

How to calculate the busbar of a combined switchgear



Overview

The busbar sizing calculator determines the required busbar dimensions based on the continuous current rating, short circuit withstand, and thermal limits for switchgear assemblies. The current rating is calculated from the conductor cross-sectional area, material (copper or aluminium), and maximum. To bridge the gap between theoretical calculations and harsh field realities, we have developed the EngineerCalc Switchgear Pro Calculator. This comprehensive low voltage switchboard design calculator goes beyond basic Ohm's Law. It automatically applies critical environmental derating. For busbar sizing, the primary references are IEC 61439 (for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies) and IEC 60287 (for current-carrying capacity of cables).



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Typical installations consist of basic cubicle types, that can be combined together to form the required switchboard. Fig. 1 shows typical cubicles available

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Busbars – machining, bending and shaping The busbars constitute the real “backbone” of every low voltage switchgear. The main busbar and branch busbars supply and distribute the

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Calculation of the cross section of the busbar in the switchgear

To calculate the cross-sectional area of the copper busbar, it is necessary to calculate the permissible current of the busbar. One of the correction coefficients that must be multiplied in this

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