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What is SF6 circuit breaker?

In this article, we will study about SF6 Circuit Breaker and its functioning in detail. Sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) circuit breaker is a type of high-voltage electrical switchgear device. It is used for protecting electrical power systems from short circuits and overload conditions.

What is double pressure SF6 circuit breaker?

In Double pressure SF6 circuit breakers the gas is stored at two different pressure levels: high pressure (around 20 bar) and low pressure (around 3-4 bar). This design provides better control over the release of SF6 gas during circuit breaker operation. The double pressure puffer type SF6 circuit breaker is more advanced design.

Why is SF6 a good arc breaker?

**Heavy Gas:** SF6 is heavier than air which helps in enclosing the arc during operation. **Chemical inertness:** SF6 is non flammable and chemically stable. **Arc Quenching:** SF6 effectively quenches electrical arcs that prevents further damage to the circuit. **Low Arc Energy:** It requires less energy to extinguish arcs which reduces wear and tear.

How SF6 gas is stored in a circuit breaker?

After the extinction of arc and interruption of current, the gas moves out from the gas outlets and with the suitable methods, the gas gets recombined and reconditioned for further use. In the SF6 circuit breaker the SF6 gas is stored at a high pressure around 20 BA in a pressure vessel.

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SF6 stands for sulfur hexafluoride, which is a colorless, odorless, non-toxic, and non-flammable gas that is used as an insulator and arc-extinguishing medium in the circuit breaker.

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