

# Pengaruh penambahan antimon (III) oksida (SB2O3) terhadap sifat isolator kabel berbasis polietilen ikat silang (XLPE) = Effect of antimony trioxide (SB<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) addition on the properties of cable insulation based on crosslinked polyethylene (XLPE)

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Bahan isolator polietilen ikat silang sangat umum digunakan dalam industri kabel listrik. Sifatnya yang mudah terbakar dengan nilai batasan indeks oksigen dibawah 18-19 % membuat bahan ini memerlukan perbaikan. Bahan antimon (III) oksida (Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) sangat umum digunakan sebagai aditif flame retardant pada bahan polivinil klorida dan polietilen ikat silang. Penelitian atas penggunaan antimon (III) oksida pada bahan polietilen ikat silang dilakukan dengan variasi komposisi Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> yaitu 2%, 4% dan 6%. Didapatkan bahwa nilai batasan indeks oksigen meningkat menjadi sampai dengan 22% dan kestabilan panas semakin tinggi. Efek negatifnya harus diwaspadai bahwa ternyata semakin tinggi penambahan Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> pada bahan polietilen ikat silang menyebabkan penurunan nilai resistifitas listriknya.

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