

Transformer cooling

A transformer is a static electrical device that transfers energy by inductive coupling between its winding circuits. A varying current in the primary winding creates a varying magnetic fl ux in the transformer's ferromagnetic core and thus a varying magnetic fl ux through the secondary winding. This varying magnetic flux induces a varying electromotive force, or voltage, in the secondary winding.

Transformers range in size from thumbnail-sized units hidden in microphones to units weighing hundreds of tons used in the power grid. They are essential for the transmission, distribution, and utilization of electric power.

The transformer core and windings are insulated in transformer oil, a highly refi ned, low-viscosity mineral oil, which is stable at high temperatures. The purpose of this oil is to insulate and cool the transformer core and windings.

The oil is cooled either by natural convection or by forced air. The cooling abbreviations OFAF (Oil Forced Air Forced) in particular indicate a need for heat exchangers. By maintaining the oil at a low temperature, a higher electro load is allowed in the transformer on a constant basis or during periods of peak demand.

Alfa LU-VE offers a complete range of high-quality solutions for cooling transformer oil by forced air (OFAF). The offering includes:

• Air heat exchangers – AlfaBlue transformer oil coolers.

Transformer cooling with air

