# Distribution Cabinet Main Busbar Separation Method



## Overview

Separation can be achieved in several ways. Depending on a particular application and the requirements for maintenance, this may include: PVC sleeving, wrapping or plastic coating of conductors. Insulated terminal shields or PVC 'boots'. And these functions: Impede the passage of solid bodies between different parts of the switchboard (degree of. Each Form relates to the internal separation of the busbars, functional units and terminals, each being defined as: Internal separation is achieved by the use of barriers or partitions (including metallic or non-metallic), insulation of live parts or an integral housing (i. moulded case circuit. Yet, the terminology around forms of segregation —like Form 3B or Form 4aih—can seem overwhelming. This clause concerns methods of separating busbars and 'functional units' from one another when installing electrical control systems.

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|  | Assemblies for construction sites may be of different sizes, from a simple plug and socket assembly to true distribution boards with enclosures of metal or insulating material. |
|  | A Form 1 Panel has no internal separation among busbar, switchgear and outgoing Cable Terminations. All functional units are installed in one central section to provide protection against ... |
|  | This clause concerns methods of separating busbars and ''functional units'' from one another when installing electrical control systems. |
|  | Segregation Forms: Symbolic representation - Housing – Internal segregation – Functional units including terminals for external conductors – Busbars, main & distribution. |
|  | A switchboard with main lugs only (no main disconnect) must be designed so that all circuits in the switchboard can be disconnected from the supply source by the operation of no more than six ... |

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Form 3a - separation of the busbars from the functional units and each functional unit from the other units. Terminals of each functional unit are not separated from each other.



The major difference between Forms 3 and 4 is the separation of the terminals of each functional unit the terminals of other units. The main advantage of this model is the ability to safely ...



Busbar separation is achieved by metallic or non-metallic rigid barriers or partitions. Cables are terminated within the same compartment as the functional unit.



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Each form specifies the arrangement and separation of busbars, functional units, and terminals, with increasing levels of separation from Form 1 (no separation) to Form 4b (complete separation).

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