Maximum Specifications for Low-Voltage Busbar Clamps



Overview

Erico Busbar Clamp | Switchboard Manufacturers » Clamping capacity is calculated using the included screws. Maximum clamping capacity is 50 mm (1.97″) usin.

Key Takeaways

Low-voltage busbar clamps must meet IEC 61439 standards for current rating, temperature rise, material compatibility, and mechanical stability to ensure safe and reliable busbar connections. Key Parameters for Busbar Clamps1. Current Rating and Electrical Compatibility Busbar clamps must support the continuous current of the busbar without exceeding the permissible temperature rise.

For copper busbars, the typical temperature rise limit is 70°C above ambient, and for aluminum, it is 55°C above ambient. Clamps should also withstand short-circuit currents for a specified duration (usually 1–3 seconds) without mechanical or electrical failure, in line with IEC 61439-1 and IEC 61439-6 standards. 2.

Material and Corrosion Resistance Clamps are usually made of copper, aluminum, or high-strength steel with corrosion-resistant coatings. The material must match the busbar to prevent galvanic corrosion and ensure low contact resistance. Insulating covers or finger-safe barriers are often included for safety.

3. Mechanical Dimensions and Mounting Busbar clamps are designed to fit specific busbar thicknesses (e.g., 5 mm) and widths. They must provide secure mechanical fastening to prevent loosening under vibration or thermal expansion.

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Typical clamp packages include supports, inlay parts, and lateral covers for finger safety. Mounting orientation (vertical or horizontal) affects airflow and heat dissipation, which should be considered in design. 4.

Thermal and Environmental Considerations Clamps must maintain electrical and mechanical integrity at the busbar's maximum operating temperature (up to 140°C for LV busbars under IEC 61439). They should also withstand environmental conditions such as humidity, dust, and potential chemical exposure, depending on the enclosure's IP rating. 5.

Standard Compliance and Testing Busbar clamps should comply with IEC 61439-1 and IEC 61439-6, which define service conditions, construction requirements, and verification tests for low-voltage busbar systems. Testing includes thermal performance, short-circuit withstand, and mechanical stability to ensure long-term reliability. 6.

Accessories and Safety Features Many clamps come with finger-safe covers, insulating inlays, and modular supports to facilitate safe installation and maintenance. These features are particularly important in control panels and switchgear assemblies where multiple circuits are connected.

Summary

When selecting or designing low-voltage busbar clamps, engineers must consider current rating, short-circuit capacity, material compatibility, thermal limits, mechanical stability, and IEC 61439 compliance. Properly specified clamps ensure safe, reliable, and efficient power distribution in low-voltage switchgear and control gear assemblies.

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IEC 61439 Busbar Standard: A Guide to Low-Voltage

The IEC 61439 standard applies to busbar assemblies that will be installed in electrical applications with a voltage rating up to 1000 V (for AC) and

IEC Busbar Mounting System Specifications Technical Data

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Appendix D: Bus Bar System

The table, in addition to giving specifications regarding the maximum thickness of the busbar, the maximum current and the maximum nominal voltage, distinguishes between busbars

Business Documentation (DBD)

The products described within this specification shall comply with the latest versions of the relevant International Standards, British Standard Specifications and all relevant Energy Network Association

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Riveting is a good fit for volume-production situations such as fabricating busbars for electric mobility. joints begin with overlapping of the busbars, as with the previous jointing options, and results in a low

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Technical Application Papers No.11 Guidelines to the construction

Technical Application Papers No.11 Guidelines to the construction of a low-voltage assembly complying with the Standards IEC 61439 Part 1 and Part 2

Erico Busbar Clamp

Erico busbar clamp connects 2 copper busbars together or flexible conductor to busbar.Ideal for on-site modifications.30mm 40m 50mm 60mm 80mm & 100mm width

Busbar Deisgn Guide

Typical Busbar Sizes If this program recommends sizes that do not fit into the ranges below, change either the number of conductors or the section thickness of the busbar and recalculate the minimum

Everything You Need to Know About Busbar Supports

For a large portion of the international markets, the appropriate standard is the IEC 61439 series, the standard for low-voltage switchgear and

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