .
- **Space and Layout:** Switchgear cabinet dimensions and the number of outgoing circuits affect busbar height and arrangement. Horizontal and vertical busbars must fit within the enclosure while allowing maintenance and expansion .

Typical Dimensions

- **Small to Medium Switchgear (up to ~1600 A):** Busbar heights are often 10-25 mm...

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For busbar sizing, the primary references are IEC 61439 (for low-voltage switchgear and

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Figure 1: High-performance VIOX industrial low voltage switchgear assembly, demonstrating modern compartment

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Guide 61439 for the practice: 5 steps to a standard-conforming switchgear assembly
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IEC 61439 Standards-R1

Rated impulse withstand voltage, referred to as U_{imp} , is the peak value of an impulse voltage of prescribed form and polarity that the

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Switchgear

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STANDARD SPECIFICATION E-11-01

Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP code) Circuit-breakers for

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