How to waterproof busbar joints

AI Overview

Effective waterproofing of busbar joints involves cleaning, insulating, and sealing the joint using tapes, resins, or specialized sealing systems to ensure electrical safety and long-term reliability.Key Steps for Waterproofing Busbar Joints1. Surface Preparation Before applying any waterproofing, the busbar and terminal surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned to remove dust, grease, or oxidation. This ensures proper adhesion of insulating and sealing materials . 2. Insulation Wrapping A common method involves wrapping the busbar with spacer tape followed by multiple layers of PVC or insulating tape. Typically, a 50% overlap is used to form a protective shell around the joint . This layer acts as a barrier against moisture and provides mechanical protection. 3. Resin Potting After wrapping, a two-component cast resin can be poured into the tape shell, covering the joint completely. The resin should extend at least 5 cm above the metal surface to ensure full encapsulation. Once cured, this forms a rigid, waterproof, and electrically insulating barrier . 4. O-Ring and Elastomer Seals For applications where joints are exposed to liquids, such as in EV drivetrains, O-rings made from nitrile rubber (NBR), fluorocarbon (FKM), or silicone can be used. These are placed in grooves between mating surfaces to provide a flexible, tight seal that accommodates thermal expansion and vibration . 5. Specialized Injection Systems For construction or industrial busbar joints, injection hose systems like SikaFuko® can be used to inject sealing materials into joints, providing a secondary waterproofing layer. Post-applied tape systems such as Sikadur-Combiflex® SG or Sika® Dilatec® can also be applied to precast or expansion joints for additional protection .Considerations for Reliable WaterproofingElectrical Isolation: Ensure the sealing material has high dielectric strength to prevent leakage currents .Thermal Expansion: Materials should accommodate expansion and contraction without cracking or losing adhesion .Mech...

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Several variables afect this resistance, which increases with time because of aging. The heat losses rise at the same time. Ultimately, excessive heating can lead to total failure of the joint. Service life can

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