Quality of High-Voltage Power Distribution Cabinets in Sierra Leone



Overview

Abstract: Based on the analysis of the main types and characteristics of high and low voltage distribution cabinets in distribution rooms, this paper discusses the basic principles for selecting these cabinets.

Key Takeaways

High-voltage power distribution cabinets in Sierra Leone face significant challenges due to aging infrastructure, voltage instability, and limited maintenance, impacting overall power quality and reliability.

Current State of High-

Voltage Distribution

Sierra Leone's electricity distribution network is still recovering from historical disruptions, including the civil war (1991–2002) and the Ebola outbreak in 2014, which severely damaged infrastructure and limited access to reliable electricity. The national grid covers less than 13% of the population, with most electricity concentrated in Freetown, Kenema, Bo, and Makeni. High-voltage distribution cabinets, which are critical for stepping down and routing electricity safely, are part of this constrained network and are often exposed to extreme voltage variations, load discharges, and frequent outages.



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Technical Challenges

The quality of high-voltage cabinets is affected by several factors: Voltage Fluctuations: Power supply variations of over ±30% are common, stressing distribution equipment and reducing cabinet lifespan. Aging Infrastructure: Many cabinets and associated switchgear are outdated, with limited capacity to handle modern load demands or integrate renewable energy sources. Environmental Conditions: High humidity (84–93%) and heavy rainfall during the rainy season (May–October) accelerate corrosion and deterioration of cabinet components.

Limited Maintenance: Sparse technical personnel and insufficient monitoring systems reduce the effectiveness of preventive maintenance, increasing the risk of equipment failure.

Regulatory and Quality Standards

The Sierra Leone Grid Code outlines operational and maintenance standards for high-voltage transmission and distribution equipment, including cabinets. It defines responsibilities for the Transmission Network Operator and System Operator, emphasizing safe operation, connection protocols, and integration of renewable energy. However, practical implementation is limited by resource constraints and the current capacity of utilities like the Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority (EDSA),.

Mitigation Measures

To improve cabinet performance and power quality: Voltage Stabilizers: Devices such as those from Watford Control are used to regulate voltage, protecting sensitive equipment and reducing stress on high-voltage cabinets. Network Upgrades: Investment plans, including a $3. 5 billion transmission and distribution improvement initiative, aim to modernize cabinets, switchgear, and lines to enhance reliability.

Preventive Maintenance Programs: Strengthening technical capacity and implementing systematic inspections can extend cabinet lifespan and reduce outages. ConclusionHigh-voltage power distribution cabinets in Sierra Leone currently operate under challenging conditions, with poor voltage stability, aging equipment, and limited maintenance affecting their quality and reliability. While regulatory frameworks and investment plans provide a roadmap for improvement, practical performance remains constrained by infrastructure limitations and environmental factors.

Adoption of voltage stabilization technologies and systematic upgrades are essential to enhance cabinet quality and overall power distribution reliability.

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