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Standard Specification for Soft Magnetic MnZn Ferrite Core Materials for High Frequency (10 kHz-1 MHz) Power Transformer and Filter Inductor Applications¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the requirements to which the specified grades of soft magnetic manganese zinc (MnZn) ferrite materials shall conform. Cores made from these materials are used primarily in power transformers and filter inductors.

1.2 The values stated in customary (cgs-emu and inch-pounds) units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units, which are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

[A340 Terminology of Symbols and Definitions Relating to Magnetic Testing](#)

[A1013 Test Method for High-Frequency \(10 kHz-1 MHz\) Core Loss of Soft Magnetic Core Components at Controlled Temperatures Using the Voltmeter-Ammeter-Wattmeter Method](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 The terms and symbols used in this specification are defined in Terminology [A340](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.2.1 *Inductance Index (AL value)*—the self inductance per winding turn squared (L/N^2) expressed in units of nanohenries per turns squared (nH/N^2).

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

where:

n = nano = 10^{-9} ,

nH = inductance in nanohenries, and

N = number of turns on winding (example: 0.005 H with a 100 turn coil = $0.005/(100)^2 \text{ H}/N^2 = 500 \text{ nH}/N^2$).

3.2.2 *Mated Core Set*—Two or more core segments assembled with the magnetic flux path perpendicular to the mating surface.

3.2.3 Air core inductance, L_{air} , is the inductance of a core with the same magnetic path length and cross-sectional core area but with the relative permeability of air.

3.2.3.1 *Customary Units*

$$L_{\text{air}} = 4\pi AN^2 10^{-9}/l_1, \text{ H}$$

where:

N = number of turns on winding;

A = cross-sectional area of core specimen, cm^2 ; and

l_1 = effective magnetic path length, cm.

3.2.3.2 *SI Units*

$$L_{\text{air}} = 4\pi AN^2 10^{-7}/l_1, \text{ H}$$

where:

N = number of turns on winding;

A = cross-sectional area of core specimen, m^2 ; and

l_1 = effective magnetic path length, m.

4. Classification

4.1 The soft magnetic MnZn ferrite material-type designations for power transformer and filter inductor materials covered by this specification are listed in [Table 1](#), [Table 2](#), and [Table X1.1](#). The prefix of the type designations identifies each material's intended use. Power transformer materials are denoted with the prefix P and filter materials are denoted with the prefix F.

4.2 The first and second digits of the type designations for a power transformer material identify the typical core loss density of the material in mW/cm^3 , and the remainder of the type designation identifies the temperatures in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ in which the core material must not exceed the maximum core loss density.