

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE

**Terms and nomenclature for cores made of magnetically soft ferrites –  
Part 1: Terms used for physical irregularities and reference of dimensions**

**Termes et nomenclature pour noyaux en matériaux ferrites magnétiquement  
doux –  
Partie 1: Termes utilisés pour les irrégularités physiques et références  
dimensionnelles**



**THIS PUBLICATION IS COPYRIGHT PROTECTED**  
**Copyright © 2020 IEC, Geneva, Switzerland**

All rights reserved. Unless otherwise specified, no part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from either IEC or IEC's member National Committee in the country of the requester. If you have any questions about IEC copyright or have an enquiry about obtaining additional rights to this publication, please contact the address below or your local IEC member National Committee for further information.

Droits de reproduction réservés. Sauf indication contraire, aucune partie de cette publication ne peut être reproduite ni utilisée sous quelque forme que ce soit et par aucun procédé, électronique ou mécanique, y compris la photocopie et les microfilms, sans l'accord écrit de l'IEC ou du Comité national de l'IEC du pays du demandeur. Si vous avez des questions sur le copyright de l'IEC ou si vous désirez obtenir des droits supplémentaires sur cette publication, utilisez les coordonnées ci-après ou contactez le Comité national de l'IEC de votre pays de résidence.

IEC Central Office  
3, rue de Varembe  
CH-1211 Geneva 20  
Switzerland

Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11  
[info@iec.ch](mailto:info@iec.ch)  
[www.iec.ch](http://www.iec.ch)

#### **About the IEC**

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

#### **About IEC publications**

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigendum or an amendment might have been published.

#### **IEC publications search - [webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform](http://webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform)**

The advanced search enables to find IEC publications by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,...). It also gives information on projects, replaced and withdrawn publications.

#### **IEC Just Published - [webstore.iec.ch/justpublished](http://webstore.iec.ch/justpublished)**

Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details all new publications released. Available online and once a month by email.

#### **IEC Customer Service Centre - [webstore.iec.ch/csc](http://webstore.iec.ch/csc)**

If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please contact the Customer Service Centre: [sales@iec.ch](mailto:sales@iec.ch).

#### **Electropedia - [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)**

The world's leading online dictionary on electrotechnology, containing more than 22 000 terminological entries in English and French, with equivalent terms in 16 additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) online.

#### **IEC Glossary - [std.iec.ch/glossary](http://std.iec.ch/glossary)**

67 000 electrotechnical terminology entries in English and French extracted from the Terms and Definitions clause of IEC publications issued since 2002. Some entries have been collected from earlier publications of IEC TC 37, 77, 86 and CISPR.

---

#### **A propos de l'IEC**

La Commission Electrotechnique Internationale (IEC) est la première organisation mondiale qui élabore et publie des Normes internationales pour tout ce qui a trait à l'électricité, à l'électronique et aux technologies apparentées.

#### **A propos des publications IEC**

Le contenu technique des publications IEC est constamment revu. Veuillez vous assurer que vous possédez l'édition la plus récente, un corrigendum ou amendement peut avoir été publié.

#### **Recherche de publications IEC - [webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform](http://webstore.iec.ch/advsearchform)**

La recherche avancée permet de trouver des publications IEC en utilisant différents critères (numéro de référence, texte, comité d'études,...). Elle donne aussi des informations sur les projets et les publications remplacées ou retirées.

#### **IEC Just Published - [webstore.iec.ch/justpublished](http://webstore.iec.ch/justpublished)**

Restez informé sur les nouvelles publications IEC. Just Published détaille les nouvelles publications parues. Disponible en ligne et une fois par mois par email.

#### **Service Clients - [webstore.iec.ch/csc](http://webstore.iec.ch/csc)**

Si vous désirez nous donner des commentaires sur cette publication ou si vous avez des questions contactez-nous: [sales@iec.ch](mailto:sales@iec.ch).

#### **Electropedia - [www.electropedia.org](http://www.electropedia.org)**

Le premier dictionnaire d'électrotechnologie en ligne au monde, avec plus de 22 000 articles terminologiques en anglais et en français, ainsi que les termes équivalents dans 16 langues additionnelles. Egalement appelé Vocabulaire Electrotechnique International (IEV) en ligne.

#### **Glossaire IEC - [std.iec.ch/glossary](http://std.iec.ch/glossary)**

67 000 entrées terminologiques électrotechniques, en anglais et en français, extraites des articles Termes et Définitions des publications IEC parues depuis 2002. Plus certaines entrées antérieures extraites des publications des CE 37, 77, 86 et CISPR de l'IEC.

# INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

## NORME INTERNATIONALE

---

**Terms and nomenclature for cores made of magnetically soft ferrites –  
Part 1: Terms used for physical irregularities and tolerance of dimensions**

**Termes et nomenclature pour noyaux en matériaux ferrites magnétiquement  
doux –  
Partie 1: Termes utilisés pour les irrégularités physiques et références  
dimensionnelles**

INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTROTECHNICAL  
COMMISSION

COMMISSION  
ELECTROTECHNIQUE  
INTERNATIONALE

---

ICS 29.100.10

ISBN 978-2-8322-8539-8

**Warning! Make sure that you obtained this publication from an authorized distributor.  
Attention! Veuillez vous assurer que vous avez obtenu cette publication via un distributeur agréé.**

## CONTENTS

FOREWORD .....	5
1 Scope .....	7
2 Normative references .....	7
3 Terms and definitions .....	7
4 Physical irregularities .....	7
4.1 General overview .....	7
4.2 General terms for physical irregularities .....	8
4.3 Surface irregularities .....	8
4.3.1 Chip irregularities .....	8
4.3.2 Protruding (convex) irregularities .....	10
4.3.3 Edge irregularities .....	11
4.3.4 Crack irregularities .....	11
4.3.5 Colour irregularities .....	13
4.3.6 Machining-related irregularities .....	15
4.4 Interior irregularities .....	16
4.5 Shape irregularities (deformations) .....	16
4.5.1 Non-flat irregularities .....	16
4.5.2 Simple geometry irregularities .....	18
4.5.3 Grinding related irregularities .....	20
4.5.4 Other shape irregularities .....	20
5 Reference of dimensions .....	21
5.1 General specifications .....	21
5.2 Dimension descriptions .....	21
5.3 Core illustrations .....	22
Annex A (informative) Location related terms .....	26
A.1 General .....	26
A.2 Surfaces .....	26
A.3 Shape .....	27
A.4 Specific parts location qualifiers .....	27
Figure 1 – Surface chip .....	9
Figure 2 – Edge chip .....	9
Figure 3 – Corner chip .....	9
Figure 4 – Pull-out .....	10
Figure 5 – Pores .....	10
Figure 6 – Hump .....	10
Figure 7 – Attached particle .....	10
Figure 8 – Ragged edge .....	11
Figure 9 – Flash .....	11
Figure 10 – Single-surface narrow crack .....	11
Figure 11 – Single-surface broad crack .....	12
Figure 12 – Edge narrow crack .....	12
Figure 13 – Edge broad crack .....	12
Figure 14 – Inner channel crack .....	13

Figure 15 – Lamination .....	13
Figure 16 – Crazeing .....	13
Figure 17 – Difference in colour tones.....	14
Figure 18 – Discoloration .....	14
Figure 19 – Stain .....	14
Figure 20 – Crystallite.....	14
Figure 21 – Roughness .....	15
Figure 22 – Short-ground surface.....	15
Figure 23 – Scratch .....	15
Figure 24 – Convexity .....	16
Figure 25 – Concavity .....	16
Figure 26 – Warping .....	16
Figure 27 – Deflection-out.....	17
Figure 28 – Deflection-in.....	17
Figure 29 – Transverse deflection .....	17
Figure 30 – Undulation.....	18
Figure 31 – Non-parallelism .....	18
Figure 32 – Non-perpendicularity .....	18
Figure 33 – Non-coplanarity .....	18
Figure 34 – Non-circularity .....	19
Figure 35 – Ovality .....	19
Figure 36 – Non-concentricity of co-planar circles.....	19
Figure 37 – Non-concentricity of circles lying on two planes.....	20
Figure 38 – Steplike ground surface.....	20
Figure 39 – Uneven grinding slant.....	20
Figure 40 – Un-matching.....	21
Figure 41 – Profile deformation.....	21
Figure 42 – Ring-cores .....	22
Figure 43 – E-core .....	22
Figure 44 – ETD- or EE <sub>1</sub> -core .....	23
Figure 45 – EC-core.....	23
Figure 46 – Planar E-core .....	23
Figure 47 – Planar EL-core .....	23
Figure 48 – Planar ER-core .....	23
Figure 49 – Plate-core mating planar cores.....	23
Figure 50 – EFD-core .....	24
Figure 51 – Drum-core .....	24
Figure 52 – EP-core.....	24
Figure 53 – PQ-core .....	24
Figure 54 – Pot-core and half pot-core for inductive proximity switches .....	24
Figure 55 – PM-core .....	24
Figure 56 – RM-core .....	25
Figure 57 – U-core.....	25

Figure 58 – UR-core .....	25
Figure 59 – Balun-core .....	25
Figure 60 – Multi hole bead.....	25
Figure A.1 – E-core.....	28
Figure A.2 – RM-core.....	28
Table 1 – Ring-core dimension designations .....	21
Table 2 – Other ferrite shape dimension designations.....	22

Currently in preview, click buy full version

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**TERMS AND NOMENCLATURE FOR CORES MADE  
OF MAGNETICALLY SOFT FERRITES –****Part 1: Terms used for physical irregularities  
and reference of dimensions**

## FOREWORD

- 1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization, comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
- 2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
- 3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
- 4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
- 5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, issue to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
- 6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
- 7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
- 8) Attention is drawn to the normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
- 9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 60401-1 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 51: Magnetic components, ferrite and magnetic powder materials.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 60401-1 published in 2002 and the second edition of IEC 60401-2 published in 2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous editions of IEC 60401-1 and IEC 60401-2:

- a) added the surface irregularity term "pores" in 4.3.1.6;
- b) added the surface irregularity term "scratch" in 4.3.6.3;
- c) removed the surface irregularity term "crater" in 4.1.5 of IEC 60401-1: 2002;

- d) removed the bulk irregularity terms “superpores” in 5.1, “inclusions” in 5.2, “internal stratification” in 5.3 and “internal crack” in 5.4 of IEC 60401-1: 2002;
- e) removed the contents related to “yoke ring cores” in 7.1.3 and 7.4 of IEC 60401-1:2002;
- f) replaced the surface irregularity term “stratification” with “lamination” in 4.3.4.7;
- g) replaced the location related terms “upper surface of back” with “bottom surface” and “lower surface of back” with “back surface” in Figure A.1;
- h) changed Clause 7 of IEC 60401-1:2002 into Annex A.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

CDV	Report on voting
51/1313/CDV	51/1332/RVC

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

This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directive, Part 2.

A list of all parts in the IEC 60401 series, published under the general title *Terms and nomenclature for cores made of magnetically soft ferrites* can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this document will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://www.store.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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

# TERMS AND NOMENCLATURE FOR CORES MADE OF MAGNETICALLY SOFT FERRITES –

## Part 1: Terms used for physical irregularities and reference of dimensions

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60401 provides a nomenclature of the most frequent surface, bulk and shape irregularities relevant to cores made of soft ferrites (magnetic oxides). Most irregularities are graphically exemplified as visual aids. A general recommendation is also given in Annex A for a consistent scheme for specifying the exact location of the irregularity, combining a general name for the location with more detailed qualifiers of the specified location. This document can also be useful as a terminology reference when preparing technical documentation, irregularity inspection specifications, etc.

This document also presents a method for defining the designation nomenclature for the major physical attributes of soft ferrite core shapes. The purpose of this document is to facilitate uniform usage of dimensional characters by manufacturers, specifiers, and users when describing core dimensions on drawings, in tables, and on catalogue specification sheets.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 and Annex A apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 4 Physical Irregularities

#### 4.1 General overview

Physical irregularities mean here the surface irregularities, bulk irregularities and shape irregularities. The irregularity here stands for inconsistency of the state or quality of the part's surface, bulk or shape with its intended regularity. These irregularities are considered here in the macroscopic scale, i.e. within the range of linear dimensions of irregularities from one micrometre to tens of millimetres.

There is a great variety of surface, bulk and shape irregularities degrading the quality of parts made of ferrites. Different types of these irregularities can often occur together and overlap one another.