



How do you ensure the safety of your people and equipment?

**The Siemens Answer:** Medium Voltage Arc Fault Containment

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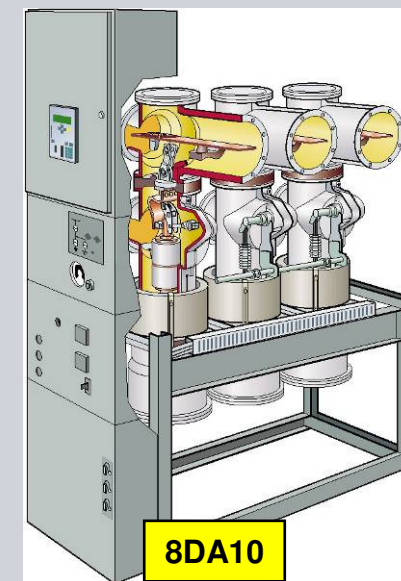
## Primary Distribution Air Insulated Switchgear

- Withdrawable Air Insulated Switchgear
- Type-tested to IEC 62271-200
- Front or rear cabling
- Proven vacuum interrupter technology



## Primary Distribution Gas Insulated Switchgear

- SF6 Gas-insulated switchgear (GIS)
- Type-tested switchgear according IEC 62 271-200
- Arc fault containment tested
- Fixed pattern
- Independent of climate (altitude, humidity & pollution)



## Secondary Distribution Switchgear

- Fully type-tested to IEC 62271-200
- Arc fault containment tested
- Hermetically-sealed Laser welded switch-gear enclosures
- MTBF >12,000 years
- Over 450,000 sold since 1982



## IEC / AS 62271 Series of Standards

| AS 62271 Series | High-voltage switchgear and controlgear   | Old AS Number   |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>1</b>        | <b>Common specifications</b>  | <b>*AS 2650</b> |
| 100*            | High-voltage alternating current circuit-breakers   | AS 2006         |
| 102*            | Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches   | AS 1306         |
| 103             | Switches for rated voltages above 1 kV and less than 52 kV  | *AS/NZS 60265.1 |
| 104             | Switches for rated voltages of 52 kV and above  | *AS 60265.2     |
| 106             | Alternating current contactors and contactor based motor-starters   | *AS 2024        |
| 110             | Inductive load switching  | *AS 4372        |
| <b>200*</b>     | <b>A.C. metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV</b>             | <b>AS 2086</b>  |
| 201             | A.C. insulation-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV up to and including 38 kV                   | *AS 2264        |
| 202             | High-voltage/low voltage prefabricated substations  | *AS 61330       |
| 203*            | Gas-insulated metal enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV  | AS 2263         |
| 301*            | Dimensional standardization of terminals  | AS 2395         |
| 303             | Use and handling of sulphur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) in high-voltage switchgear and controlgear                        | *AS 2791        |
| 304             | Additional requirements for enclosed switchgear and controlgear from 1 kV to 72,5 kV to be used in severe climatic conditions | *AS 4243        |

**IEC / AS 62271-200 - Aims & Implications****Aims**

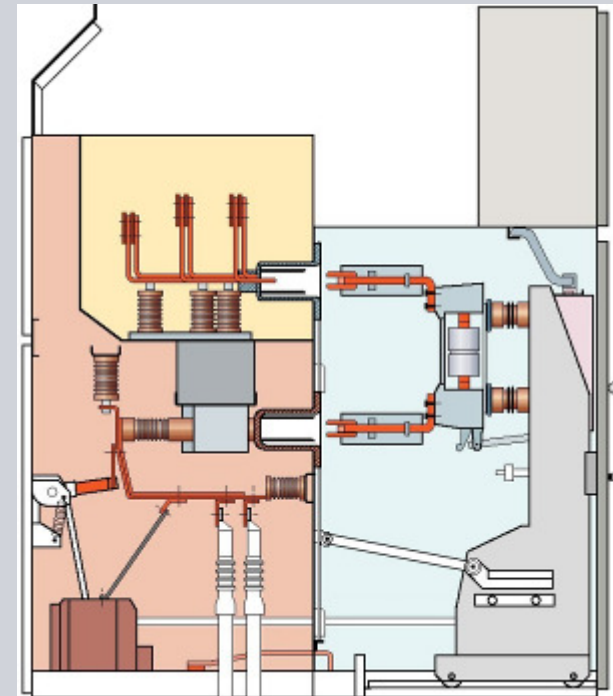
- Operational & functional reliability
- Remove ambiguity from performance criteria
- Ensure consistent approach

**Implications**

- Stricter type test requirements
- More onerous & clearly defined type test requirements
- New partition classes
- Accessibility clearly defined

## IEC / AS 62271-200 - Mandatory requirements

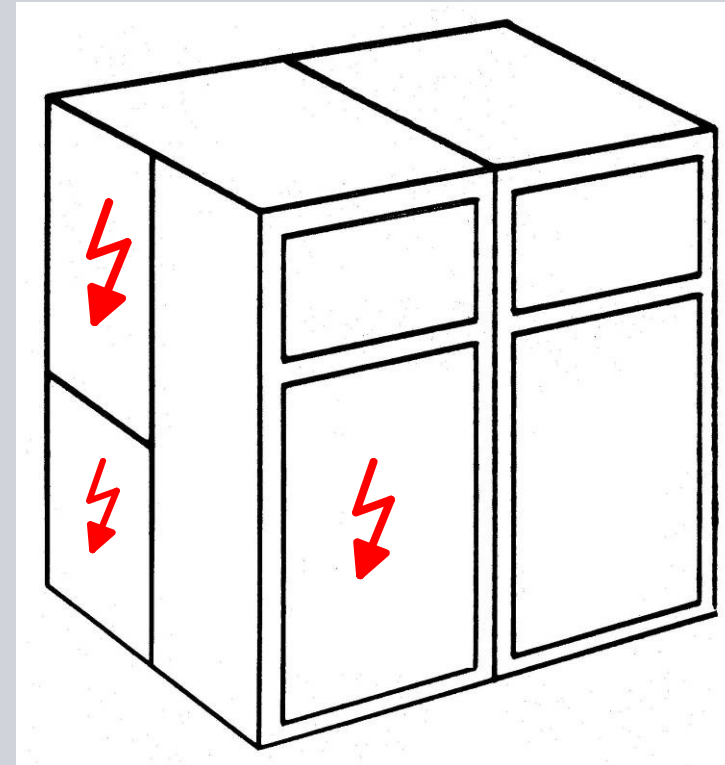
- Verification of insulation level
- Temperature rise
- Withstand capability of main and earthing ccts
- Making & breaking capacity of CB's
- Making & through fault capacity of earth switches
- Satisfactory operation of switching devices
- Protection of persons & equipment



## IEC / AS 62271-200 - Internal Arc Fault

### Optional Requirement

- 5 criteria mandatory to pass
- Tests in bus, CB & cable chamber
- Declaration of results mandatory
- 1 sec, 0.5 sec, 0.1 sec duration





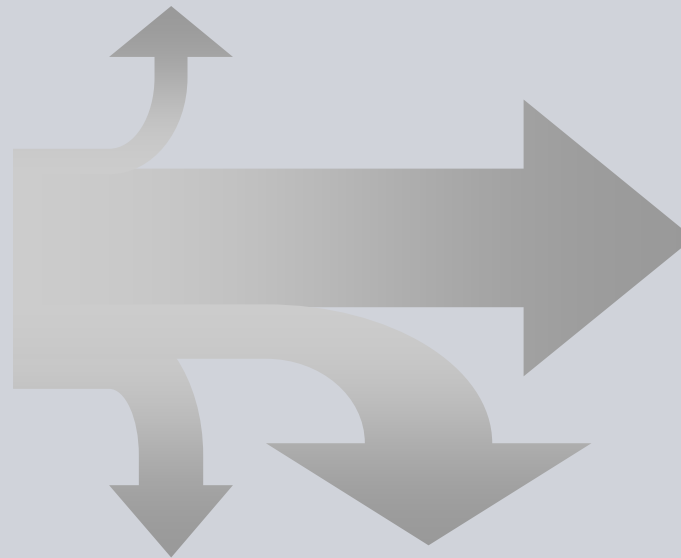
# Physical Effects of an Internal Fault

## Energy balance



Electric arc,  
plasma beam with a  
temperature of about 20,000  
°C

Radiation




Temperature  
rise  
and pressure  
rise

Thermal conduction, Evaporation  
melting

## Acceptance criteria

1) Covers and doors do not open,

 limited deformations are accepted


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 **If switchgear mounted closer to the wall than tested:**

 **permanent deformations < distance to the wall**

 **hot gases are not directed to the wall**

2) No fragmentation of the enclosure,

 projection of small parts < 60 g accepted

3) No holes in the accessible sides up to a height of 2 m

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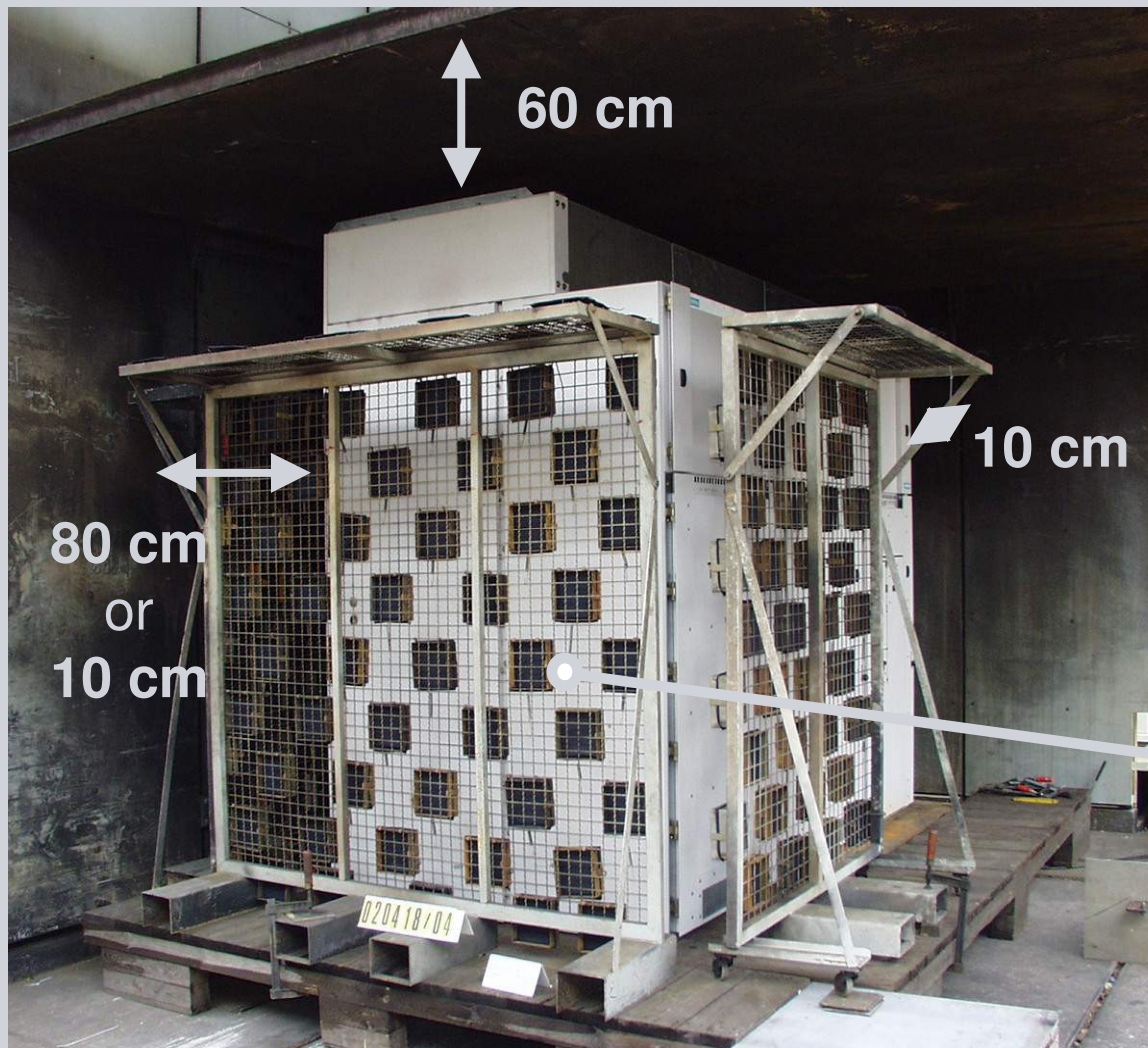
4) Indicators do not ignite due to hot gases

5) Connection of the enclosure to earth remains effective

## Causes of Internal Arcing Faults

- Ageing of insulating materials under electrical stress
- Corrosion
- Thermal overstressing
- Overvoltages
- Defective installation
- No maintenance or incorrect maintenance
- Maloperation / abuse
- Pollution - humidity, small animals penetrating in the switchgear

## Test arrangement (principle)



### Ceiling

Height  $\geq 2$  m  
if test specimen less  
than 1,5 m high

### Non accessible rear side

distance 10 cm or  
distance  $<$  deformation

### Indicators:

checkerboard pattern  
covering 40 – 50 %  
of the area



## Non-accessible rear side



**Installations mounted closer to the wall than tested (10 cm) require:**

- **the permanent deformation must be less than the distance to the wall**
- **exhausting gases are not directed to the wall**

## IEC 62271-200 Summary

- 7 mandatory requirements that switchgear must meet
- Clearly defined with no ambiguity in performance criteria
- Aims to ensure consistent approach

### Arc Fault Containment Testing

- **Remains an optional requirement**
- 5 criteria mandatory to pass
- Tests in bus, CB & cable chamber
- Declaration of results mandatory
- 1 sec, 0.5 sec, 0.1 sec duration

