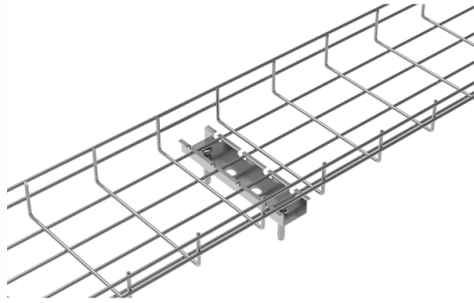


Busbar joint connection and busbar connection with



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Key Takeaways

Busbar joint connections are critical for ensuring reliable electrical performance and mechanical strength, with common methods including bolted and clamped joints. Types of Busbar Joint Connections

- Bolted Joints:
 - Description: Bolted joints are formed by overlapping the busbars and inserting bolts through the overlap area. This method is compact and reliable but requires drilling holes in the busbars, which can distort the current flow slightly.
 - Advantages: Easy to assemble on-site, versatile, and widely used in various applications.
 - Disadvantages: May have less uniform contact pressure compared to clamped joints, and the drilling process can introduce some distortion in the current path.
- Clamped Joints:
 - Description: Clamped joints involve overlapping the busbars and applying an external clamp around the overlap. This method does not require drilling, thus maintaining the integrity of the current flow.

- Advantages: Lower joint resistance, even contact pressure, and reduced temperature excursions under cyclic loads.
- Disadvantages: Typically more expensive to manufacture and may take up more space than bolted joints .
- Riveted Joints:
 - Description: Similar to bolted joints, riveted joints involve overlapping the bars and using rivets to secure them. However, they are more challenging to install and cannot be easily dismantled or tightened in service.
 - Advantages: Can be efficient if well made.
 - Disadvantages: Difficult to control contact pressure and installation complexity .
- Welded Joints:
 - Description: Involves butting the ends of the busbars and welding them together. This method provides a strong connection but requires specialized equipment and skills.
 - Advantages: Strong and permanent connection.
 - Disadvantages: Not easily adjustable and can be costly .

Considerations for Effective Jointing

- Mechanical Strength: Joints must be mechanically robust to withstand environmental stresses and load cycles.
- Electrical Performance: Low resistance is crucial for efficient current flow; thus, ensuring good contact pressure is essential.
- Thermal Management: Joints should be designed to handle temperature changes and prevent overheating, especially under load .
- Maintenance: Regular inspections and maintenance of bolted connections are necessary to prevent failures. This includes checking bolt torque, visual inspections, and measuring joint contact resistance . In summary, selecting the appropriate jointing method for busbars depends on the specific application requirements, including mechanical strength, electrical performance, and maintenance considerations. Proper design and installation are key to ensuring reliable and efficient busbar connections.

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