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- a) the phrase: "This document is also applicable to the mechanical strength measurement of magnetic powder cores" has been added in the scope;
- b) IEC 61246 has been replaced by IEC 63093-8; EN 1002-2 has been replaced by ISO 7500-1; ISO 4677-1 and ISO 4677-2 have been withdrawn;
- c) dimensions  $D$  and  $F$  in Figure A.1 and Table A.1 have been changed to be consistent with Figure 1 of IEC 63093-8:2018;
- d) addition of the content of ring-cores test;
- e) addition of Annex B;

- f) the location of the jig is amended in Figure 3;
- g) in Figure 5, the roller bars are moved to the edge of the I-core, aligned with the core.

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## INTRODUCTION

The method specified in this document 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 stated in the test report for 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 the state of the surface in the report should be mentioned, 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, multi-axial stressing, other rates of stressing or 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 are interpreted with caution.

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

### 1 Scope

This document 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, I-cores and ring-cores but other core types such as U-cores could be tested according to a derived method agreed by the parties concerned. This document is also applicable to the mechanical strength measurement of magnetic powder cores.

### 2 Normative references

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ISO 7500-2, *Metallic materials – Verification of static uniaxial testing machines – Part 2: Tension creep testing machines – Verification of the applied force*

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#### 3.1

##### **mechanical strength**

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

### 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, the roller bars and the stretch bar or the flat support shall be made of hardened steel with a hardness of 40 HRC (HRC is Rockwell hardness) to 60 HRC. The loading wedge and the roller bars shall have a radius of 2 mm. The radius of the contact part of the stretching rod head and the measured core is 2 mm. The loading wedge and the stretch bar shall be connected to a device for measuring and recording the load applied.