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Introduction

Electricity reaches the customer through a distribution network that most people never think about until it fails. Transformers, feeders, switchgear, protection devices, and metering all have to work together, and a single miscoordinated relay or an overloaded feeder can black out a district. This Power Distribution Training Course gives electrical engineers, network planners, and operations staff a complete working method for that system. Participants learn distribution network design, load flow and voltage control, protection coordination, transformer and switchgear operation, and reliability and loss management.

Power Distribution Course Objectives

- Apply distribution network topologies: radial, ring, and meshed arrangements.
- Perform load flow analysis and voltage drop calculations.
- Select conductors, transformers, and switchgear for network duty.
- Apply protection coordination and relay setting practice.
- Manage earthing, insulation coordination, and safety clearance rules.
- Operate distribution substations and switching safely.
- Apply SCADA and distribution automation for network control.
- Calculate technical and non-technical losses and plan reduction.
- Apply reliability indices SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI to network performance.
- Apply IEC and IEEE standards to distribution design and testing.

Course Methodology

- Facilitated sessions built on real network diagrams, load records, and fault reports.
- Case workshops on outages, protection maloperation, and overload events.
- Load flow, voltage drop, and protection setting calculation exercises.
- Switching, earthing, and safety procedure practice sessions.

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- Group exercise on a distribution network improvement plan with targets.

Who Should Take This Course

- Distribution and network planning engineers.
- Substation and field operations staff.
- Protection and control engineers.
- Maintenance engineers and supervisors.
- Asset and reliability analysts in utilities.
- Industrial and facility electrical engineers.

Power Distribution Course Outlines

Day 1: Distribution Network Fundamentals

- Distribution system structure: primary, secondary, and low voltage.
- Network topologies: radial, ring, and interconnected arrangements.
- Load characteristics, diversity, and demand estimation.
- Power quality basics: voltage, frequency, and harmonics.
- Standards framework: IEC and IEEE distribution standards.
- Network documentation, single-line diagrams, and records.
- Planning process and load growth projection.

Day 2: Design, Load Flow, and Voltage Control

- Conductor sizing, current carrying capacity, and short-circuit ratings.
- Transformer selection, sizing, and loading practice.
- Voltage drop calculation and permissible limits.

- Load flow analysis and network balancing.
- Power factor correction and capacitor placement.
- Distributed generation and reverse power flow effects.
- Network reconfiguration and reinforcement planning.

Day 3: Protection, Earthing, and Safety

- Fault types and fault current calculation basics.
- Overcurrent, earth fault, and distance protection principles.
- Protection coordination and relay setting practice.
- Fuses, reclosers, and sectionalising switches.
- Earthing systems and step and touch potential.
- Insulation coordination and surge protection.
- Safety rules, switching procedures, and permit systems.

Day 4: Substations, Automation, and Operations

- Substation layout, busbar arrangements, and switchgear types.
- Switching operations and isolation practice.
- SCADA architecture and remote control functions.
- Distribution automation and self-healing schemes.
- Fault location, restoration, and outage management.
- Condition monitoring for transformers and switchgear.
- Maintenance planning and asset replacement decisions.

Day 5: Losses, Reliability, and Performance

- Technical losses: calculation and reduction measures.

- Non-technical losses: metering, theft, and billing controls.
- Reliability indices: SAIDI, SAIFI, and CAIDI application.
- Outage data collection and analysis.
- Power quality investigation and mitigation.
- KPIs and reporting for distribution performance.
- Building a distribution network improvement roadmap.

Conclusion

By successfully completing the Power Distribution Training Course, participants will have acquired a thorough working knowledge of distribution network design, load flow and voltage control, protection coordination and earthing practice, substation and switching operations, distribution automation, loss management, and reliability measurement. They will leave able to design and operate distribution networks with correct ratings and settings, reduce outages and losses with evidence, and report network performance to management and regulators. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with utility and industrial electrical practitioners working on live networks.

FAQs for the Power Distribution course

Q1 What is the "Power Distribution" course about?

It is a five-day programme on designing, operating, and maintaining electricity distribution networks. It covers network topologies, load flow and voltage control, protection and earthing, substation and switching operations, distribution automation, losses, and reliability performance.

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Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Power Distribution" course?

Participants select equipment with correct ratings and settings instead of relying on habit, coordinate protection so a fault trips the right device, and cut outages and losses with measured evidence. They also plan reinforcement and replacement investment on reliability and loss data.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Power Distribution" course?

You will gain distribution network design and load flow analysis, protection coordination and earthing practice, substation, switching, and distribution automation operations, and loss reduction, reliability measurement, and network performance management.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Power Distribution" course?

The course works with distribution system structure covering primary, secondary and low voltage networks, radial, ring and interconnected topology design, load diversity and demand estimation, power quality assessment for voltage, frequency and harmonics, IEC and IEEE distribution standards, single-line diagram and network documentation practice, conductor sizing and current carrying capacity, short-circuit rating assessment, transformer selection and loading practice, voltage drop calculation and permissible limits, load flow analysis and network balancing, power factor correction and capacitor placement, distributed generation and reverse power flow analysis, fault current calculation, overcurrent, earth fault and distance protection principles, protection coordination and relay setting, fuses, reclosers and sectionalising switches, earthing systems with step and touch potential assessment, insulation coordination and surge protection, switching procedures and permit systems, substation layout and busbar arrangements, SCADA architecture and remote control, distribution automation and self-healing schemes, fault location and outage management, condition monitoring for transformers and switchgear, technical and non-technical loss calculation, metering and theft control, reliability indices SAIDI, SAIFI and CAIDI, outage data analysis, and KPIs for distribution performance reporting.

Q5 How is the "Power Distribution" course applied in real-world practice?

Teams apply it when sizing a transformer for a new residential area, calculating voltage drop on a long feeder, setting relay coordination after a maloperation, planning a feeder reinforcement for load growth, investigating non-technical losses in a district, and reviewing SAIDI and SAIFI at a network performance review.