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- a) The date code system for fixed inductors has been updated.

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1 Scope

This document specifies marking codes for fixed inductors.

The colour code specified in Clause 3 gives a colour coding for fixed inductors. It is intended for use with the values of the E3 to E24 series as specified in IEC 60063.

The code specified in Clause 4 gives a system for marking inductance values by means of digits and letters.

The code specified in Clause 5 gives a system for marking the tolerance on inductance values by means of letters.

The code specified in Clause 6 gives a system for marking of date codes on fixed inductors by means of letters and digits.

2 Normative references

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ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

3 Colour code for fixed inductors

3.1 General rules

Colour codes for fixed inductors should be expressed in “bands”. If other shapes than bands are applied, the relevant specification shall prescribe their configuration, placement and identification.

Colour codes for fixed inductors shall consist of four bands. The first three bands shall indicate inductance values and the last band shall indicate tolerances.

Inductance values shall be expressed by two significant figures and another figure expressing multipliers.

Colour corresponding to significant figures, multipliers and tolerances shall be as given in Table 1.

The first two bands represent significant figures and the third band specifies the multiplier. The basic unit for the inductance value shall be expressed in μH . The first band shall be the one nearest to the end of the inductor and the bands shall be so placed and spaced that there can be no confusion in reading the coding.

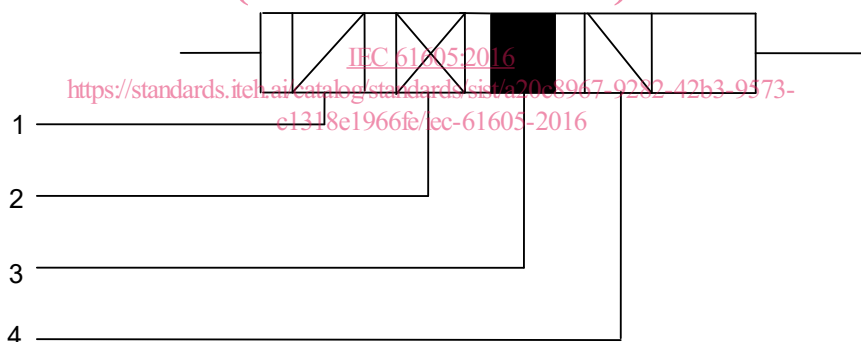
Any additional coding on fixed inductors shall be applied in such a way as not to confuse the coding for value and tolerance.

Table 1 – Values corresponding to colours

Colour	Significant figure	Multiplier	Tolerance %
Silver	–	10^{-2}	± 10
Gold	–	10^{-1}	± 5
Black	0	10^0	–
Brown	1	10^1	± 1
Red	2	10^2	± 2
Orange	3	10^3	–
Yellow	4	10^4	–
Green	5	10^5	–
Blue	6	10^6	–
Violet	7	10^{-3}	–
Grey	8	10^{-4}	–
White	9	–	–
None	–	–	± 20

3.2 Examples of colour code for fixed inductors

The examples of colour code for fixed inductors are shown in Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3.

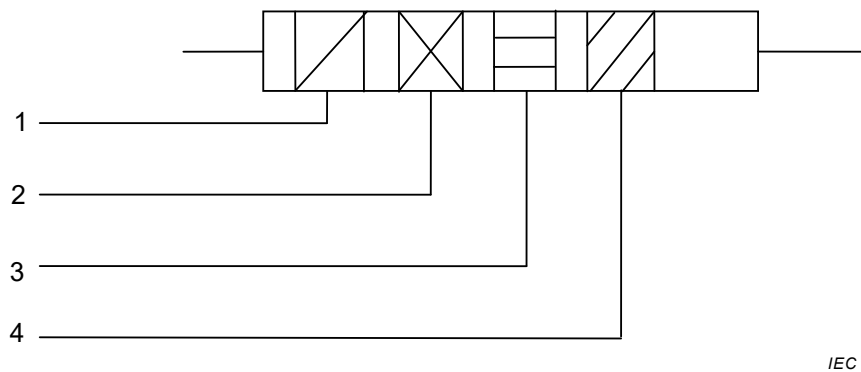


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Key:

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| 1: 1 st band | 1 st numeral | Yellow = 4 |
| 2: 2 nd band | 2 nd numeral | Violet = 7 |
| 3: 3 rd band | Multiplier | Black = $\times 10^0$ |
| 4: 4 th band | Tolerance | Silver = $\pm 10\%$ |

Figure 1 – Example for 47 $\mu\text{H} \pm 10\%$

**Key:**

1: 1 st band	1 st numeral	Yellow	= 4
2: 2 nd band	2 nd numeral	Violet	= 7
3: 3 rd band	Multiplier	Gold	= $\times 10^{-1}$
4: 4 th band	Tolerance	Red	= $\pm 2\%$

Figure 2 – Example for 4,7 $\mu\text{H} \pm 2\%$ **Key:**

1: 1 st band	1 st numeral	Yellow	= 4
2: 2 nd band	2 nd numeral	Violet	= 7
3: 3 rd band	Multiplier	Grey	= $\times 10^{-4}$
4: 4 th band	Tolerance	Gold	= $\pm 5\%$

Figure 3 – Example for 4,7 nH $\pm 5\%$ **4 Digit and letter code for inductance values****4.1 General rules**

Nominal inductance values shall be expressed in three characters of letters and digits.

Where inductance values are equal to, or greater than, 10 μH , the first two characters indicate significant figures and the last one indicates multipliers. In this case, cardinal numbers for the multiplier shall be as given in Table 2.

Table 2 – Cardinal numbers for the multiplier

Cardinal number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	–
Multiplier	10^0	10^1	10^2	10^3	10^4	10^5	10^6	–	–	–	–