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# FERRITE CORES – GUIDELINES ON DIMENSIONS AND THE LIMITS OF SURFACE IRREGULARITIES –

## Part 3: Half pot-cores made of ferrite for inductive proximity switches

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 63093-3 specifies the dimensions that are of importance for mechanical interchangeability for a preferred range of half pot-cores made of ferrite, intended to be used in inductive proximity switches. Half pot-cores for inductive proximity switches are also called PS-cores.

The selection of core sizes and shapes for this document is based on the philosophy of including those sizes and shapes which are industrial standards, either by inclusion in a national standard, or by broad-based use in industry.

This part of IEC 63093 can also be considered as a sectional specification useful in the negotiations between ferrite core manufacturers and customers about surface irregularities. It provides guidelines on the allowable limits of surface irregularities applicable to PS-cores in accordance with the relevant generic specification.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60424-1:2015, *Ferrite cores – Guidelines on the limits of surface irregularities – Part 1: General specification*

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### 4 Primary dimensions

#### 4.1 General

PS-cores are primarily suited for use in inductive proximity switches. The design of PS-cores is guided by the following considerations:

- the ratio of the thickness of the outer wall to the thickness of the back wall is preferably 1:1;
- the location, design and dimension of the wire-ways, holes and slots are made to easily accommodate the leading connection wires out from the interior of the core;
- the diameter of the centre pole and centre pole hole is regulated by the type of sensor application that can require a hole, a blind hole, or no hole.

Fundamental types of PS-cores are shown in Figure 1.

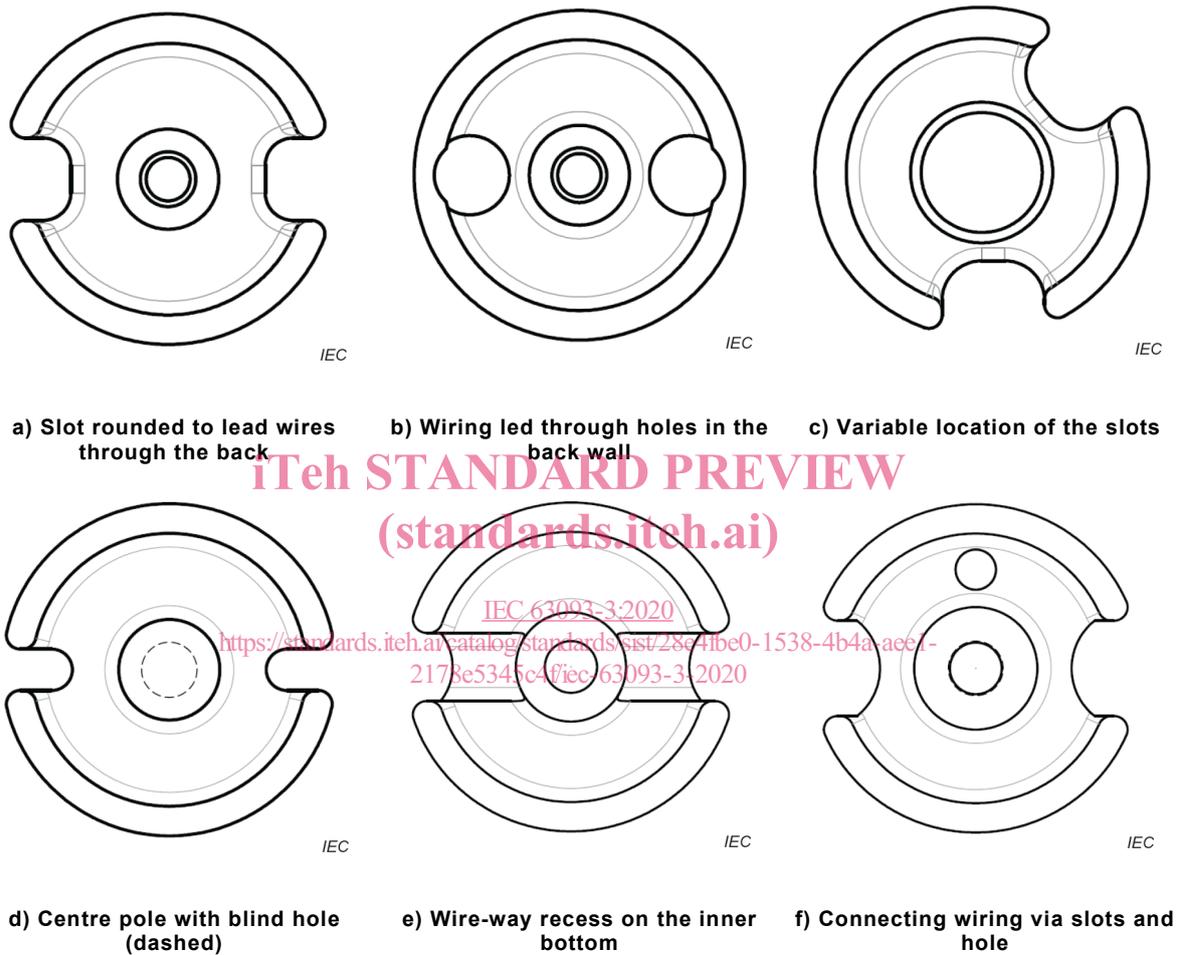
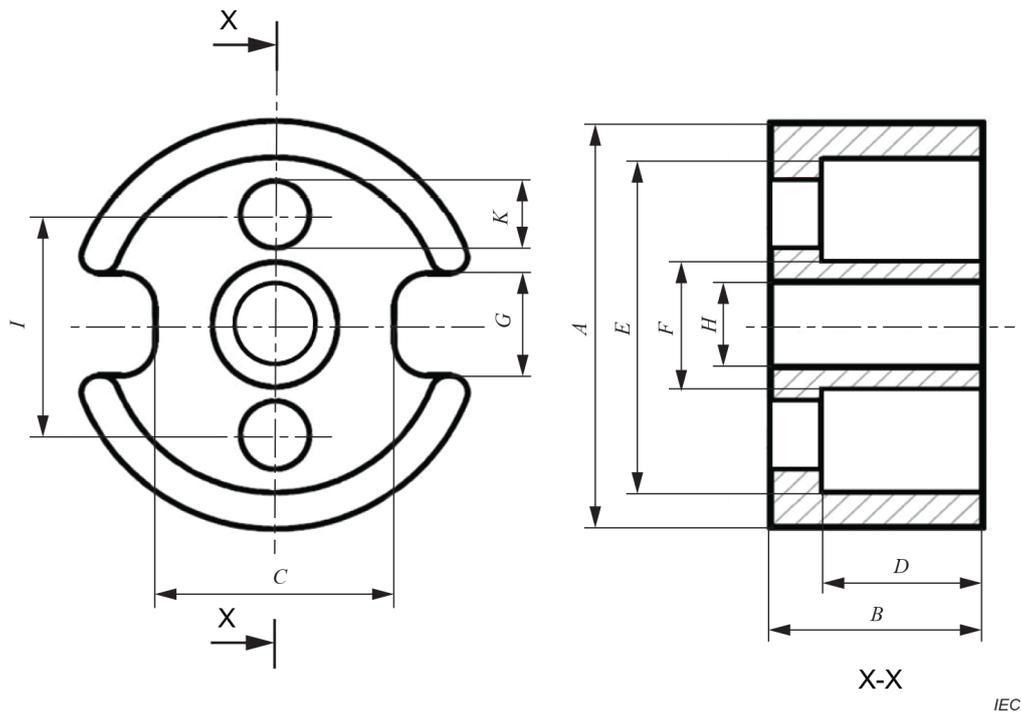


Figure 1 – Fundamental types of PS-cores

The nomenclature of dimensions given in Figure 2 applies to all examples given in Figure 1.

#### 4.2 Nomenclature of dimensions

The nomenclature of dimensions is shown in Figure 2.



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Figure 2 – Nomenclature of dimensions

#### 4.3 Dimensions of PS-cores

Compliance with the following requirements ensures mechanical interchangeability of complete assemblies and wound coil formers. The principal dimensions and tolerances of PS-cores shall be as given in Table 1. See also Figure 2. Dimensions which are not specified in Table 1 follow the agreement between manufacturers and users.

**Table 1 – Dimensions of PS-cores**

Core type	Dimensions	A mm		B mm		D mm		E mm		F mm	
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
PS 2,4	2,4 x 1,25	2,35	2,50	1,05	1,25	0,85	1,05	1,85	2,05	0,70	0,80
PS 3,3	3,3 x 1,3	3,20	3,35	1,10	1,30	0,85	1,05	2,45	2,65	1,10	1,20
PS 4,6	4,6 x 2,05	4,40	4,60	1,90 <sup>a</sup>	2,05	1,35	1,50 <sup>a</sup>	3,70	3,90	2,05	2,20
PS 5,6	5,6 x 1,7	5,35	5,60	1,50	1,70	1,10	1,30	4,50	4,70	2,40 <sup>a</sup>	2,50
PS 7,35	7,35 x 3,6	7,10	7,35	3,40	3,60	2,80	3,00	5,80	6,00	2,85	3,00
PS 8,2	8,25 x 3,5	7,85	8,25	3,30	3,50	2,60	2,80	6,50	6,85	2,30	2,50
PS 9,0	9,0 x 3,5	8,60	9,00	3,30	3,50	2,60	2,80 <sup>a</sup>	7,30	7,60 <sup>a</sup>	3,65	3,90
PS 11	11,3 x 3,3	10,90	11,30	3,20 <sup>a</sup>	3,30 <sup>a</sup>	2,20	2,35 <sup>a</sup>	9,00	9,40	4,50 <sup>a</sup>	4,70
PS 14	14,3 x 4,25	13,80	14,30	4,10 <sup>a</sup>	4,25	2,80	3,00 <sup>a</sup>	11,60	12,00	5,80 <sup>a</sup>	6,00
PS 25	24,8 x 8,9	23,80	24,80	8,70 <sup>a</sup>	8,90 <sup>a</sup>	5,90	6,20 <sup>a</sup>	20,50	21,30	10,80	11,30
PS 30,5	30,5 x 10,2	29,50	30,50	9,90	10,20	7,00	7,35 <sup>a</sup>	25,00	25,80	13,10 <sup>a</sup>	13,50
PS 35	35 x 10,8	34,00	35,00	10,45	10,80	7,20	7,60	29,40	30,20	15,20	15,70
PS 47	47 x 14	45,70	47,00	13,50	14,00	9,50	10,00	39,00	40,10	19,40	20,00
PS 68	68 x 14,5	65,80	68,00	13,90	14,50	9,00	9,60	57,50	59,30	28,50	29,50

A centre hole (H) is allowed.

Chamfers are allowed as long as they do not limit the winding space.

NOTE The core can have up to two slots in order to realize the wire connection feed-through holes.

<sup>a</sup> The specified dimensional tolerances do not comply with IEC/TR 63090.

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#### 4.4 Requirements

In order to avoid damage to the coils and their interconnection wires, the core shall be delivered without flashes. Flashes according to 3.3 of IEC 60424-1:2015 shall not be present either on the winding area limiting surfaces, including edges, or on the wire connection feed-through holes.

#### 4.5 Marking

A manufacturer specific marking should be clearly visible for types PS 7,35 and larger, preferably on the back wall of the core.

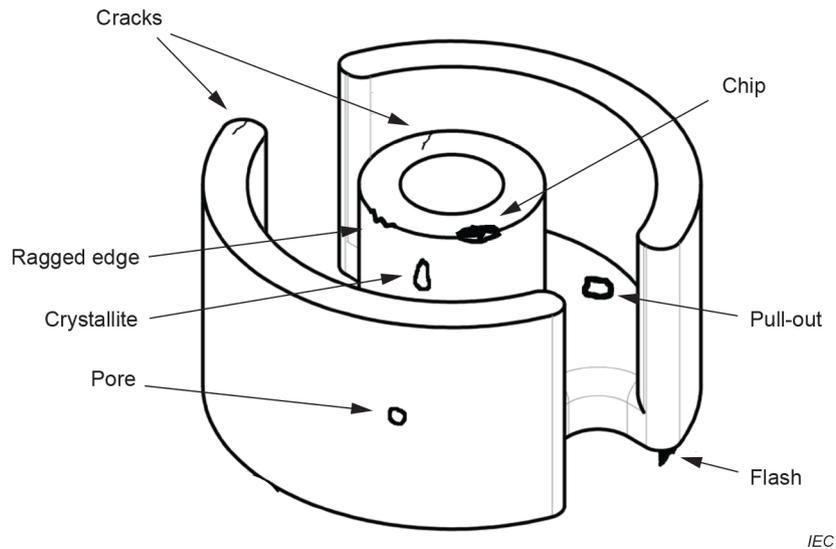
### 5 Limits of surface irregularities

#### 5.1 General

Surface irregularities are defined in IEC 60424-1.

#### 5.2 Examples of surface irregularities

Figure 3 shows different examples of surface irregularities on a PS-core.



**Figure 3 – Examples of surface irregularities**

### 5.3 Chips and ragged edges

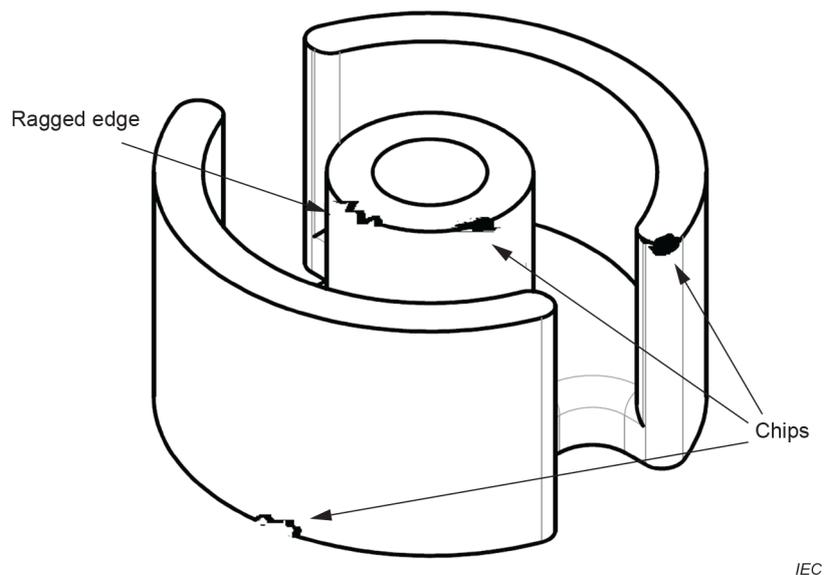
The minimum area is taken as 0,5 mm<sup>2</sup>, to be distinguishable to the naked eye.

The cumulative area of the chips located on the surface shall be less than 8 % of the surface areas.

The total length of the ragged edges shall be less than 25 % of the perimeter of the relevant surface.

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Chips and ragged edges are not acceptable on the inner edges of the wire slot area (see Figure 4).



**Figure 4 – Chips and ragged edge on the surfaces**

The area and length references of irregularities for visual inspection are given in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Area and length references of irregularities for visual inspection**

Area	A	B	C	D	E	Area	A	B	C	D	E
0,5 mm <sup>2</sup>						12,5 mm <sup>2</sup>					
1,0 mm <sup>2</sup>						15,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
1,5 mm <sup>2</sup>						17,5 mm <sup>2</sup>					
2,0 mm <sup>2</sup>						20,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
2,5 mm <sup>2</sup>						25,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
3,0 mm <sup>2</sup>						30,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
3,5 mm <sup>2</sup>						35,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
4,0 mm <sup>2</sup>						40,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
4,5 mm <sup>2</sup>						45,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
5,0 mm <sup>2</sup>						50,0 mm <sup>2</sup>					
6,0 mm <sup>2</sup>											
7,0 mm <sup>2</sup>											
8,0 mm <sup>2</sup>											
9,0 mm <sup>2</sup>											
10,0 mm <sup>2</sup>											

Scale 1:1

1 mm      2 mm      3 mm      4 mm

5 mm      7,5 mm      10 mm