Eskom Power Series

Volume 5

Theory, Design, Maintenance and Life Management of Power Transformers

Who should read this book?

This book is intended to be of use to anyone with responsibilities in the transmission and distribution of electric power. It is a valuable reference for technical specialists, system operators, maintenance staff and managers.
What does this book cover?

Theory, Design, Maintenance and Life Management of Power Transformers (Volume 5 in the Eskom Power Series) is a record of the understanding, gained over years of experience, of power transformers as they are used in the power supply industry. In its compilation, the various specialist authors have striven to blend knowledge and experience in a legible and easily understandable manner. The book opens with a chapter on the impact that market forces have on the operation and maintenance of transformers. It goes on to address fundamental transformer principles, specification, design and construction.

The important aspects of understanding how a transformer and its environment interact and the measures that must be taken to preserve both are explained. Insulation coordination and protection are thoroughly discussed. Every aspect of transformer management, starting with factory testing, through commissioning and condition monitoring to the extension of its life are comprehensively addressed. The final chapter has a specific focus on pole-mounted distribution transformers and their special needs.

While this book is based on experience in Eskom, it has attempted to extract and encapsulate general principles relevant to the utility. Specific Eskom practices have been used as examples to illustrate these principles. Each chapter is largely stand-alone and can be used without having to read the rest of the book. Where necessary, cross-references have been made to relevant material elsewhere in the book.

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