

Equipotential bonding in the busbar compartment of the switchgear



Overview

A ground bus bar consolidates equipment grounding conductors at a single, bonded point to provide a low-impedance path for fault and transient currents, protecting people and equipment and creating an equipotential reference. It is a required component in any code-compliant panel. This guide covers practical ground bus design for medium-voltage switchgear—from sizing calculations and bonding topology selection to EMI immunity and field verification testing. Learn what changed, proper bonding methods, IBT requirements, and common mistakes to avoid. This equipotential plane effectively minimizes voltage differences, safeguarding both individuals and equipment. Equipotential bonding is an electrical connection which brings the bodies of electrical equipment and external conductive parts to the same, or nearly the same, potential.

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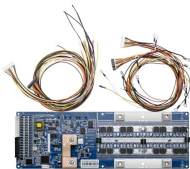
This paper will focus on the potential hazards when providing equipotential zone grounding and bonding systems for workplace scenarios involving medium voltage



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The function of the equipotential bonding bus bar is to galvanically connect all the con-ductive parts and extraneous conductive parts present or which could enter in the pati-ent environment.



Grounding and bonding requirements for fire alarm, security, communications, and other limited-energy systems were scattered across six different articles. NEC 2026 Article 750 ...



Proper bonding is essential to create an equipotential plane between service grounds and equipment during fault and transient conditions. This equipotential plane provides a near-zero voltage ...



A ground bus bar is a metallic strip installed inside an electrical enclosure that serves as a single-point grounding and bonding location. Its job is to collect all equipment grounding conductors ...



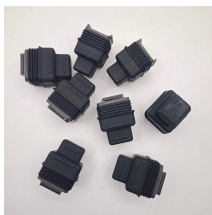
To prevent ground loops, equipotential bonding cables are installed in parallel and, whenever possible, near to the signal/bus cable. This allows the area between the two cables to be kept as small as ...



The equipotential bonding PB is directly connected to the enclosure itself via an outside bolt – and therefore all metallic parts directly attached to the enclosure are connected to the PB system.



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In the majority of GIS systems, each module is electrically bonded using either flange connections or external shunts. This provides a continuous enclosure within the GIS, facilitating the ...

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