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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2017. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

- insertion of a third class of grain-oriented electrical steels for magnetic domain refined high permeability grades;
- introduction of the single sheet tester (SST) method as reference measurement method for this third class of material together with a conversion factor for transposition of the SST measurement results to equivalent Epstein values;
- update of the electrical steel range to take account of the current offers and demands of grades.

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INTRODUCTION

This revision of International Standard IEC 60404-8-7 has been prepared by the experts of the Working Group 1 of the IEC technical committee 68: Magnetic alloys and steels.

The insertion of a third class of electrical steels for magnetic domain refined high permeability grades is the main reason of this revision. Most of the technologies of magnetic domain refinement result in material that does not withstand the stress relief annealing after cutting without changing the magnetic properties (i.e. the specific total loss). In the case of this material, the Epstein method according to IEC 60404-2, requiring the annealing of the Epstein test specimens, is not suitable. Therefore, the single sheet tester (SST) method specified in IEC 60404-3 is employed for such non-heatproof magnetic material.

The introduction of the SST as the reference measurement method for these magnetic domain refined high permeability grades was preceded by intense discussions within IEC/TC 68.

The specific total loss measured by use of the SST specified in IEC 60404-3 tends to be larger than the value measured by the use of the Epstein frame in accordance with IEC 60404-2. The magnetic polarization at $H = 800$ A/m measured by use of the SST tends to be a little lower than the value measured by the use of the Epstein frame.

The significant difference between Epstein and SST loss results made it necessary to introduce a conversion factor, F_c , applied to the SST results. This conversion factor is to create continuity in the quality characteristics ratio of conventional grain-oriented electrical steel grades and of high permeability grades (Epstein related loss values) to the magnetic domain refined high permeability grades (SST related loss values), particularly over the transition zone between these grades. Otherwise, it could be confusing to the users of this document that the higher quality materials assessed by the SST method would be listed with seemingly higher values of the specific total loss, compared with the lower values obtained by the Epstein method on the lower quality materials.

Considerations of the widely spread grades of domain refined high permeability grain-oriented electrical steel led to the consented value of $F_c = 0,925$ to be applied to the specific total loss values at 1,7 T measured by the SST method.

The magnetic polarization of magnetic domain refined high permeability grades at $H = 800$ A/m is the value taken from the SST measurement without conversion to an equivalent Epstein value.

Consequently, the magnetic domain refined high permeability grades will be listed in a new Table 3 as a new class of grain-oriented electrical steel strip and sheet.