

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

SWITCHGEAR

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to a switchgear, and more particularly, to a switchgear provided with a plurality of switch units.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 The switchgear is provided in a reception/distribution system, and receives power from a bus side so as to supply power to a load side from a cable via a breaker.

 Fixed-Mounted Circuit-Breaker Switchgear Type NXPLUS C. up to 24 kV, Gas-Insulated Medium-Voltage Switchgear [Catalog
15 HA 35.41 2006, SIEMENS] (Non-Patent Document 1) discloses the generally employed switchgear as a single unit having a plurality of switch units arranged therein. The structure as disclosed in the Non-Patent Document 1 will be described referring to the circuit diagram, Figs. 10 and 11.

20 Referring to the circuit diagram shown in Fig. 10 and Fig. 11, a switchgear 101 of double bus type disclosed in the Non-Patent Document 1 is formed by combining a switch unit 101a provided with a bus 102a and a three-position type disconnecter 106a that has only disconnection/ground function, and another
25 switch unit 101b provided with another bus 102b, a three-position

disconnecter 106b that has only disconnection/ground function,
and a vacuum breaker 107 in a housing 105.

When any one of the switch units of the above-described
switchgear of multi-bus type gets out of order, the switch unit
5 corresponding to the one with the failure part is necessary
for replacement. So a plurality of different types of switch
units have to be made available as backup, which may make the
manager burdened.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a
10 switchgear capable of alleviating the burden of the manager.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In order to solve the aforementioned problem, the
switchgear according to the present invention includes a
15 plurality of compatible switch units that are connected in the
housing so as to supply power to the load side.

The present invention may provide the switchgear capable
of alleviating the burden to the manager.

20 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a circuit diagram according to each embodiment.

Fig. 2 is a sectional side view of a switchgear according
to an embodiment 1.

Fig. 3 is a sectional side view of a switchgear according
25 to an embodiment 2.

Fig. 4 is a sectional side view of a switchgear according to an embodiment 3.

Fig. 5 is a sectional side view of a switchgear according to an embodiment 4.

5 Fig. 6 is a sectional side view of a switchgear according to an embodiment 5.

Fig. 7 is a sectional side view of a switchgear according to an embodiment 6.

Fig. 8 is a view showing a cable connection portion of
10 a switch unit according to the embodiment 6, when seen from above.

Fig. 9 is a sectional side view of the cable connection portion according to the embodiment 6.

Fig. 10 is a circuit diagram of a switch gear of double
15 bus type as related art.

Fig. 11 is a sectional side view of the switchgear of double bus type as related art.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

20 Preferred embodiments for carrying out the present invention will be described hereinafter. The following embodiments are mere examples, and the specific description does not intend to restrict the present invention.

Fig. 1 is a circuit diagram of a switchgear to be described
25 according to the respective embodiments. Fig. 1 only

represents one of three phases, and each of the other two phases may be expressed by the same circuit diagram.

A switchgear 1 includes switch units 1a, 1b, a solid insulated conductor 3, and a cable 14 in a metal housing 5.

5 The switch units 1a, 1b are connected by the solid insulated conductor 3 at a load side to which power is supplied via the cable.

The switch units 1a, 1b are provided with vacuum closing/interrupting switches 6a, 6b for switching at
10 contacts in vacuum vessels under vacuum insulated condition, three-position aerial disconnection switches 7a, 7b which are connected to bus sides of the vacuum closing/ interrupting switches 6a, 6b for disconnection/grounding under aerial insulated conditions, voltage detectors 8 which are provided
15 at cable sides and measure amounts of power supplied to the load side, bus connection bushings 9 in three phases connected to the bus side for power supply to the vacuum closing/ interrupting switches 6a, 6b, and cable connection bushings
20 10 in three phases connected to the cable side. The vacuum closing/ interrupting switches 6a, 6b, the three-position aerial disconnection switches 7a, 7b, the voltage detectors 8, the bus connection bushings 9 and the cable connection bushings 10 are integrally molded through an epoxy resin 11, respectively so that mold switches 1aa, 1ba are formed. The
25 switch units 1a, 1b are connected to the solid insulated

conductor 3 at the load side via conductor connection portions 15.

The switch units 1a, 1b further have operation units 12a, 12b for driving the vacuum closing/ interrupting switches 6a, 6b and the three-position aerial disconnection switches 7a, 7b, and control units for the operation units, which are arranged therein, respectively.

The solid insulated conductor 3 is connected to the switch units 1a, 1b via the respective cable connection bushings 10 which protrude from the switch unit 1a.

The solid insulated conductor 3 is provided with a T-type cable connection portion 4 to which the cable connection bushings are rotatably attached, and the cable 14 connected to the T-type cable connection portion 4 for the purpose of supplying power to the load side.

The cable connection portion 4 is T-shaped, which can be connected to the solid insulated conductor 3 rotatably. Each of arrangements according to the embodiments 1 to 5 allows the cable to be pulled through both upper and lower lead-in without changing the layout in the board.

In the embodiment, the switchgear of multi-bus type is formed by providing a plurality of compatible switch units each configured as described above. This makes it possible to alleviate the burden to the manager by eliminating the need of changing the switch unit to be replaced depending on the

failure position.

The switchgear is required to block the accident current, and ground the load side in response to sharp voltage fluctuation at the load side for the purpose of stopping the spread of the
5 accident. As described above, the single switch unit is provided with both the interrupter and ground functions. A plurality of compatible switch units may only be provided without requiring the switch units of different types.

The single switch unit may be configured to have the
10 disconnection function, thus improving reliability with respect to surge voltage.

In the embodiment, the switchgear of double bus type will be specifically explained for simplicity because of the highest likelihood of application among those of multi-bus type while
15 omitting the detailed description. However, it is possible to apply the switchgear structure of bus type with three or more bus portions.

Each of the following embodiments realizes the circuit structure as described above to provide the aforementioned
20 effects. Furthermore, arrangement of the switch units for improving convenience of the user in accordance with the usage of the switchgear will be described.

[Embodiment 1]

The first embodiment will be described referring to Fig.
25 2. The switchgear 1 of vacuum insulation type according to

the embodiment includes two switch units 1a, 1b, two bus portions 2a, 2b, the solid insulated conductor 3 for connecting those two switch units 1a, 1b, the cable connection portion 4, and the housing 5 which stores the respective units as described above. The switch units 1a, 1b are vertically arranged in two upper and lower stack stages in parallel at the same side so that the bus portions 2a, 2b are directed to a back surface of the switchgear. The solid insulated conductor 3 is provided between the two switch units 1a and 1b. The cable connection portion 4 is provided closer to the back surface than the solid insulated conductor 3 at the same back side as the bus portions 2a, 2b so that the conductor connection portions 15 of the two switch units face with each other.

In the embodiment, the bus portions 2a, 2b are provided at the back side, and the cable connection portion 4 is also provided at the back side as well. The bus portions 2a, 2b and the cable connection portion 4 which are expected to be connected upon installation on site may be intensively arranged on the back side of the board. This may improve the installation workability on site.

In the embodiment, two switches (three-position aerial disconnection switch and vacuum closing/ interrupting switch) are provided in parallel to form a switch unit which is long in its axial direction (longitudinal direction) and short in the direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

Assuming that the switch unit is formed into a rectangular parallelepiped which is long in one direction and short in the other direction, a plurality of such switch units are arranged along the short side of the rectangular parallelepiped. As
5 a result, the housing that stores the plurality of switch units and the switchgear may be shaped approximately to the cube, thus reducing the volume. In this way, the plurality of switches are arranged in the stack along the short side (direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction), ensuring to
10 provide the compact vacuum insulated switchgear.

[Embodiment 2]

The second embodiment will be described referring to Fig. 3. The embodiment has a different arrangement of the switch units from that of the embodiment 1. However, the same switch
15 units as those used in the embodiment 1 are employed, and accordingly, the redundant explanation of the switch unit will be omitted.

In this embodiment, the switch units 1a, 1b are arranged in two upper and lower stack stages in the longitudinal direction
20 of the switch units 1a, 1b so that the respective bus connection portions are positioned at the respective tops. The solid insulated conductor 3 is provided between the two switch units 1a, 1b, and the respective conductor connection portions 15 are arranged at the back side of the solid insulated conductor
25 3. The respective conductor connection portions 15 are

arranged in parallel in a plane, and directed to the same side. The conductor connection portions 15 are connected with each another by conductors perpendicular thereto.

In the embodiment, the switchgears are longitudinally
5 arranged in the vertical stack, which may increase the height direction of the board, but may minimize its depth. This makes it possible to provide the vacuum insulated switchgear suitable for installation in the electric chamber with small installation area.

10 The respective conductor connection portions 15 are arranged in parallel in the plane, and directed to the same side. They are connected with each another by the solid insulated conductor 3 perpendicular thereto, thus requiring no adapter for connecting the conductive connection portions
15 15. This makes it possible to reduce the number of components.

[Embodiment 3]

The third embodiment will be described referring to Fig. 4. The arrangement of the switch units is different from that of the embodiment 1 or 2. However, the same switch unit as
20 that of the embodiment 1 is employed, and accordingly, the explanation of the switch unit will be omitted.

The switch units 1a, 1b are provided at positions where the switch units 1a, 1b are displaced from the longitudinal direction and the direction perpendicular thereto so that the
25 respective bus connection portions of the switch units 1a, 1b

are positioned upward of the switchgear. The one at the lower stage side is positioned at the front side of the switchgear, and the one at the upper stage side is positioned at the back side of the switchgear. The solid insulated conductor 3 is provided between the aforementioned two switch units 1a, 1b, and the conductor connection portions 15 are arranged at the back side of the solid insulated conductor 3.

In the embodiment, a plurality of switch units 1a, 1b are arranged at the positions displaced from the longitudinal direction and the direction perpendicular thereto so that the space sufficient to allow access to the respective compartments in the switchgear can be secured in spite of increase in the entire dimension of the switchgear. This makes it possible to provide the vacuum insulated switchgear with excellent service and maintenance performance.

[Embodiment 4]

The fourth embodiment will be described referring to Fig. 5. In the embodiment, the arrangement of the switch units is different from that of the respective embodiments. However, the same switch unit as that of the embodiment 1 is employed, and accordingly the explanation of the switch unit will be omitted herein.

In the embodiment, the switch units 1a, 1b are adjacently arranged on the bottom surface of the switchgear on the same level at the front surface side and the back side of the switchgear

so that the respective bus connection portions and the conductor connection portions 15 face across the board center. The solid insulated conductor 3 is provided between the two switch units, and the cable connection portion 4 is arranged at the back side
5 of the solid insulated conductor 3.

In the embodiment, a plurality of switch units are adjacently arranged on the bottom surface of the switchgear so as to minimize the height of the board, and lower the gravity center of the switchgear. This makes it possible to provide
10 the vacuum insulated switchgear suitable for installation in the electric chamber with limited height and in the region required to have seismic capacity. A certain effect may be obtained in terms of seismic capacity by arranging the plurality of switch units at the lower portion, specifically, at the
15 position where the height center of the switch unit becomes half the height of the switchgear or less. The similar effect may be derived from the embodiments 5 and 6 as described below.

The cable connection portion is positioned at the back side of the board, which allows easy cable installation on site.

20 The respective bus connection portions and the conductor connection portions 15 are arranged to face across the board center, which may intensively arrange the bus portions for installation on site, thus contributing to improved workability.

25 [Embodiment 5]

The fifth embodiment will be described referring to Fig. 6. In the embodiment, the arrangement of the switch units is different from that of the respective embodiments as described above. However, the same switch unit as that of the embodiment 5 1 is employed, and accordingly, the explanation of the switch unit will be omitted herein.

In the embodiment, the switch units 1a, 1b are arranged at the front side and the back side of the switchgear, respectively so that the respective bus connection portions 10 and the conductor connection portions 15 face across the board center. The solid insulated conductor 3 is provided between the two switch units, and the cable connection portion 4 is provided above the solid insulated conductor 3. A plurality of switch units are adjacently provided at the lower portion 15 of the switchgear on the different level.

Likewise the embodiment 4, this embodiment allows the height of the board to be reduced, and the gravity center of the switchgear to be lowered. It is therefore possible to provide the vacuum insulated switchgear suitable for 20 installation in the electric chamber with limited height and in the area required to have seismic capacity.

Compared to the embodiment 4, the embodiment has the plurality of switch units adjacently arranged at the lower portion of the switchgear on the different level. Even if the 25 dimension in the width direction (lateral direction shown in

Fig. 6) is reduced for installation of the conductor connection portion 15, the conductor connection portion 15 of the other switch unit may cause no interference. This may reduce the depth of the switchgear, and accordingly, it is possible to provide the excellent vacuum insulated switchgear suitable for the place where it is difficult to have sufficient space for the electric chamber, which requires reduction in the installation area.

The respective bus connection portions and the conductor connection portions 15 are arranged to face across the board center, which may intensively arrange the positions of the bus portions for installation on site, thus contributing to the improved workability.

[Embodiment 6]

The sixth embodiment will be described referring to Figs. 7 to 9. Likewise the arrangement of the switch units according to the embodiment 4 as shown in Fig. 7, the switch units 1a, 1b are adjacently arranged on the bottom surface of the switchgear at its front and back sides, respectively so that the respective bus connection portions and the conductor connection portions 15 face across the board center.

The same switch unit as that of the embodiment 1 is employed herein, and accordingly, the explanation of the switch unit will be omitted.

In the embodiment, the conductor connection portions 15

are adjacently arranged. The solid insulated conductor 3 is not provided between the two switch units, and the conductor connection portions 15 and the cable connection adapter 16 are connected. The plurality of switch units are adjacently
5 arranged at the lower portion of the switchgear on the same level.

Referring to Fig. 8, the switch units 1a, 1b are arranged so that the cable connection portions are alternately (zigzag) positioned in the board depth direction.

10 Referring to Fig. 9, cable terminals connected to the switch units 1a, 1b are connected to the single cable via the cable connection adapter 16.

Likewise the embodiment 4, the embodiment has the switch units 1a, 1b adjacently arranged on the bottom surface of the
15 switchgear at its front side and the back side, respectively. This makes it possible to minimize the height of the board and lower the gravity center of the switchgear. It is therefore possible to provide the vacuum insulated switchgear suitable for installation in the electric chamber with limited height
20 and in the area required to have seismic capacity. A certain effect may be obtained in terms of seismic capacity by arranging a plurality of switch units at the lower portion, specifically at the position where the height center of the switch unit becomes half the height of the switchgear or less.

25 The switch units 1a, 1b are alternately (zigzag) arranged

to reduce the depth of the board, aiming at reduction in the installation area.

According to the embodiment, the conductor connection portions 15 are adjacently arranged so that the conductor connection portions 15 and the cable connection adapter 16 are connected, which then may be connected to the cable side without providing the solid insulated conductor 3 between the switch units. This may eliminate the solid insulated conductor 3 for connecting the switch units while being required in the other embodiments, thus aiming at reduction in the number of components. On the premise that the cable connection adapter 16 by itself is a component generally used for constructing the cable by the contractor, it is to be understood that it does not have to be newly manufactured by the switchgear maker. So the number of the components may be reduced, and the work for the cable connection may be easily done on site. Furthermore, the conductor connection portions 15 are adjacently arranged in the embodiment so as to connect the conductor connection portions 15 to the cable connection adapter 16, which ensures connection to the cable side. Arrangement of the switch units on the same level is not an indispensable condition as described herein. The arrangement of the switch units on the same level allows each of the conductive connection portions 15 to have the same structure (no need of length adjustment), thus improving productivity.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A switchgear comprising:

a plurality of compatible switch units provided in a housing, each of the switch units including one or more switches
5 and a bus connection bushing connected to a bus side and enabling switching between closing/interrupting/ground functions, wherein:

the plurality of switch units are electrically connected at a load side of the switch with each other.

10 2. The switchgear according to claim 1,

wherein each of the switch units further includes a disconnection function.

3. The switchgear according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein:

15 each of the switch units further includes a conductor connection portion connected to a load side cable;

the bus connection bushings provided in the each of the switch units respectively are arranged at substantially the same side;

20 a plurality of the conductor connection portions are arranged to face with each other; and

the bus connection bushings and the load side cable are further arranged at substantially the same side.

4. The switchgear according to claim 3,

25 wherein the plurality of switch units are arranged in

the stack in a direction substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the switch unit.

5. The switchgear according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein:

5 each of the switch units further includes a conductor connection portion connected to a load side cable; and

the plurality of switch units are stacked in a longitudinal direction of the switch unit.

6. The switchgear according to claim 5,

10 wherein a plurality of the conductor connection portions are arranged in parallel in a plane at substantially the same side, and are connected by a conductor substantially perpendicular to the plurality of conductor connection portions.

15 7. The switchgear according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein a plurality of the switch units are arranged at positions displaced from a longitudinal direction of the switch unit and a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

20 8. The switchgear according to claim 1 or 2,

wherein the plurality of switch units are adjacently arranged at a lower portion of the switchgear on substantially the same level.

9. The switchgear according to claim 8,

25 wherein each of the switch units includes a conductor

connection portion connected to a load side cable; and

a plurality of the conductor connection portions are arranged to face with each other.

10. The switchgear according to claim 1 or 2,

5 wherein the plurality of switch units are adjacently arranged at a lower portion of the switchgear on a different level.

11. The switchgear according to claim 10,

 . wherein each of the switch units includes a conductor
10 connection portion connected to a load side cable; and

a plurality of the conductor connection portions are arranged on the same side which the plurality of conductor connection portions faces.

12. The switchgear according to claim 3 to 6, 9 or 11,

15 wherein the plurality of conductor connection portions are adjacently arranged.