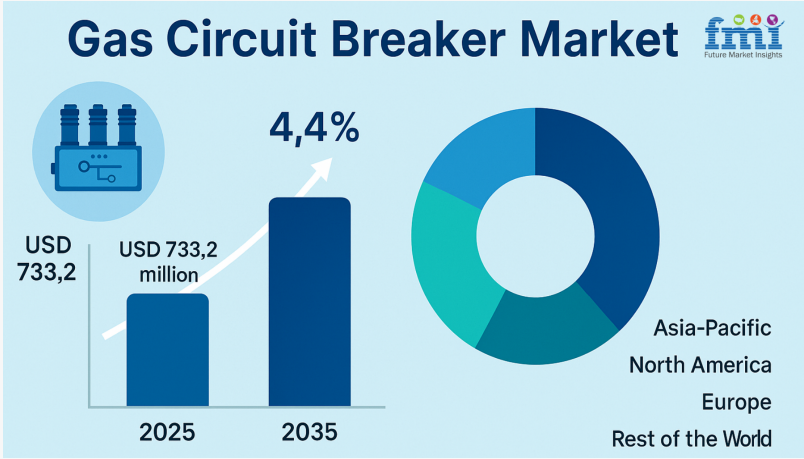
# Eco-Efficient Gases and Hybrid Switchgear: An Uncommon Shift in the Gas Circuit Breaker Market, Study by FMI

*Hybrid gas circuit breakers using eco-efficient gases are redefining the GCB market by enabling sustainable, SF□-free solutions for power grid reliability.*



Gas Circuit Breaker Market

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, May 19, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The gas circuit breaker (GCB) market, a vital segment of the power transmission and distribution (T&D) infrastructure, is traditionally dominated by sulfur hexafluoride (SF□)-based systems. Known for their arc-quenching capability and dielectric strength, SF□ gas circuit breakers have set industry standards for decades. However, amid increasing global scrutiny of greenhouse gas emissions and the energy sector's carbon footprint, a lesser-known but rapidly emerging trend is reshaping this market: the integration of hybrid gas-insulated switchgear (GIS) with eco-efficient insulating gases. While most market analyses focus on voltage segmentation or regional growth patterns, the rise of sustainable gas alternatives marks a transformative shift with long-term implications.

> As utilities face mounting climate regulations, the shift toward hybrid GCBs with SF□ alternatives offers a timely, scalable solution that aligns with global decarbonization goals."
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The gas circuit breaker market is estimated to reach USD 733.2 million in 2025 and is expected to grow to USD 1,123.5 million by 2035, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.4% over the forecast period.

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Gas circuit breakers are essential for protecting electrical networks by interrupting fault currents and ensuring uninterrupted power delivery. They are particularly critical in high-voltage (HV) and ultra-high-voltage (UHV) applications, where air or vacuum circuit breakers fall short in terms of insulation and breaking capacity. SF□ gas has been the go-to medium in these devices due to its exceptional dielectric properties, thermal stability, and arc-quenching performance.

In recent years, the GCB market has grown steadily, driven by rising energy demand, increasing grid complexity, and the expansion of renewable energy sources. According to industry estimates, the market is projected to continue expanding through 2035, with Asia-Pacific leading in infrastructure upgrades and urbanization. However, buried under this growth narrative lies a pressing challenge: SF□ is one of the most potent greenhouse gases, with a global warming potential nearly 23,500 times that of CO□ over a 100-year period.

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As global climate policies intensify, the electrical equipment industry faces mounting pressure to reduce or eliminate SF□ usage. This has led to the development and deployment of eco-efficient gas mixtures that offer comparable performance with significantly lower environmental impact. One of the most promising directions is the use of fluoronitrile-based blends, carbon dioxide mixtures, and dry air technologies to replace SF□ in high-voltage circuit breakers.

These alternatives are now being tested and implemented in hybrid GIS systems, which combine the compact footprint of traditional GIS with modular components using eco-gases. Unlike a full overhaul of legacy systems, hybrid models allow for phased transition and retrofitting, making them more viable in the short term. For instance, leading manufacturers like Hitachi Energy and Siemens Energy have developed GIS switchgear systems rated for up to 170kV using SF□-free gas solutions. These innovations are gradually expanding into the circuit breaker domain.

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The move toward hybrid gas circuit breakers using alternative gases isn't just a compliance-driven response; it represents a fundamental shift in grid innovation and sustainability. These GCBs significantly reduce lifecycle emissions, improve safety by eliminating toxic byproducts of SF□, and align with corporate sustainability goals under ESG frameworks.

Furthermore, utilities are increasingly seeking future-proof assets—equipment that not only performs under existing regulations but also remains compliant with anticipated environmental policies. For instance, the European Union's recent proposal to revise the F-gas Regulation has

already prompted major T&D operators to halt new SF□-based installations. In this context, investing in hybrid GCBs with eco-gas capability becomes a strategic decision.

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Several transmission operators and power companies have begun transitioning toward hybrid and SF□-free technologies. A notable case is the Swiss grid operator Swissgrid, which installed the world's first high-voltage SF□-free GIS equipped with dry air and vacuum interrupters. Similarly, Germany's TenneT has partnered with manufacturers to pilot circuit breaker stations using fluoronitrile-based mixtures.

In Asia, where infrastructure expansion is fastest, Japan and South Korea are evaluating dry air insulation for compact GIS systems in urban substations. While many of these projects are in early stages, they provide proof of concept and commercial viability for eco-efficient GCBs. They also highlight the demand for localization and scalability in emerging markets, where power systems must balance cost, performance, and sustainability.

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Despite their advantages, hybrid and eco-efficient GCBs face significant hurdles to widespread adoption. The first is cost competitiveness. New gas mixtures and the associated equipment are more expensive than legacy SF□-based systems, especially at the higher voltage range (245kV and above). This cost delta can deter adoption in price-sensitive markets unless offset by subsidies or regulatory incentives.

Secondly, standardization and testing protocols for eco-gas solutions are still evolving. National and international standards need to adapt to these emerging technologies to build confidence among utilities. Without harmonized guidelines, manufacturers may struggle with certification, delaying deployment.

Lastly, technical challenges persist around maintaining dielectric strength and arc-quenching performance under diverse environmental conditions, particularly in cold climates. These issues necessitate further R&D investment to refine gas compositions and optimize circuit breaker design.

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The introduction of hybrid gas-insulated switchgear and the adoption of eco-efficient gases mark an important but underreported inflection point in the GCB market. As governments tighten environmental regulations and utilities demand future-ready infrastructure, manufacturers that

invest in sustainable circuit breaker solutions are poised to gain a competitive edge.

By 2035, hybrid and SF□-free GCBs could shift from niche applications to industry standard, particularly in regions with aggressive decarbonization goals. This transformation will not only reduce the sector's environmental impact but also catalyze a broader shift toward green electrification and smart grid modernization.

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By Voltage Rating:

Up to 72.5 kV, 72.5-145 kV, 145-252 kV, 252-550 kV, 550-800 kV, Above 800kV

By Design:

Dead Tank, Live Tank

By End Use:

Power Plants, Transmission Grids, Distribution Networks, Heavy Industries, Railway Electrification, Data Centres

By Region:

North America, Latin America, East Asia, South Asia and Pacific, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa

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