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Customer Services for Transformers

SITRAM Multisense 9



Monitoring and Diagnostics

Introduction

In their average lifetime of 40 years, transformers endure various forms of stresses that can contribute to a multiplicity of failures (electrical, thermal, chemical or mechanical). Transformer failures may cause e.g. costly damages to primary and secondary equipment, outages, environmental cleanup charges and a loss of reputation.

DGA (Dissolved Gas Analysis) monitoring with *SITRAM Multisense 9* helps utilities to avoid transformer failures.

SITRAM Multisense 9 indicates deviations and imminent faults by analyzing the concentration of eight dissolved gases in transformer insulating oil (mineral and ester oil), and moisture. This helps to predict and prevent eight fault types:

- High temperature thermal faults, overheated oil by monitoring C_2H_4
- Partial discharge, thermal faults, power discharges, rust, galvanized parts, stainless steel, sunlight by Monitoring H_2
- Corona partial discharge, low & medium temperature thermal faults by monitoring CH_4
- Thermal fault involving cellulose, gradually from oil oxidation by monitoring CO

- Normal aging, thermal fault involving cellulose by monitoring CO_2
- Hot spot, low energy discharge, high energy discharge (arc) by monitoring C_2H_2
- Low & medium temperature thermal faults, local overheating by monitoring C_2H_6
- Exposure to atmosphere (air), leaky gasket (under vacuum), air breathing conservator, leaky bladder by monitoring O_2

Features

- Robust, NDIR measurement technology without moving parts or reference gas
- Easy installation directly at transformer - One man work
- Display and keypad enabling comprehensive configuration and setup without additional computer
- Easy to understand due to simple setup
- Compact, robust design (IP55)
- High accuracy enabling early diagnostics
- Optional: Various communication options, 13 digital outputs, 5 digital optocoupler outputs
- Optional: 10 analog outputs, 10 analog inputs
- Ambient humidity: 0-95%
- Monitoring functions:

- Voltage and current monitoring (via voltage and current transformers / transducer)
- Temperature monitoring: lower and upper oil temperature, ambient temperature (via additional temperature sensors)
- Cooling stage / tap changer position monitoring (e.g. via current transducer)
- Free configuration of analog inputs, free allocation to any additional sensor
- Calculation of hot-spot (acc. to IEC 60076), loss-of-life, ageing rate

Benefits

- Monitoring of all diagnostic gases inside the transformer oil, enabling recognition of all potential failure types
- Avoidance of major costs due to failures or outages
- Cost savings thanks to scheduled and efficient transformer maintenance
- Uses advanced software (the unit and via PC)
- Maintenance-free system

Scope of work

- Configuration and administration of each individual Multisense unit
- Data and configuration read-out of Multisense units
- Processing and visualization of data
- Read out (trend or table)
- Online functions (Status and process flow)
- Diagnostics functions (Duval triangle)
- Further processing of the data (Excel, CSV, clipboard and printing)
- Storage of the processed data and unit configuration

- Automatic data read-out and alerting by e-mail
- Standard electrical and mechanical connection kit, individual mechanical connection kit on request
- Installation flange (different ventilation sizes available)
- On-site training courses for operation and maintenance for our systems
- Optional: Turnkey installation and communications services.
- Optional: Expert analysis of monitoring data and customer support

	Range	*Accuracy
H2	0 - 10000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
C2H2	0 - 10000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
CO	0 - 10000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
CO2	0 - 20000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
CH4	0 - 5000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
C2H4	0 - 10000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
C2H6	0 - 10000 ppm	± 5% or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
O2	0 - 50000 ppm	± 10 % or ±LDL (whichever is greater)
H2O	0 - 100%	± 3 % or ±LDL (whichever is greater)

* Accuracy quoted is the accuracy of the detectors during calibration

Technical Details

Operation Principle

- Miniaturized gas sample production based on headspace principle
- No membrane, negative pressure proofed
- Patent-pending oil sampling system (EP 1 950 560 A1)
- Near-infrared gas sensor unit for CO₂, CO, C₂H₂, C₂H₆, CH₄ and C₂H₄
- Micro-electronic gas sensor for H₂
- Thin-film capacitive moisture sensor H₂O
- Temperature sensors (for oil and gas temperature)
- Optional nominal voltages of auxiliary supply: 120 V AC 50/60 Hz or 230 V AC 50/60 Hz or 120 V DC or 230 V DC

- Power consumption: max. 350 VA
- Housing: aluminum: W 263 x H 263 x D 327.5 mm
- Weight: approx. 15 kg
- Operating temperature (ambient): -55°C - +55°C (below -10°C display function locked)
- Oil temperature (inside transformer): -20°C - +90°C
- Storage temperature (ambient): -20°C - +65°C
- Oil pressure: up to 800 kpa (negative pressure allowed)
- Safety: CE certified, Isolation protection: IEC 61010-1:2010/IEC 61010-2-081, Degree of protection: IP-55

Fault gas measurement

SITRAM Multisense 9 is executed in two steps: gas extraction (headspace technique) and gas detection (non-dispersive infrared radiation method). It measures the concentration of dissolved gases in the oil.

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