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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1999. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) addition of pores in 3.5 and crystallites in 3.6.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

Due to the method of manufacture and the physical nature of the products, ferrite cores can be expected to exhibit some degree of physical irregularities such as chips, ragged edges, cracks, flashing, and pull-out.

The permissible extent of these surface irregularities will depend on the type, position and size of the defect and on the function of the core. Thus, in order to establish limits of surface irregularities for a given series of ferrite cores, for example RM-cores, pot-cores, E-cores, U-cores and ring-cores, it is necessary to prepare a particular specification for each, setting out in detail the permissible extent of the various types of irregularities.

All surfaces of the core should be clean and free from loose ferrite particles or any other foreign matter. This is more critical for mating surfaces that should make good contact with one another. Stains, discolorations, surface crazing or crystallization are acceptable if they do not affect the normal performance of the core. The irregularities described below are considered as being detectable without the use of any magnifying equipment.

Surface irregularities limits are set for control of cosmetic appearance, and not for control of magnetic performance. Surface irregularities do not substantially affect core magnetic function, nor do they affect reliability. Reliability should be assessed for wound magnetics, rather than for cores alone. See IEC 60401-3 for more details concerning the reliability of ferrite cores and devices built with them.

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