

Overload test of distribution box



Article Overview

Overload testing of a distribution box involves monitoring current and temperature under controlled load conditions to evaluate transformer performance and prevent insulation damage.

Overview of Overload Testing

Overload testing is performed to determine how a distribution transformer or box behaves when subjected to loads exceeding its rated capacity. The main goal is to assess the thermal and electrical limits, ensure insulation integrity, and predict the transformer's lifespan under abnormal conditions. Overloading can lead to excessive heating, insulation breakdown, reduced efficiency, and potential failure if not properly monitored .

Experimental Methods

- **Load Simulation:** Transformers are subjected to varying loads, often expressed as percentages of rated capacity (e.g., 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%). The top-oil temperature and winding temperature are measured to evaluate thermal stress .
- **Temperature Monitoring:** Temperature sensors are installed inside the transformer to track the rise in oil and insulation temperature. Overload is considered critical when the temperature exceeds permissible limits, indicating abnormal loss of life .
- **Duration Assessment:** Overload tests often include time-based evaluation, where the transformer is loaded above its rating for a specific duration (e.g., 24 hours) to observe thermal response and calculate overload duration limits .

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