

Spacing between low-voltage bare busbars

Overview

Adequate spacing prevents short circuits and enhances system safety: Bare copper busbars: Minimum clearance $\geq 20\text{mm}$ to avoid phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground faults. Insulated busbars: Insulation allows for reduced clearance but must meet IEC 60664 or UL 746C dielectric strength. The IEC standard for busbar clearance plays a critical role in the design and safety of electrical panels and power distribution systems. It defines the minimum distances between live parts and between live parts and earthed metal parts. The IEC 61439. I'm designing a system where we have a 3-phase busbar system (at 385V) from a PV inverter penetrating into the LV side of an MV transformer. Off of these bus bars, we are cabling up to connect to the transformer spades, and the number of runs is causing us to stack our lugs back to back. Even. And for general industrial control equipment, voltage range 301-600, shortest distance is shown as 1/2" with this same value being shown through oil or air over surface. The design must pass these tests. If you can place bare conductors 1/2".



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