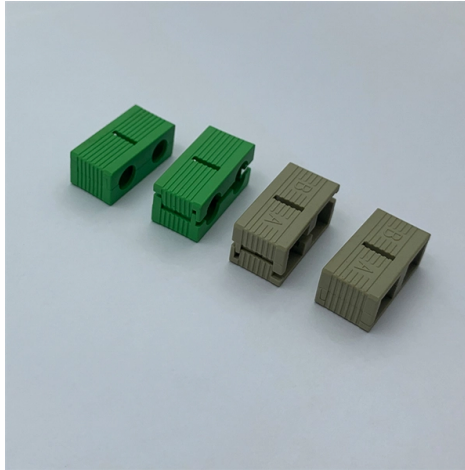


Causes of short circuit on low-voltage side busbar



AI Overview

Low-voltage busbar short circuits are primarily caused by insulation breakdown, mechanical damage, poor connections, and external conductive objects bridging phases or phase-to-ground.

Electrical Causes

Insulation Breakdown: One of the most common causes of short circuits is the failure of insulation due to overvoltage events (like lightning strikes or switching surges), aging, mechanical damage (cuts, abrasions), contamination (dust, moisture, chemicals), or excessive heat. When insulation fails, it can lead to flashovers, tracking, or direct phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground faults, resulting in high fault currents and potential busbar deformation or fire hazards.

Overheating and Excessive Current: Busbars carrying currents beyond their rated capacity can overheat, especially if the busbar is undersized, poorly ventilated, or subjected to harmonic currents from non-linear loads. Overheating can degrade insulation and increase the likelihood of short circuits.

Poor Connections: Loose, corroded, or improperly torqued bolted joints create high contact resistance, which can generate localized heating, arcing, and voltage drops. Thermal cycling and vibration can exacerbate these issues, eventually leading to short circuits.

Mechanical Causes

Busbar Deformation or Damage: Mechanical stress from external impacts, improper support, or electrodynamic forces during fault conditions can bend, twist, or fracture busbars. Such deformation may reduce the phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground clearance, increasing the risk of short circuits.

Electrodynamic Forces: During a short circuit, high currents generate strong electromagnetic forces that can physically displace busbars if supports are inadequate. This displacement can cause contact between phases or with grounded components, triggering a short circuit.

Environmental and Operational Factors

Foreign Objects: Accidental contact b...

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The peak, or fully asymmetrical, short-circuit current is dependent on the power factor ($\cos \phi$) of the busbar system and its associated connected electrical plant.

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