Temperature of Low-voltage Distribution Box

Overview

The main causes of electronic device malfunctions are 55% from ambient temperature and 25% from dust and humidity.

Key Takeaways

The internal temperature of a low-voltage distribution box typically should not exceed 50–55°C, depending on ambient conditions and ventilation. Standard Operating RangeLow-voltage distribution boxes are generally designed to operate safely within an ambient temperature range of -10°C to 45°C. Exceeding this range can reduce insulation strength, increase resistivity of metal parts, and accelerate aging of components, potentially compromising safety and reliability.

Maximum Internal Temperature

As a guideline, the internal temperature rise above ambient should be limited to 25–30 K. For example, if the ambient temperature is 25°C, the internal temperature may reach 50–55°C. In hotter environments, such as 40°C ambient, the internal temperature rise is typically limited to 10–15 K, keeping the internal temperature below 55°C.

This ensures that all devices, including circuit breakers, contactors, and busbars, operate within safe thermal limits.

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Factors Affecting Temperature

Several factors influence the temperature inside a low-voltage distribution box: Heat generated by copper busbars and cabling due to current flow. Heat from devices such as circuit breakers, fuses, and contactors. Eddy currents and magnetic losses in metallic components.

Ambient temperature and ventilation efficiency. Compactness and insulation materials of the enclosure, which can limit natural heat dissipation.

Thermal Management

To maintain safe temperatures, distribution boxes may use: Natural ventilation via louvres or mesh screens. Forced ventilation in high-load or compact installations. Proper spacing and sizing of conductors to reduce heat buildup.

Monitoring and maintenance to detect loose connections or overloaded circuits that can cause localized overheating.

Conclusion

For safe operation, a low-voltage distribution box should maintain an internal temperature below 55°C, with careful consideration of ambient conditions, load, and ventilation. Regular inspection and adherence to standards like IEC 61439 help ensure thermal safety and prolong the lifespan of the equipment.

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A controlled arc-flash, produced in a flashtube. Even though the energy level used is fairly low (85 joules), the low-impedance, low-inductance circuit produces a flash

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