





Highly efficient deaeration and drying of power transformer oils





Continuous de-gasing of transformers

The ageing speed of the cellulose isolation material is what determines the length of the life of a transformer.

The ageing speed is affected by three main factors:

- The presence of oxygen. Ageing is caused by the oxidation process and thus depending on the accessability of oxygen.
 Oxygen is introduced into the transformer through the venting pipe of the expansion reservoir.
- 2. The presence of water. Water is one of the end products of cellulose and oil ageing processes and is generated in vast quantities inside transformers. Over 99% of dissolved water in a transformer is bound in the cellulose which, incidently, is where it harms it the most.
- 3. The presence of acids. Acids are formed one certain steps of the chain of reactions in the oxidation process of the oil, leading to the end-products CO² and water. As the oil is "surrounding" the cellulose it is inevitable that the cellulose is effected by the acids formed in the oil.

De-gasing has a positive effect on two of the above factors.

Function

The CJCTM Vacuum Filtration Unit (de-gasing unit) consists of a vacuum chamber and a filtration insert. A vacuum pump maintains the pressure in the chamber at the lowest possible level. At such low pressure even water turns into a gas and the gas content of the oil is radically reduced during its stay in the vacuum chamber.

When the oil is pumped back into the transformer it is absolutely dry. The water content is very close to 0 ppm. The water content of the oil is in equilibrium with the water content of the cellulose. Consequently, when the oil is dried, water will transfer from the cellulose to the oil in order to maintain the equilibrium.

The water starts to travel through the cellulose via the oil bordering surface into the oil phase. The travelling speed of the water in the cellulose can only be influenced by one factor: the temperature. That is why all de-gasing (de-hydration) should be performed while the transformer is in operation. The speed of dehydration is affected by the travelling speed of the water through the cellulose - hence, the dehydration must be allowed ample time. The longer time a dehydration process is allowed, the better the result, which is why continuous de-gasing is very advantageous.

When the acid contents are reduced the ageing speed of the cellulose and of the oil is reduced accordingly. As an immediate consequence the generation of water is minimized which, in turn, reduces the water content of the cellulose.



De-gasing removes previously generated water from the cellulose, leading to a further increase of the remaining life length.

De-gasing also increases the chargeability of the transformer, enabling higher power outputs of no (negative) consequence to the service life length.

Gas Analyses

Modern techniques enable new diagnostic methods where gas analyses are performed on the gases *withdrawn* from the oil. When the de-gasing has been going on sufficiently long, the withdrawn gasses represents the processes that have taken place in the transformer within a relatively short period of time. Hence, a more exact information about the condition of the transformer is achieved.

If the gas formation increases drastically a gas-flow-detector can initiate an alarm condition and shut down the transformer. This new type of protective device will have a considerably quicker response than the traditional Bucholz relay, constituting an increased safety level for the owner.

Conclusion

In short, the continuous de-gasing with a CJCTM Vacuum Filtration Unit enables an extension of the length of remaining service life of a transformer by a factor 2 to 10 (depending on the operating conditions of the transformer).

The continuous de-gasing also enables more exact diagnostics of the transformer condition and also a possibility of improved alarm functions.

The CJCTM Unit

By PLC controlling the operation of the CJCTM Vacuum Filter Unit a very high degree of efficiency is achieved. The vacuum system and the oil discharge circuit are constantly interacting to assure maximum vacuum effect. In order to ensure that solid particles are retained from the fluid, a CJCTM Fine Filter Insert is built into the vaccum unit.

The whole unit is designed to require an absolute minmum of maintenance and surveillance. It can be left virtually unattended for months, cleansing, for example the oil on remotely situated transformer units.

The *capacity* of the unit is 200 litres of oil per hour and tests indicate that it will maintain water contents in transformer oils at levels below 10 ppm.

The below are test results from a transformer unit at the Copenhagen Light and Power Company.

The "water content oil" samples were taken at the bottom of the transformer, whereas the "water after vacuum" samples were drawn at a sampling point at the outlet of the CJCTM Unit.

The "water content paper" are theoretical values based on an equation presuming a certain balance between water content in the oil and in the paper (isolating material). As long as the vacuum treatment is ongoing this balance is partly disturbed, which is why the figures must not be considered absolute.

Date	Temp. bot- tom [C°]	Temp. top [C°]	Water content oil [ppm]	Water content paper [%]	Water after vacuum [ppm]
30.09.99	20	44	18	2,9	
25.10.99	35	53	21	2,6	
03.11.99	39	59	24	2,2	
12.11.99	33	54	17	2,2	12
22.11.99	30	50	16	2,7	
30.11.99	39	55	14	1,9	8
08.12.99	36	56	14	1,9	8
17.12.99	33	52	9	1,7	7
28.12.99	28	52	10	1,7	8
06.01.00	34	54	12	1,8	6
21.01.00	31	50	11		6
27.01.00	36	52	11		7
07.02.00	37	55	10		6
23.02.00	29	50	7		4
23.02.00*	29	50	6	1,5	3
15.12.01	12	18	4		3
08.01.01	27	48	4		4

Analysis by Copenhagen Light & Power

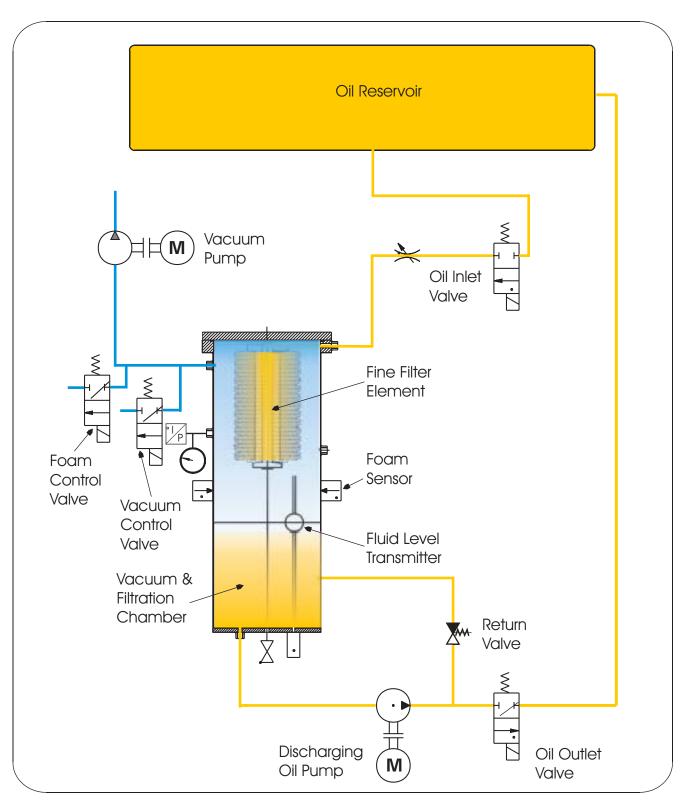
When looking at the figures above, it must also be considered that the vacuum unit was adjusted and operations tested during the testing period.

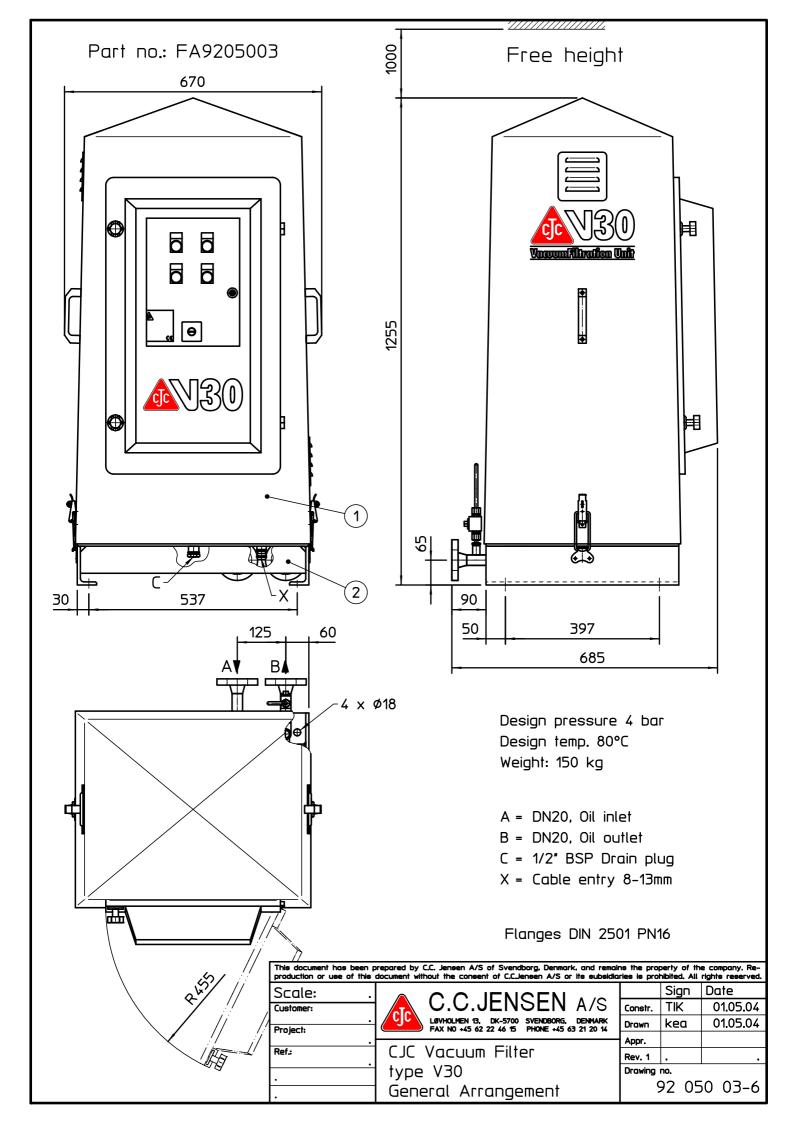
^{*)} After calibration of analysis equipment.



VacuumFiltration Unit

Flow & Working Principle







Skallböle T1

Provnr: 56588 Datum: 2001-03-06

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Tillverkningsnr:
Apparatlittera:
Tillverkare:
Leveransår:
Maskintyp:
Effekt:
Högspänning:
Lågspänning:
Oljevikt:
Totalvikt:
Kärnans vikt:
Lindningsvikt:
Kylsystem:
Expansionssystem:
Lindnings_alt_Lastkopplare:
Tillverkare_LK:
Typbeteckning:
Isolerolja: Transformator 15 130

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Oljeanalys Ankomstdatum Provtagningsdatum	56588 2001-02-28 2001-02-27	56425 2001-02-12 2001-02-09	56412 2001-02-05 2001-02-02	56394 2001-01-29 2001-01-25	55357 2000-06-14 2000-06-07	
Hydrogen H2:	<10	<10	14	1	65	ppm_vol@NTP
Oxygen O2:	580	1000	4750	16400	19600	ppm_vol@NTP
Nitrogen N2:	8700	9500	15000	62200	65700	ppm_vol@NTP
Metan CH4:	<1	1	1.3	4.3	6.3	ppm_vol@NTP
Kolmonoxid CO:	39	60	85	530	660	ppm_vol@NTP
Koldioxid CO2:	710	1325	>5300	8400	7320	ppm_vol@NTP
Eten C2H4:	2	6.9	8.6	11	9.7	ppm_vol@NTP
Etan C2H6:	2	3.1	3.7	3.8	6.2	ppm_vol@NTP
Etyn C2H2:	0.05	0.02	<0.01	0.5	0.02	ppm_vol@NTP
Karbonylsulfid COS:	2	6.1	3.3	1.2		ppm_vol@NTP
Brännbara gaser:	8.34	15.0	27.6	20.8	88.2	ppm_vol@NTP
CH4/H2:	0.20	0.25	0.093	4.3	0.095	
C2H6/CH4:	2.15	3.1	2.85	0.88	0.98	
C2H4/C2H6:	1.06	2.23	2.32	2.95	1.56	
C2H2/C2H4:	0.028	0.003	0.001	0.045	0.002	
CO2/CO:	18.2	22.1	62.4	15.9	11.1	
N2/O2:	14.9	9.23	3.16	3.79	3.35	
Jämviktstryck 0° C:	189	298	999		1980	mbar
Jämviktstryck 20° C:	178	270	868		1852	mbar
Jämviktstryck 50° C:	169	244	734		1733	mbar
Gashalt i olja (NTP):	1.01	1.20	2.52	8.75	9.34	%vol@NTP
Avgasning påbörjad:	01-01-25			01-01-25		datum
Avgasning avslutad:	ber 02-01-31			ber 02-01-31		datum

Analyskommentarer:

Minskande gashalter.

BRT Trf1 70108

Provnr: 56625 Datum: 2001-03-13

Tillverkningsnr: Apparatlittera: Tillverkare:

Tillverkare:
Leveransår:
Maskintyp:
Effekt:
Högspänning:
Lågspänning:
Tillverkningsnummer_LK:
Oljevikt:
Totalvikt:
Kärnans vikt:
Lindningsvikt:
Kylsystem:
Expansionssystem:
Lindnings_alt_Lastkopplare:
Tillverkare_LK:
Typbeteckning:
Isolerolja:

70108 BRT Trf1 BRUSH 1968 Transformator 20 30 10

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Hydrogen H2:	<10	<10	15	20	30	ppm_vol@NTP
Oxygen O2:	1150	720	17000	19200	14300	ppm_vol@NTP
Nitrogen N2:	5550	5300	47100	48400	44400	ppm_vol@NTP
Metan CH4:	0.4	0.8	12	3.5	1.7	ppm_vol@NTP
Kolmonoxid CO:	15	18	125	130	110	ppm_vol@NTP
Koldioxid CO2:	325	375	4180	4290	4500	ppm_vol@NTP
Eten C2H4:	0.5	0.7	8.5	7.7	8	ppm_vol@NTP
Etan C2H6:	<0.1	<0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	ppm_vol@NTP
Etyn C2H2:	0.4	0.6	7.9	7.3	4.9	ppm_vol@NTP
Karbonylsulfid COS:	3.1	1.3	7.6	5.4	16	ppm_vol@NTP
Brännbara gaser:	9.4	8.2	45.8	40.9	43	ppm_vol@NTP
CH4/H2:	0.05	0.13	0.71	0.16	0.061	
C2H6/CH4:	0.23	0.1	0.033	0.12	0.25	
C2H4/C2H6:	5.56	8.75	21.3	18.8	18.6	
C2H2/C2H4:	0.8	0.86	0.93	0.95	0.61	
CO2/CO:	21.7	20.9	33.4	33	41.2	
N2/O2:	4.84	7.45	2.77	2.53	3.11	
Jämviktstryck 0° C:	114	113		1370	1284	mbar
Jämviktstryck 20° C:	111	108		1309	1211	mbar
Jämviktstryck 50° C:	109	105		1256	1144	mbar
Gashalt i olja (NTP):	0.70	0.65	6.84	7.21	6.34	%vol@NTP
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Analyskommentarer:

Avgasaren fungerar på avsett vis. Vv ange antalet omsättningar samt antal kopplingar på viklingskopplaren.

Återföres avgasad olja till botten? Om så är fallet är provet ifrån botten i princip ett prov ifrån avgasaren.

Ett rättvisande prov skall tas på avgasarens ingångssida eller ifrån trafons kylkrets.