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TEST METHOD FOR THE MECHANICAL STRENGTH OF CORES MADE OF MAGNETIC OXIDES

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2005. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

The method specified in this standard is intended to be used for obtaining agreements between parties for material development, quality checking, characterization and data acquisition purposes. The method places closely defined restrictions on the arrangement of the test-piece and the function of the test apparatus, including the test-jigs, in order to minimize the errors that can arise as a consequence of the test method.

All other factors are required to be stated in the test report in order to be allowed for in the comparison of the behavior of the magnetic oxide cores. It is not possible to rigorously standardize particular surface finishes, since it is difficult to control all the mechanical factors. But, it is absolutely essential to mention the state of the surface in the report, as surface defects can have a large effect on mechanical strength in certain types of tests (see clause 6). The extrapolation of mechanical strength data to other geometries, to multi-axial stressing, to other rates of stressing or to other environmental conditions, should be viewed with caution. The origin of a fracture in a mechanical test piece can be a valuable guide to the nature and position of strength-limiting defects (such as pores, large grains and impurity concentration).

The results of strength tests are influenced by a combination of the following factors: the microstructure of the material, the surface finishing procedure applied to the test cores, the size and shape of the test cores, the mechanical parameters of the testing apparatus, the rate of load application and the relative humidity of the ambient atmosphere. Because of the ceramic nature of magnetic oxide cores, a considerable range of results is usually obtained from a number of nominally identical test cores. Thus test results need to be interpreted with caution.

TEST METHOD FOR THE MECHANICAL STRENGTH OF CORES MADE OF MAGNETIC OXIDES

This International Standard specifies a test method for the mechanical strength of cores made of magnetic oxides. This test method is suitable for most of the E-cores, ETD-cores and I-cores but other core types such as U-cores could be tested according to a derived method agreed by the parties concerned.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 61246:1994, Magnetic oxide cores (*E*-cores) of rectangular cross-section and associated parts – Dimensions

EN 10002-2:1992, Tensile testing of metallic materials – Part 2: Verification of the force measuring system of the tensile testing machine

ISO 4677-1:1985, Atmospheres for conditioning and testing – Determination of relative humidity – Part 1: Aspirated psychrometer method

ISO 4677-2:1985, Atmospheres for conditioning and testing Determination of relative humidity – Part 2: Whirling psychrometer method

3 Definitions

For the purpose of this International Standard, the following definition applies.

3.1

mechanical strength

the maximum recorded force at the instant of fracture of a magnetic oxide core when it is loaded in bending

4 Apparatus

4.1 Test core support and loading wedge

Test cores shall be supported on free moving roller bars or on a flat support depending on their size (see 6.2). The loading wedge and the roller bars or the flat support shall be made of hardened steel with a hardness of 40 HRC to 60 HRC. The loading wedge and the roller bars shall have a radius of 2 mm. The loading wedge shall be connected to a device for measuring and recording the load applied.