Service for high power rectifiers
Improve the reliability of your operations
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Competence makes all the difference

With more than 100 years’ experience, ABB is your partner for reliable equipment and a successful future. Whatever rectifier services and solutions you need, we have the answer. We know how to ensure safety and reliability for your complete high power rectifier system which is essential to your success – from start-up and commissioning through its entire life cycle.

We are committed to the reliability of your operations. Which is why we make every possible effort to maximize your production uptime – and thereby lower your life cycle costs. Our Product Life Cycle Management model puts a transparent method at your disposal for managing your investment. The four-phase model gives precise information about the serviceability of your assets.

**Life cycle communication concept – keeping you informed**
As each of our products pass through a life cycle, it is possible to forecast the phase shift of serviceability of our high power rectifiers. Based on the four-phase model we have developed a life cycle communication concept. Before approaching a life cycle phase transfer with associated service changes we will provide you with a life cycle note. Thus you are fully informed about the serviceability of your equipment.

### ABB Power Electronics life cycle phases

- **Active**
  - Services and support: Full range of life cycle services and support is available.
  - Product and spares: Product and spare parts are available.

- **Classic**
  - Services and support: Limited range of life cycle services and support is available.
  - Product and spares: Although the product has been replaced by a new active product, it may be available as a spare part or for extension purposes. Product life cycle enhancements are supported through upgrade and retrofit solutions. Spare parts are available.

- **Limited**
  - Services and support: Migration support is available.
  - Spares: Product is no longer available. Migration to the active product generation is recommended. Spare parts are available as long as materials can be obtained.

- **Obsolete**
  - Services and support: Product is no longer available. Migration to the active product generation is recommended.
  - Spares: Product is no longer available. Spare parts are no longer available.
Service for high power rectifiers
A service portfolio for all your needs

Our service portfolio is based on customer needs and devised to achieve the maximum performance and increased maintainability of your equipment.

A performance review on site is the entry point to detect optimization potential and develop a customized strategy on how to get the most out of your system. During this first step our experienced engineers will inspect your high power rectifier and make recommendations for smooth operation.

With an upgrade your equipment will evolve to the most recent product generation and therefore extend the lifetime of your system. Additionally our broad network of certified field service engineers support you with site services from startup throughout the life cycle of your equipment. Our service contracts give direct access to fast and guaranteed service support.

ABB’s spare parts services aim to provide you with the right spare parts, at the right time – thus maximizing your production uptime and reducing downtime. ABB University provides your operators and maintenance personnel with effective training services to improve expertise. With more than 100 years of engineering experience, we offer a full range of consultancy services.

ABB Power Electronics is your universal partner. We cover the entire high power rectifier service portfolio of all product types. Our experts will support you throughout the whole life cycle of your equipment in order to evaluate the best possible solution.

Key benefits
+ Optimized asset performance
+ Increased maintainability of your equipment
+ Extend the lifetime of your system
+ Long time availability of spare parts
+ Change to state-of-the-art technology
+ Fast response time and product support
Service offerings
Getting more from your investment

Performance review

Specialized support to keep your processes and equipment running in the most energy- and cost-efficient way.

ABB has created a performance review program for high power rectifiers to increase the reliability of your assets. This results in maintaining all elements suffering from aging effects. We assess your system and critical spare parts to evaluate the life cycle status. Those components which are susceptible to aging are replaced at appropriate intervals. Furthermore, this program ensures the correct and safe operation of the system by testing all critical protection devices and system settings in various operating conditions. We identify possible improvements to increase the overall performance of your system such as upgrades or replacement of the equipment. The performance review is offered in all phases of the life cycle. We have the ability to define an optimal operation strategy based on the results of the performance review, always considering the status of the life cycle of your assets.

Key benefits
- Increasing the reliability of your asset
- Ensuring the correct and safe operation of your system
- Minimizing risk exposure to unexpected downtime
- Identifying possible system improvements

Upgrades and replacements

Extend the lifetime of your system with new technology.

As an alternative to extensive spare part investments and maintenance programs, ABB’s upgrades are time and cost effective solutions improving the performance and extending the life cycle of operational equipment.

Control upgrade
The control platform of a high power rectifier contains very specialized electronic equipment. In an age of rapid technological progress, such equipment can become obsolescent earlier than the rest of the equipment. This obviously restricts the life cycle of the whole rectifier system. Thanks to our years of experience, we can perform a control upgrade with a minimum of shutdown time. You will benefit from a state-of-the-art controller and therefore extend the lifetime of your asset. In addition our full service product portfolio is guaranteed as defined in our Product Life Cycle Management model.

Rectifier group upgrades
In addition to offering upgrades for the rectifier power electronics parts, replacement of sub-systems such as cooling units and measurement systems are also available. This enables us to increase the efficiency of your equipment and also to extend its lifetime.

Key benefits
- Optimized asset performance
- Increased maintainability of your equipment
- Long-term availability of spare parts
- Minimum shutdown and commissioning time
- Re-use of customer terminals and busbars
- Long-term availability of engineering and support competences
Service offerings
Keep production running

The key to providing world-class services is not only to respond quickly, but also to guarantee high competence and professionalism.

Our certified field service engineers play an essential role in ensuring a professional and timely start-up as well as optimized adjustments to your equipment.

**Commissioning and installation**
Commissioning and installation services are available to meet customer needs anywhere in the world, regardless of the size or complexity of all products offered.

**Preventive maintenance**
Preventive maintenance programs maximize the performance of your equipment. ABB service personnel are trained in the latest diagnostic, repair and maintenance methods to ensure high value for your maintenance investment.

**Repairs and troubleshooting**
Investigated and fixed as quickly as possible, customer problems are treated with top priority. Our field support provides a full range of services in case of technical problems to fulfill your facility’s needs. Besides advanced troubleshooting, our field service engineers carry out detailed failure investigations, data collection and replacement of components and spare parts.

**Key benefits**
+ Providing immediate response and field support
+ Availability of a global network of certified and experienced engineers
+ Advanced diagnostic and repair practices

A service contract is a flexible and cost effective way to realize the benefits of ABB’s product, system, application and process expertise.

**Support line**
ABB offers professional product support for all types of systems. With the support line there is one general entry point for all technical issues. Managed by experienced former field service engineers, the support line helps you to reduce the downtime of systems through fast and precise technical support.

**Emergency support**
In the event of emergency issues outside our office hours, there is a hotline service operated 24/7, 365 days a year. During office hours this hotline is served by our support line. Outside office hours our specialists will answer phone calls for first support and collect information to ensure a fast response.

**Remote services**
Remote services allow real-time access to system data. Long-term monitoring functions deliver important information on equipment status, upcoming service tasks, and input for possible performance improvements. The remote monitoring option allows secure access to the system from any location in the world.

**Key benefits**
+ Fast response time
+ Reduced investment risk
+ Individual technical support through highly experienced and skilled engineers to reduce downtime
+ Pro-active life cycle management will support your system availability and lower your total life cycle cost
Service offerings
Optimized product support

Spare parts

ABB original spare parts and components with guaranteed functionality – the key element in reducing the mean time to repair.

A safe and reliable spare parts and components management is essential for your success. ABB’s spare parts services aim to provide the right spare parts, in the right place, at the right time. We provide genuine spare parts and spare part kits, accompanied with the relevant software, settings and documentation.

Key benefits
+ Ensuring reliable and safe operation
+ Guarantee of keeping the right spare parts and components in stock
+ Increase your return on investment and reduce downtime

Consulting

ABB offers consulting services to identify key potential for improvement in the areas of industrial asset management and operations infrastructure.

Simulations and studies
ABB offers a range of system studies and simulations, using the latest advanced simulation tools. We can conduct basic system assessments, or complete and comprehensive system studies. After an analysis of the results, we provide the necessary system solutions, whether you require a performance increase, harmonic filtering, switched capacitor banks or static VAR compensators.

VeriFOCS and current distribution measurement
ABB’s FOCS (fibre optical current sensor) verification service provides you with highly accurate DC current measurement.

Key benefits
+ Get special expertise, and benefit from expert evaluation and discussion
+ Bring new ideas for additional revenue

Training

ABB University transfers our expertise to your operating and maintenance staff to enable you to increase your return on investment and to reduce downtime.

Our extensive training programs for engineers, programmers and operating and maintenance personnel are designed with the aim of continuously improving the skills of your workforce. Your staff will learn to effectively operate and maintain your equipment, troubleshoot problems faster and to extend the lifetime of your installations.

ABB University provides high quality training by being flexible and offering a full range of training options, such as standard or tailor-made courses in one of our certified training centers or on-site at your premises.

Key benefits
+ Learning new skills will become an asset to your organization
+ Customized content to meet your specific training needs
Control upgrade success story
ABB meets customer expectations

Alcoa – La Coruña

A successful control upgrade combined with an appreciation of the customers’ needs and innovative engineer support from ABB has resulted in ABB winning the contract for another control upgrade for a major aluminum plant in Spain.

Alcoa is one of the world's leading aluminum companies. In Spain Alcoa runs eight production centers across the country. The center located in La Coruña maintains two electrolysis potlines. It produces primary aluminum for the European market.

To stay competitive in this challenging environment, the Alcoa center in La Coruña is subjected to an intense continuous improvement process. As a result, Alcoa already requested ABB to perform a control upgrade for one potline 10 years ago. This package included the delivery and commissioning of 7 thyristor rectifiers. Based on the working experience and the impeccable execution of this project, Alcoa decided to approach us once more to conduct the control upgrade for the second potline in 2008.

This time the project had to be planned under more complicated circumstances. The major challenge consisted of creating a smooth transition to the new control system while utilizing sub-systems from another provider. Furthermore, commissioning had to be performed while the potline was running at full production. These circumstances demanded accurate engineering of the new installation components as well as excellent communication between Alcoa and ABB. Our service team complied with both criteria. This enabled us to meet our customer’s expectations and successfully finalize the project on time.

With the implementation of this control upgrade, Alcoa received a life time extension for its system. This signifies guaranteed full spare parts availability and complete life cycle services for the new controller.
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