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INTRODUCTION

Magnetic powder cores have the characteristics of low relative permeability, high saturated flux density and low loss. Therefore, compared with ungapped ferrite, the equivalent impedance of a sample of magnetic powder core is much smaller, and the magnetizing current is very large, so the required excitation source will have both high frequency and high-power capacity, which is difficult to obtain in practice. Moreover, the impedance angle of a magnetic powder core under test is very close to 90° , and this results in great difficulties to obtain accurate measurements of power loss.

The IEC 62044 series provides measuring methods of magnetic properties at low and high excitation levels for magnetic cores made of magnetic oxides or metallic powders. However, the methods introduced in the IEC 62044 series cannot fully meet the measurement requirements for magnetic properties of magnetic powder cores. It is therefore useful to have a standard for suitable measuring methods for the magnetic properties of magnetic powder cores.

New test methods with pulse wave excitation and DC power method that account for the characteristics of magnetic powder cores are introduced in this document, in addition to some modifications for the traditional power test methods. Also, an air core inductor with single winding or dual windings is introduced in the document to verify or calibrate the accuracy of test methods for magnetic properties of magnetic powder cores, because of the linear properties of an air core inductor.

TEST METHODS FOR ELECTRICAL AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF MAGNETIC POWDER CORES

1 Scope

This document provides the test methods for the electrical and magnetic properties of magnetic powder cores used for inductive components in electronics equipment, switch-mode power supplies and power conversion equipment, and introduces measuring principles, scope of application and matters of importance for each method.

The parameters used to characterize the magnetic powder cores include: inductance factor, effective permeability, complex relative permeability, temperature coefficient of permeability, frequency coefficient of permeability, DC bias characteristic, power loss, and quality factor. This document is the basis for determining the characteristic parameters of magnetic powder cores.

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EPR	equivalent parallel resistance
ESR	equivalent series resistance
FFT	fast Fourier transform
MSE	modified Steinmetz equation
PWM	pulse width modulation
RMS	root mean square
SCR	silicon controlled rectifier
SRF	self-resonant frequency
ZVS	zero voltage switching