How to identify large and small bends in the busbar



Overview

Learn how bending radius affects springback, tooling choice, and insulation. Expert guide by LiJian® CNC busbar machine manufacturer.

Key Takeaways

Large bends have a greater radius and are gentler, while small bends have a tighter radius and are sharper, affecting both mechanical stress and electrical performance.

Understanding Bend Radius

The bend radius is the key factor in distinguishing large and small bends. It is the distance from the center of the bend to the inner edge of the busbar. Smaller radii (e.g., R10) create sharp bends suitable for compact spaces but increase stress and risk of cracking, while larger radii (e.g., R50 or R80) produce gentle curves that reduce mechanical stress and preserve conductivity.

Small bends: Tight radius, high curvature, used in confined areas, higher risk of surface marks or cracks. Large bends: Wide radius, low curvature, used where space allows, safer for material integrity and electrical performance.

Practical Identification Methods

Visual Inspection: Compare the curvature of the bend to known radii. Sharp bends appear tight and angular, while large bends are smooth and gradual. Measurement Tools: Use calipers, radius gauges, or templates to measure the bend radius accurately.

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Ensure the busbar is supported to avoid distortion during measurement. Layout Drawings: Check the design specifications, which often indicate bend radii (e.g., R10, R50, R80). These values directly indicate whether a bend is small or large.

Material Considerations: Thicker busbars require larger radii to prevent cracking, so a bend that is tight on a thick bar is considered small, whereas the same radius on a thin bar may be acceptable.

Additional Considerations

Bend Allowance and Setback: When identifying bends, consider the extra material consumed in the bend (bend allowance) and the distance from the tangent to the intersection of legs (setback) to ensure accurate fabrication. Mechanical and Electrical Impact: Small bends increase internal stress and may reduce conductivity at the bend, while large bends maintain mechanical strength and electrical performance. Fabrication Techniques: Annealing, mark-free tooling, and proper bending machines help achieve precise bends without damaging the busbar.

By combining visual cues, measurement, and design specifications, you can reliably identify large and small bends in busbars, ensuring both structural integrity and optimal electrical performance.

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