

FirePro. Electrical Cabinets



Location: Australia

Application: Electrical Cabinets

Industry: Mining



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Risks Involved & Consequences

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The Task

Design, install and a fire suppression system that will protect the critical electrical control equipment room enclosures. The enclosures contain diverse fire risks and are normally contained and separated in cabinets. FirePro allows the engineers and designers to protect individual cabinets, which can be installed on a risk based analysis. The benefit is a much lower cost, and any discharge of the system is localised to a specific cabinet, rather than a whole room. The costs of replacement of equipment due to the fire and re-establishing the fire system are much lower. Therefore, the technology needed to be effective against multiple classes of fire. It should also require as little maintenance as possible and be in line with Health & Safety and protection of the environment (HSE) strategies. Likewise, the systems needed to autonomously monitor and protect the enclosures from various fire scenarios without human intervention.



Why FirePro ?

The compactness and modularity of the system allows fire engineers to customise the design and efficiency according to project mission and space requirements. Cabinets are used as a method of separating and isolating risks. Secondly, the FPC Compound found inside the FirePro generators is effective against various classes of fire (A, B, E, and F). As a final point, the generators have a 15-year lifetime cycle and no re-filling requirements thus very low maintenance.

Results & Implementation

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