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# SF<sub>6</sub> Gas Handling



**DILO.** Sustainably tight.



DILO SF, gas handling

### Zero emissions and maximum gas re-use is our goal

For more than 40 years it has been our aim to meet customer requirements for first-class products and services for emission-free SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling – consistently and without any compromises.

Our ambitions, strategies and the courage to design innovative products have turned DILO into the world's leading brand in  $SF_{\epsilon}$  gas handling.

The path for the DILO brand in  $SF_6$  gas handling was laid out in 1967 when the complete piping system for installation of the first  $SF_6$  gas insulated switchgear was supplied by DILO.

A good feel for the enormous market potential made DILO invest in  $SF_6$  gas technology, launching the world's first  $SF_6$  service cart only a few years later. As a result, the product portfolio has successively been developed to the widest product range of emission-free gas handling equipment worldwide.

Thus we pursue three central aims: Environmental protection, low running costs and compliance with legal regulations.

In addition to innovative product solutions we also offer comprehensive and product combined services, generating considerable added value for our customers.

This is the reason why switchgear manufacturers and utility companies all over the world have been confident in DILO as a brand for decades.





#### Why SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling?

SF<sub>6</sub> is a non-toxic, inert insulating and quenching gas of high dielectric strength and thermal stability.

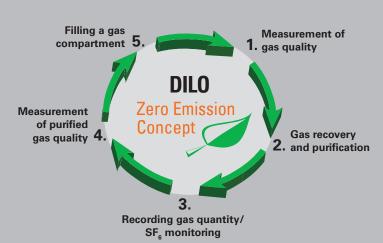
Due to its first-class properties it is used in enclosed medium and high voltage switchgear as an arc quenching and insulating gas.

As SF<sub>6</sub> is a major greenhouse gas with high global warming potential listed in the Kyoto protocol it is among the six gases being subject to monitoring.

 $\mathrm{SF}_{\scriptscriptstyle{6}}$  has to be used in closed systems in order to avoid emissions.

Our philosophy is based on "Zero Emission" and "Maximum Gas Re-use" in a fully integrated cycle.

For this purpose, high-tech devices and equipment with the best efficiency are available.



#### Thus, you benefit from:

- Emission-free SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling
- Use of only oilfree and gas tight compressors
- Highest economic efficiency and reliability
- Specialists with 40 years experience
- Wide range of products from small devices to large equipment
- Individual solutions for customer specific requirements
- Comprehensive technical services
- Training and certification for the authorisation to recover SF<sub>6</sub> gas.

### **DILO Service Carts**

"We are convinced by DILO's high technical standard and individual solution competence."

Markus Schraudolph, ABB Schweiz AG



**DILO SF**<sub>6</sub> service carts

# Simplified maintenance of SF<sub>6</sub> switchgear

Nowadays, most emissions are generated by inadequate SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling. But that can be avoided, since DILO offers emission-free and safe solutions for each individual process step.

We continually combine the leading technology of our service carts developed with many years of experience with the latest customer or market requirements.

No matter whether maintenance works are carried out on medium voltage switchgear, high voltage switchgear or on gas-insulated lines, our service carts allow very easy, safe and economic maintenance.

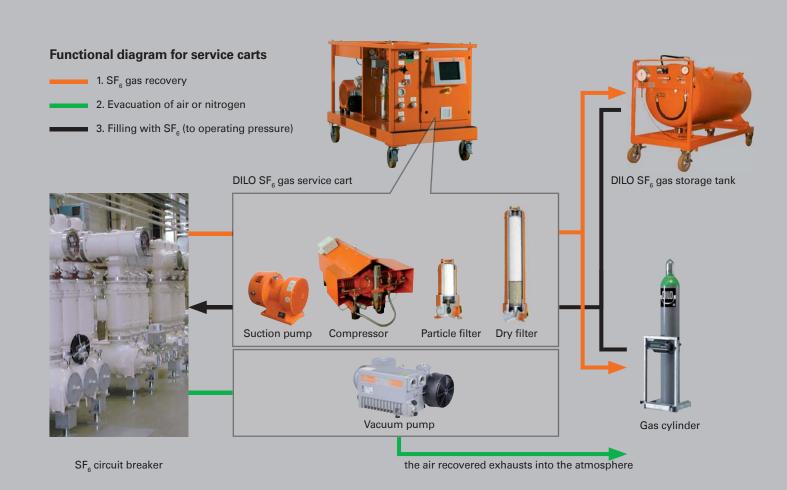
DILO's product range is divided into different series with various performance parameters which are designed to meet the varying requirements in  $SF_6$  gas handling.

Our specialists would be pleased to assist you with the selection of the right equipment for your application.

No matter whether you are interested in small devices or large equipment: DILO products will always give you the best technology, emission-free SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling and utmost economic efficiency.







### **DILO Service Carts**







# SF<sub>6</sub> gas refilling and evacuating devices

Evacuation of air and filling of gas compartments from SF<sub>s</sub> gas cylinders by overpressure

For evacuating and filling DILO offers a wide range of gas refilling devices, evacuating devices and mobile vacuum pumps.

- Achievable final vacuum when evacuating air < 1 mbar
- Mobile and portable versions
- Electronic weighing scales 0–150 kg (option)
- Compact, mobile vacuum pumps for small compartments
- High-performance, mobile vacuum pumps for large switchgear compartments

### Mini-Serie

For efficient SF6 gas handling on small gas compartments

Perfectly suited for gas handling with small gas compartments and gas reclaiming to < 5 mbar.

The Mini Series includes two versions:

- Portable single components for liquid storage which can be assembled to complete units
- B143R11 small service cart as a compact and mobile unit for liquid storage of SF<sub>6</sub> gas













### Piccolo Series

Recommended for outdoor switchgear

# Simple and cost-efficient solution for large gas quantities

- SF<sub>6</sub> recovery, dependent on model, to < 5 mbar or < 1 mbar
- Liquid storage of SF<sub>6</sub> gas

"New Generation" type L030 in the Piccolo Series: This service cart has been developed for SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling on switchgear with reduced filling quantities.

- Compact unit which can be transported on a euro pallet
- SF<sub>6</sub> gas recovery to better than 5 mbar
- Liquid storage of SF<sub>6</sub> gas
- With integrated evaporator, digital weighing scales and 3.5" screen
- Operation via selector switches and start/stop key

# **Compact Series**

For easy maintenance of high voltage switchgear

#### Various compact versions with many options.

- SF<sub>6</sub> recovery to < 5 mbar
- Manual control with gas flow diagram
- Devices for gaseous and liquid storage
- Available with different tank sizes



### **DILO Service Carts**







# **Economy Series**

This series is universally applicable for all requirements

# Easily accessible components allow simple and user-friendly gas handling.

- Recovery of SF<sub>6</sub> gas down to < 1 mbar
- Liquid storage of SF<sub>6</sub> gas
- Suction pump instead of vacuum compressor
- Integrated digital weighing scales
- Automatic process control and operation via 10" touch screen or functional selectors
- 300 l or 600 l pressure tanks are available which can be trailer-mounted.

### Mega Series

SF<sub>6</sub> maintenance devices for large and extra large gas compartments

# Our Mega Series offers leading technology for SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling in different power ranges.

- Gas recovery down to < 1 mbar
- Liquid SF<sub>6</sub> storage
- Depending on type of device two- or three-stage compressor and suction or screw pump
- DN20 and DN40 connections
- Digital weighing scales
- Automatic process control and operation via 10" touch screen
- 300 I or 600 I pressure tanks are available which can be trailer-mounted.







# Special DILO Equipment



# Special equipment

Intelligent SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling in customer specific versions

Automated production process with permanent monitoring of the  $SF_6$  quality requires intelligent and innovative  $SF_6$  gas handling to achieve the highest economic efficiency and exemplary environmental protection.

We offer high-performance, customer-specific special equipment for GIS, GIL and GIT applications.

# $SF_{_{6}}$ leak testing units for quick and precise leak detection

- Integral leak measurement on GIS components within a few minutes
- Detection limit of leak system 1\*10<sup>-9</sup> l/s
- Different chamber sizes and configuration options

# SF<sub>6</sub> gas handling equipment with automatic process control for the production of SF<sub>6</sub> filled

**Additional customised solutions:** 

- plant and components
- High-performance plant for gas handling on accelerator units
- Complete product range for gas handling on gas-insulated lines (GIL)
- Separation plants for the preparation of SF<sub>6</sub> gas mixtures with separation efficiency of 99 %
- Cooling systems for SF<sub>6</sub> insulated transformers (GIT)
- High capacity storage vessels and pressure tanks for gaseous storage of SF<sub>6</sub> from 1,000 to 20,000 litres
- Construction of complete shop floor piping for GIS production





### **DILO** Accessories







### **Accessories**

A complete range of accessories for perfect SF<sub>c</sub> gas handling

Apart from service carts, measuring devices, valves and couplings DILO offers all accessories needed for all  $SF_6$  gas handling operations.

#### Pre-filter and separation filter unit

For safe absorption of moisture, gaseous and solid particle decomposition products during gas recovery in order to protect the service carts from contamination, portable and mobile versions.

#### SF<sub>6</sub> cylinder heater blankets

Used to heat up SF<sub>6</sub> gas bottles to avoid freezing when removing large quantities of SF<sub>6</sub> gas.

#### Precision pressure gauges

For checking pressure in gas compartments.

**Digital vacuum gauges (battery-operated 2 x 9 V)** For checking vacuum with an indicating range of 0–400 mbar

#### Separate storage vessels for SF<sub>6</sub> gas

Available in different sizes for gaseous storage to 25 bar and for liquid storage to 50 bar.





Pre-filter unit for decomposition products





#### Working protection kit / Dry vacuum cleaner

For protection of staff in accordance with IEC directives regarding working on open gas compartments.

#### Adapter kit in a plastic case

The standard equipment includes adapters and transition pieces for all types of standard SF<sub>6</sub> switchgear.

#### Oil-free suction pump units and retrofit kits

Retrofit models adapted to all SF<sub>6</sub> maintenance devices for gas recovery < 1 mbar. Mobile units or retrofitting on to existing devices.



Oil-free suction pump unit

# SF<sub>6</sub> gas monitoring

Devices for recording of SF<sub>8</sub> gas quantities

#### Weighing scales

For  $600 \, \text{I} \, \text{SF}_{_{6}}$  gas container Weighing range to 1,500 kg, indication switchable between kg/lbs

#### **Electronic bottle trolleys**

Versions with digital display Weighing range: 0–150 kg

#### Mass flow measuring system

For recording gas quantity flowing from and into the circuit breaker, optionally available with automatic filling control and data transmission.



# **DILO Measuring Instruments**







### Measuring instruments

A range for all requirements

Measuring instruments are used to monitor am-bient air, trace leaks and to measure the  ${\rm SF_6}$  quality in medium and high voltage switchgear.

The SF<sub>6</sub> gas must always be pure since humidity and toxic or corrosive decomposition products in circuit breakers impair the insulating properties of the gas.

The gas quality has to be monitored in accordance with the EC 842/2006 directive on fluorinated gases. The IEC 60480 directive also stipulates the limit values for the re-use of  $SF_6$  gas.

It is absolutely necessary to know the gas quality before carrying out maintenance works on a circuit breaker in order to be able to decide on preparation, re-use or disposal of the  $SF_6$  gas.

The essential quality criteria for SF<sub>6</sub> gas in circuit breakers are as follows:

- Humidity (dew point)
- Decomposition products
- Gas purity in %

DILO offers a complete range of measuring devices for all applications including: room monitoring systems, leak detectors, measuring devices to determine the SF<sub>6</sub> quality as well as relevant accessories for simple on-site measurement and retrofit kits for old measuring devices.





# Instruments to determine the SF<sub>6</sub> quality

**Determining the important parameters** 

DILO offers a full range of state of the art technology measuring devices and analysing instruments required to determine all the main  $SF_\epsilon$  parameters.

#### SF<sub>6</sub> Multi Analyser with gas return system

User-friendly and compact device which allows determination of up to four parameters with only one measurement. No SF<sub>6</sub> gas is released into the atmosphere.

The following parameters are measured:

- SF<sub>6</sub> concentration (%)
- Moisture concentration
- SO, concentration (ppm<sub>v</sub>)
- Option: HF concentration (ppm\_)

Limit values can be set on the colour touch screen. Results of up to 100 measurements can be stored and can be transmitted to a USB stick or PC.

#### SF<sub>6</sub> Analyser 973

For high precision measurement of purity, moisture and  $SO_2$  concentration.

- Precise measurement by dew mirror measuring principle
- Measuring range freeze point / dew point -50 °C to +20 °C
- Measuring accuracy: freeze point / dew point ≤ ± 0.5 °C SF<sub>6</sub> volume percent ± 0.5 %, SO<sub>2</sub> < 2 % from the measuring range
- Internal measuring gas storage vessel with measuring gas return system
- Operation via integrated touch screen





# **DILO Measuring Instruments**







# Instruments to determine SF<sub>6</sub> gas quality

**Determining the important parameters** 

#### Electronic moisture measuring instrument

For measuring of moisture content in SF<sub>6</sub> gas.

- Measuring range -60 °C to +10 °C dew point
- Measuring accuracy ± 2 °C
- Input pressure p<sub>e</sub> 0.5 bar–10 bar
- High resistance against contamination and SF<sub>6</sub> decomposition products
- Minimized long time drifting



For measurement of SF<sub>6</sub> volume percentage in air and nitrogen mixtures.

- Measuring principle based on the velocity of sound
- Measuring range 0–100 volume % SF<sub>6</sub>
- Measuring accuracy ± 1 volume % SF<sub>6</sub>
- Input pressure p<sub>a</sub> (absolute) 1.7–10 bar
- Response time about 1 minute

#### Portable SO<sub>2</sub> measuring instrument

For measurement of SO<sub>2</sub> concentration in gas mixtures.

- High resistance against contamination and SF<sub>6</sub> decomposition products
- Minimized long-term drifting
- Measuring ranges 0-20 / 100 / 500 ppm
- Measuring accuracy ≤ ± 2 % of the measuring range











### **Leak Detectors**

For detection of gas leaks

#### SF<sub>6</sub> Leakcheck

For quick tracing of even smallest  $SF_6$  leaks on  $SF_6$  filled components.

- No radioactive source is used
- No carrier or rinsing gas is required
- Detection limit of leak system (dependent on the type) up to 1\*10<sup>-8</sup> mbar / l/s or 0.1 ppm<sub>v</sub>

#### Gas leak detector

For quick detection of gas leaks.

- With seven levels of sensitivity
- Tricolour visual LED display and audible signal
- Suitable for continuous operation

# Room monitoring devices

For monitoring the air in SF<sub>6</sub> indoor switch rooms continuously

#### SF<sub>6</sub> Air Sensor

Triggers an alarm in case SF<sub>6</sub> is detected in the air.

- Measuring range 0 to 1,000 ppm, SF<sub>6</sub>
- Can only be used in combination with the SF<sub>6</sub> Network Monitor

#### SF<sub>6</sub> Network Monitor

Central administration and indication of measured values of up to five SF<sub>6</sub> Air Sensors connected via a bus system









SF<sub>6</sub> Network Monitor

# **DILO Valves and Couplings**







# Valves and Couplings

Hermetically sealing connections on gas compartments

Are you looking for pressure and vacuum tight valves and couplings for SF<sub>6</sub> gas use? DILO is the right choice! We offer the largest range of products worldwide. Whether for medium voltage switchgear, high voltage switchgear or gas-insulated lines (GIL) our products always meet your requirements.

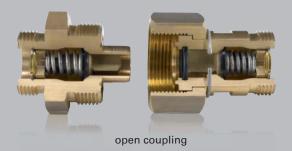
When using the DILO coupling system a leak rate of better than  $1 \times 10^8$  mbar l/sec. is achieved corresponding to less than  $1 \text{ cm}^3$  in 30 years.

The DILO sealing principle prevents the loss of  $SF_6$  gas and moisture from penetrating the  $SF_6$  gas system. DILO couplings will eliminate the loss of  $SF_6$  gas by incorrect gas handling. Thanks to their reliability, quality and durability DILO couplings are the world's most widely used connecting system for  $SF_6$  switchgear.

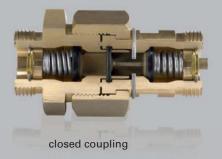
#### Advantages of application:

- Self-closing coupling system
- Pressure and vacuum-tight even when coupling and uncoupling
- Permanent tightness even when frequently connected and disconnected
- Applicable up to PN 64 bar
- Suitable for temperatures from -40 °C to +80 °C
- Direct connection to DILO service carts without adapter
- Available in different materials even for outdoor switchgear

#### **DILO** sealing principle:



DILO couplings allow a connection to be made by simply screwing the two coupling parts together. Before the metal to metal seal closes the pressure and vacuum tight coupling is sealed inside by



means of an O-ring. When loosening the coupling parts again the same O ring prevents gas loss whilst the self seal valves close.





#### **Product range:**

- Couplings available in DN 6 to DN 40 nominal diameters with different flange shapes, screw-in versions or as plug-in couplings
- Soldering unions, screw-in stubs and gauge connections for gas tight piping
- Ball valves in different versions and pressure ranges
- Pressure and vacuum-tight rubber and wire braided hoses in different nominal diameters, lengths and finishes,
- Transition pieces and adapters for different nominal diameters
- Connections for SF<sub>6</sub> gas cylinders
- Distribution panels and piping as well as customer specific special solutions

#### Approvals and tests:

- Certification according to ISO 9001:2008
- HP0 approval as pressure equipment manufacturer
- Production control in accordance with EC 97/23 regulations

