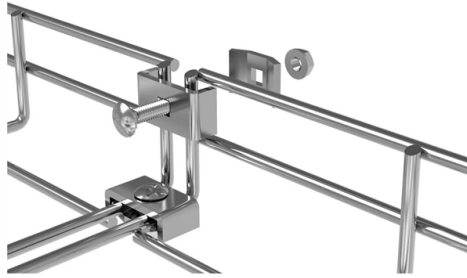


Noise is high in the busbar of the switchgear



AI Overview

High noise in switchgear busbars is often caused by mechanical vibration, loose components, eddy currents, or resonance with alternating current, and it requires prompt inspection to prevent equipment damage or safety hazards.

Common Causes of Busbar Noise

Mechanical vibration and loose components: Busbars and steel plates can vibrate if bolts, supports, or insulators are loose. Long cantilevered busbars or thin steel partitions may resonate with the AC frequency, amplifying noise and causing impacts between components . **Eddy currents:** High currents in busbars induce eddy currents in nearby conductive materials, generating heat, vibration, and noise. This effect is more pronounced at higher frequencies and can cause repeated vibration of steel plates or mounting structures . **Electromagnetic forces:** Alternating current produces magnetic fields that exert Lorentz forces on busbars, causing them to move slightly. If the busbar or surrounding structures are not rigidly supported, this can result in audible buzzing or humming . **Resonance:** When the natural frequency of a component aligns with the AC frequency (50/60 Hz) or its harmonics, vibrations can be amplified, producing significant noise . **Thermal effects:** Heating from high currents can cause expansion and contraction of busbars and nearby metal parts, contributing to mechanical noise .

Risks

Persistent high noise is not just a nuisance; it can indicate potential safety hazards:

- Loosening of bolts or supports, which may compromise busbar stability.

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