

Transformer relay protection and gas protection



AI Overview

Gas protection in transformers uses a Buchholz relay to detect internal faults by monitoring gas accumulation and oil flow, providing early warning and tripping mechanisms to prevent catastrophic failures.

Overview of Gas Protection

Gas protection is a primary protection system for oil-immersed transformers, designed to detect internal faults such as overheating, arcing, or insulation degradation. Transformers contain windings immersed in insulating oil, which acts as both a coolant and an electrical insulator. When an internal fault occurs, the fault current generates an electric arc that decomposes the oil and insulation, producing gases like hydrogen, methane, and acetylene. These gases rise to the top of the transformer and are collected in the gas relay, triggering protective actions.

Buchholz Relay: Structure and Function

The Buchholz relay, also called a gas relay, is installed in the pipe connecting the transformer tank to the conservator. It operates in two main stages:

- Alarm Stage (Minor Fault Detection):** Slow-developing faults, such as localized overheating, cause gas to accumulate gradually. A float in the relay chamber descends as oil is displaced by gas, activating a reed switch that sends an alarm signal. This early warning allows operators to investigate and prevent escalation.
- Trip Stage (Major Fault Detection):** Rapid gas generation or sudden oil surges from severe faults (e.g., arcing or short circuits) move a vane or deflector in the relay, triggering a trip signal that disconnects the transformer from the network. This prevents catastrophic damage due to high pressure or fire risk.

Installation and Operation Principles

The transformer tank and conservator are designed with slight inclines (1-1.5% on the tank cover and 2-4% in the connecting pipe) to direct gas and oil flow toward the relay. The relay detects both gas accumulation and oil flow rate, ensuring...

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