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- a) addition of allowable areas of chips for EC-cores in Table 3,
- b) addition of crystallites in 4.5 and pores in 4.6.

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## Part 3: ETD-cores, EER-cores, EC-cores and E-cores

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60424 gives guidelines on allowable limits of surface irregularities applicable to ETD-cores, EER-cores, EC-cores and E-cores in accordance with the relevant general specification.

This standard is a specification useful in the negotiations between ferrite core manufacturers and customers about surface irregularities.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60424-1<sup>1</sup>, *Ferrite cores – Guidelines on the limits of surface irregularities – Part 1: General specification*

IEC 60647, *Dimensions for magnetic oxide cores intended for use in power supplies (EC-cores)*

IEC 61185, *Ferrite cores (ETD-cores) intended for use in power supply applications – Dimensions*

IEC 62317-7, *Ferrite cores – Dimensions – Part 7: EER-cores*

IEC 62317-8, *Ferrite cores – Dimensions – Part 8: E-cores*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

#### porosity

void left on the surface of cores after sintering and surface finishing

#### 3.2

#### crystallite

grain of abnormal size distinguishable on the surface, often with sparkling facets

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<sup>1</sup> To be published.