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particle testing — Vocabulary**

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1 Scope

This International Standard defines general terms specifically associated with magnetic particle testing.

2 Terms and definitions

2.1

adjacent conductor technique

magnetization using a bar or cable close to, but isolated from the test surface

2.2

ampere turns

product of the number of turns of a coil and the current in amperes flowing through the coil

2.3

arcing strike

poor electrical contact causing burn damage

2.4

carrier liquid

liquid in which the *magnetic particles* (2.30) are suspended for the wet technique

2.5

central conductor

threaded conductor positioned in the centre of an aperture of the component

2.6

circular magnetization

continuous lines of force within a test piece produced by current flow or a conductor surrounded by the test piece

2.7

coil technique

magnetization using a flexible cable or a rigid coil to test all or a part of a component

2.8

coloured detection medium

detection medium for testing with visible light

2.9

concentrate

detection medium supplied in a form requiring dilution before use

2.10

conditioning agent

additive in water-based media used to improve their properties which may include wetting, antifoaming and corrosion inhibitors

2.11

constant current control

device to maintain the pre-set current

2.12

contact pad

replaceable pad usually copper braid, placed at contact points to improve electrical connection

2.13

continuous magnetization technique

technique where detection medium is applied during magnetization

2.14

contrast aid paint

thin coating or film applied to a surface to improve the visibility of indications using *coloured detection medium* (2.8)

2.15

current flow technique

magnetization by passing a current through a component

2.16

current generator

source of current for magnetization

2.17

detection medium

magnetic particles (2.30) suspended in a carrier liquid or in dry powder form, ready for use

2.18

dry powder technique

application of *magnetic particles* (2.30), air suspended in use

2.19

fixed installation

stationary equipment providing a magnetic field for testing of components

2.20

flexible coil technique

magnetization using a conductor wrapped closely around a component

2.21

fluorescent detection medium

detection medium that emits visible light when excited by a different radiation, usually UV-A radiation

2.22

flux indicator

magnetic flux shunting detector containing artificial discontinuities

2.23

fluorescent stability

capability of a detection medium to maintain fluorescent properties

2.24

induced current flow technique

current flow in a ring type component produced by making it the secondary of a transformer

2.25

lift test

functional check of portable electromagnets assessed by attractive force

2.26

magnetic bench

stationary equipment for general applications employing *magnetic flow techniques* (2.28) and/or *current flow techniques* (2.15)

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2.27**magnetic extender**

ferromagnetic piece placed at the end of a component to improve the magnetization

2.28**magnetic flow technique**

magnetization by inducing a magnetic flux through the component

2.29**magnetic ink**

magnetic particles (2.30) suspended in a carrier liquid

2.30**magnetic particle**

finely distributed ferromagnetic material attracted by the magnetic flux leakage

2.31**magnetic particle content**

measurement of *magnetic particles* (2.30) in magnetic ink

2.32**magnetic particle testing**

non-destructive test method using magnetic fields and detection media to reveal surface and near surface discontinuities in ferromagnetic materials

2.33**magnetic writing**

form of false indication due to local, random magnetization, sometimes caused when a magnetized component comes in contact with the test item

2.34**magnetizing coil**

arrangement of a rigid or flexible conductor to encircle the entire component or part of it

2.35**mechanical stability**

capability of detection medium to maintain performance under working conditions

2.36**multidirectional magnetization**

single magnetizing operation that produces a directionally varying field in the test part

2.37**portable electromagnet (yoke)**

hand-held, electrical equipment used for *magnetic flow techniques* (2.28)

2.38**prods**

hand-held electrodes

2.39**residual field**

magnetic field remaining after magnetization

2.40**rigid coil technique**

magnetization using a coil with fixed dimensions

2.41**tangential field**

component of a magnetizing field parallel to the surface

2.42

tangential field strength

value of the *tangential field* ([2.41](#))

2.43

threaded conductor technique

bar or cable through a hole or an aperture used for magnetization

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