

# Temperature Rise Test Of Distribution Transformers At Short Circuit Lab Certification Center

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**Abstract:** One of the electrical equipment in the distribution system that has a very important role is the transformer. To maintain the reliability and performance of a transformer, it requires maintenance or even repairs that refer to the condition of the transformer. To find out the condition of the transformer, it is necessary to have electrical testing with reference to the SPLN and IEC standards. With this test, it is hoped that it will be able to detect early damage or irregularities that occur in the transformer and as a reference in taking further action. One form of this electrical test is the temperature rise test, with standards set for the Top Oil temperature of 50 K and 55 K for the average winding temperature. Based on the results of the temperature rise test on the 250 kVA distribution transformer, the results showed that the transformer being tested was in a condition suitable for operation.

**Keywords:** Transformer, Electrical testing, Temperature, SPLN, IEC

## 1. Introduction

The rapid development of technology encourages the world of education to play a role in shaping the skills and skills of a person who is considered ready from a theoretical and practical perspective. To be able to support the knowledge that has been obtained while in the world of lectures, a student is needed to recognize the real picture and situation about the world of work.

Practical work is one of the compulsory courses at the Department of Electrical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Diponegoro University. The Electrical Engineering study program with a concentration in Electric Power Engineering will study various things related to electricity so as to support the learning process during lectures towards applicable learning in the field. Thus students can see directly and clearly the electrical system, so that students can directly observe the application of the theoretical knowledge obtained in the world of education.

Short Circuit Lab Certification Center is one of the platforms for students to explore their theoretical knowledge towards practical knowledge during field activities. Short Circuit Lab Certification Center is engaged in electricity certification and inspection.

Electrical energy has become a basic necessity for human life today. Electricity is needed for every level of society both for industrial activities, commercial activities, and daily life activities. Various equipment has been available to facilitate daily human activities, and in order to work properly, of course, the equipment requires an energy source. Primary energy available in nature cannot be used directly to operate the equipment, so energy conversion is needed first.

One of the components in electricity is the distribution transformer. Distribution transformers work by transforming

electrical energy from high voltage to low voltage so that it can be used for industrial activities, commercial activities, and daily life activities of the community. Therefore, distribution transformers have a very important role in the distribution of electrical energy. Therefore, maintenance is one of the most important things that must be considered in the operation of the power system, because with a good maintenance system, the equipment in the power system can operate properly, thus creating high reliability. To find out the condition of the transformer before maintenance, it is necessary to do electrical testing. Through electrical testing, it can be seen how the condition of an electrical equipment, feasibility in operation, and reliability in operation.

## 2. Test Method

### 2.1 Temperature Rise Test Procedure

The test procedure for temperature rise in a three-phase distribution transformer is as follows:

1. Before testing the temperature rise, first calculate the power supply that will be given to the distribution transformer. Data for making calculations is obtained from routine test measurements. To calculate the power supply according to SPLN D3.002-1: 2020, namely using the formula:

$$\text{Load (power)} = \sum \text{no load} + \sum \text{load losses (tap 7)}$$

Tap 7, because the current value is the largest.

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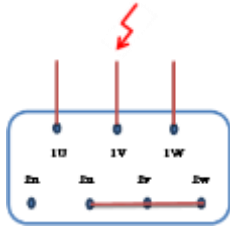
$$\text{Load (power)} = 292,83 \text{ Watt} + 2872,7 \text{ Watt} = 3165,53 \text{ Watt}$$

The following is routine test measurement data used as a reference for injecting power into a 20 kV, 250 kVA 50 Hz distribution transformer:

RATIO TEST								
HV SIDE	LV SIDE	TAP 1	TAP 2	TAP 3	TAP 4	TAP 5	TAP 7	
U <sub>1</sub> - V <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>2</sub>	30.92	30.01	30.54	30.46	32.28	30.17	30.02
V <sub>1</sub> - W <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>	30.94	30.76	30.63	30.47	32.24	30.15	30.01
W <sub>1</sub> - U <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>	30.94	30.78	30.57	30.47	32.27	30.15	30.01
HV WINDING RESISTANCE								
BSCT	U <sub>1</sub> - V <sub>1</sub>	8.36	8.97	8.60	8.28	8.89	8.48	8.90
	V <sub>1</sub> - W <sub>1</sub>	8.48	8.38	8.70	8.28	8.80	8.37	8.20
	W <sub>1</sub> - U <sub>1</sub>	8.51	8.37	8.60	8.28	8.80	8.48	8.19
	T <sub>1</sub>	34						
ASCT	U <sub>1</sub> - V <sub>1</sub>	25.88	AVG	25.9				25.80
	V <sub>1</sub> - W <sub>1</sub>							
	W <sub>1</sub> - U <sub>1</sub>							
	T <sub>1</sub>	25.88	AVG	25.9				
LV WINDING RESISTANCE								
BSCT	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>2</sub>	4.48	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>	2.79	T <sub>2</sub>	26	AVG	25.5
	2 <sub>2</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>	4.48	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>	2.79	H <sub>2</sub>	25.88		
	2 <sub>3</sub> - 2 <sub>1</sub>	4.48	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>	2.79				
ASCT	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>2</sub>	11.1	2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>		T <sub>2</sub>	26	AVG	25.9
	2 <sub>2</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>		2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>		H <sub>2</sub>	25.88		
	2 <sub>3</sub> - 2 <sub>1</sub>		2 <sub>1</sub> - 2 <sub>3</sub>					
NO-LOAD LOSS								
BSCT	V-MEAN	V-RMS	I <sub>0</sub>	P <sub>0</sub>	cos Φ <sub>0</sub>	P <sub>0</sub>	I <sub>0</sub>	
R	231.82	0.8899	36.36					
S	225.08	1.009	31.41					
T	232.81	1.025	34.89					
ASCT	230.94	23.25	0.301	252.25	0.43	252.83	0.27	
R	231.89		0.8940	35.91				
S	225.04		1.0064	30.42				
T	230.94		1.0467	30.22				
Σ	230.94	231.21	0.9792	252.64	0.401	252.27	0.27	
LOAD LOSSES & VOLTAGE IMPEDANCE								
BSCT	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>2</sub>	CURRENT	VOLTAGE	POWER	cos Φ	P <sub>0</sub>	
TAP MIN - R	35.24	26.11	4.970	54.90	165.90	0.845	1391.1	
S	AVG	26.2	6.800	503.03	741.90	0.824	1073.5	
T			8.890	554.89	788.00	0.75	1118	
Σ			4.970	504.44	2276.00	0.789	2676.3	
TAP MAX - R	35.24	26.11	7.180	486.30	312.23	0.7875	744.1	
S	AVG	26.2	7.260	470.11	769.81	0.8470	1073.5	
T			7.230	486.30	807.50	0.73	1117	
Σ			7.179	484.25	2324.00	0.8222	2742.9	
TAP MAX - R	35.24	26.11	0.000	436.31	882.80	0.7529	1069.0	
S	AVG	26.2	8.010	428.98	882.71	0.7529	1073.5	
T			8.0470	436.31	954.71	0.72	1117	
Σ			8.020	434.29	2463.21	0.7284	2872.7	

Gambar 2.1 Routine test data

- Assembling the transformer for supply, here is the circuit for transformer supply:



Gambar 2.2 Circuit for transformer supply

- After the transformer is assembled correctly, the transformer is then fully loaded with a power supply of 3165.53 W until saturated.
- Temperature data was recorded along with power and current at every 30 minutes using a thermocouple and powermeter, until it reached saturation point.

Gambar 2.3 Oil and chamber temperature rise data

- Measure the pressure in the first minute the transformer is supplied with 100% power.
- After the saturation point, reduce the current to the nominal current of tap 7, which is 8.02 A.
- Reduce 3-phase transformer for 1 hour.

After the transformer has been reduced for 1 hour, measure the primary resistance (1U-1V) tap 7 and secondary resistance (2U-2V). The following is the measurement data of primary resistance (1U-1V) tap 7 and secondary resistance (2U-2V).

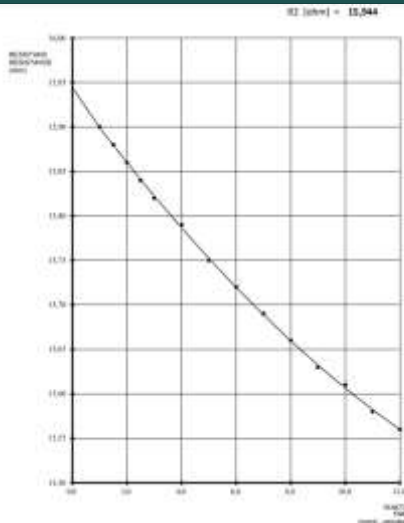
Gambar 2.4 Primary and secondary winding resistance data

- After getting all the data then do the overall calculation.

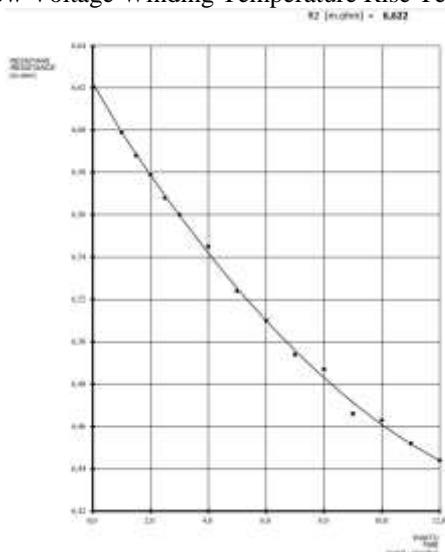
### 3. Temperature Rise Testing Results

#### 3.1 Total Loss Injection





**Gambar 3.1** Temperature rise graph of high voltage winding (primary)  
 b. Low Voltage Winding Temperature Rise Test



**Gambar 3.2** Temperature rise graph of low voltage winding (secondary)

#### 4. Conclusion

1. Short Circuit Lab Certification Center makes a huge contribution to PLN in particular and electricity consumers in particular by guaranteeing good quality electrical equipment after going through the testing stages according to applicable standards (SPLN, IEC), for the smooth and continuous distribution of electrical energy distribution.
2. In a three-phase distribution transformer, the measurement of the temperature rise value is carried out by attaching a thermocouple to 3 places, namely the thermometer / top oil bag, upper radiator, and lower radiator.
3. The test results of the distribution transformer temperature increase can be said to be good if the top oil temperature does not exceed 50 K and the

primary and secondary winding temperatures do not exceed 55 K.

4. By observing the experimental results, the primary winding temperature value of 42.6 K and the secondary winding of 40.8 K both do not exceed 55 K, as well as the top oil temperature value of 36.5 K which also does not exceed 50 K, the tested transformer can be declared to meet the applicable standards, namely SPLN D3.002-1: 2020.
5. In the temperature rise test, the room temperature and the temperature in the radiator are very important to determine the final temperature in the distribution transformer.

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