

Copper busbar inside cable tray



Article Overview

Proper copper busbar connections to cable trays require secure mechanical support, correct torque application, and adherence to international standards to ensure safe and efficient power distribution.

Mechanical Support and Mounting

Copper busbars must be rigidly supported to prevent mechanical stress and vibration damage. Use approved insulated busbar clamps at intervals not exceeding 500 mm to secure the busbars within the assembly or along the cable tray path, ensuring alignment and preventing sagging or contact with other conductive surfaces (). Cable trays should be installed with proper spacing, bends, and supports to accommodate busbar routing without sharp angles that could compromise insulation or accessibility ().

Electrical Connection and Torque

The most critical factor in busbar joint reliability is torque control. Correct torque ensures stable clamping force, minimizes contact resistance, and prevents overheating over long-term operation (). Manufacturer-specified torque values are based on long-term testing and account for thermal cycling, aging, and installation variability. Overlap width between busbars is less important than proper torque and contact pressure; full overlap is not required for effective current transfer ().

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