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Harmonics Impacts

Harmonics can be as harmful to electrical systems as CO₂ is to living beings.

According to IEEE-519 norms, Total Harmonic Distortion in Current (iTHD%) should not exceed 8% in electrical networks. In fact, some states like South India and Maharashtra impose **penalties** if harmonic levels exceed these limits.

Key Impacts of Harmonics:

- Overheating of transformers, induction motors, and neutral conductors
- Malfunction of electronic and microprocessor-based equipment
- Failure of power factor correction capacitors
- Sereakers failing to operate correctly
- Fuses and relays tripping unnecessarily
- • Increased magnetic fields around transformers and switchgear

Consequences:

- Harmonic currents increase **RMS current** in the system
- They degrade voltage quality
- Cause network stress and equipment damage
- Lead to higher operating costs and downtime

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PCB Failures due to high harmonics



Burning of Fuse/MCCB/Cables due to harmonics (high heating)



Higher losses due to heat means higher electricity costs.



Electronics Cards Failures Higher iTHD means

Thanks.

Regards

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