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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) addition, in 5.2, of the drawing and the formulae of pair of URS-cores of rectangular-circular section;
- b) using, in 5.9, 5.10, 5.11 and 5.13, the conventional calculation formula that includes " $B_1$ -D" is limited for the x-x cores (x is EL, ER, PQ or E) and addition new formulae for x-PLT cores that replaces " $B_1$ -D" with " $(B_1-D+B_2)/2$ ";

- c) addition, in 5.9, 5.10, 5.11 and 5.13, of formulae of  $l_1$  and  $l_3$  for x-PLT cores (x is EL, ER, PQ or E) which is different from the  $l_1$  and  $l_3$  of x-x cores;
- d) addition of formula  $A_{\min}$  in each subclause from 5.2.1 to 5.14.

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The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies uniform rules for the calculation of the effective parameters of closed circuits of ferromagnetic material.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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## 4 Basic rules applicable to this standard

**4.1** All results shall be expressed in units based on millimetres. It is recommended that the intermediate calculation values used to derive  $l_e$ ,  $A_e$ ,  $V_e$ ,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have at least 10 decimal places. Finally calculated  $l_e$ ,  $A_e$ ,  $V_e$  and  $A_{\min}$  shall be rounded to three significant figures, and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  shall be rounded to five significant figures. All angles are in radians.

NOTE The purpose of specifying this degree of accuracy is only to ensure that parameters calculated at different establishments are identical and it is not intended to imply that the parameters are capable of being determined to this accuracy.

**4.2**  $A_{\min}$  is the nominal value of the smallest cross-section.  $A_g$  is the geometrical cross-section of a ring core with rectangular shape. All the dimensions used to calculate  $A_{\min}$  shall be the mean values between the tolerance limits quoted on the appropriate piece part drawing. All results shall be expressed in units based on millimetres and shall be accurate to three significant figures.

NOTE  $A_g$  is used for the measurement of the saturation flux density  $B_s$  on ring cores with rectangular cross-section.

**4.3** Calculations are only applicable to the component parts of a closed magnetic circuit.

**4.4** All dimensions used for the purpose of calculations shall be the mean value within the tolerance limits quoted on the appropriate piece part drawing.

**4.5** All irregularities in the outline of the core, such as small cut-outs, notches, chamfers, etc. shall be ignored, unless otherwise described in this document.

**4.6** When the calculation involves the sharp corner of a piece part, then the mean length of flux path for that corner shall be taken as the mean circular path joining the centres of area of the two adjacent uniform sections, and the cross-sectional area associated with that length shall be taken as the average area of the two adjacent uniform sections.

The effective parameters  $l_e$ ,  $A_e$  and  $V_e$  can be calculated as:

$$l_e = C_1^2 / C_2 \quad A_e = C_1 / C_2 \quad V_e = l_e A_e = C_1^3 / C_2^2$$

where

$l_e$  is the effective magnetic length of the core (mm);

$A_e$  is the effective cross-sectional area (mm<sup>2</sup>);

$V_e$  is the effective volume (mm<sup>3</sup>);

$C_1$  is the core constant (mm<sup>-1</sup>);

$C_2$  is the core constant (mm<sup>-3</sup>).

## 5 Formulae for the various types of cores

### 5.1 Ring cores

#### 5.1.1 Ring cores in general

Drawings of ring cores are shown in Figure 1.

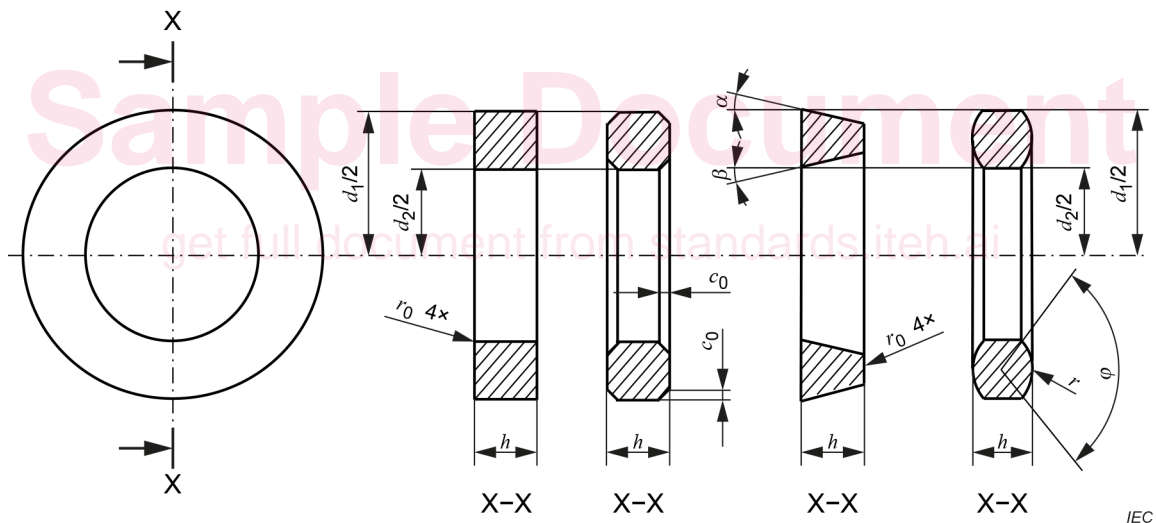


Figure 1 – Ring cores

$$C_1 = \frac{2\pi}{h_e \ln(d_1 / d_2)}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{4\pi(1/d_2 - 1/d_1)}{h_e^2 \ln^3(d_1 / d_2)}$$

**5.1.2 For ring cores of rectangular cross-section with sharp corners**

The formula is as follows:

$$h_e = h$$

The geometrical cross-section of a ring core with rectangular shape  $A_g$  is given as:

$$A_g = h \frac{d_1 - d_2}{2}$$

**5.1.3 For ring cores of rectangular cross-section with an appreciable average rounding radius  $r_0$** 

The formula is as follows:

$$h_e = h(1 - k_1) \quad k_1 = \frac{1,7168r_0^2}{h(d_1 - d_2)}$$

**5.1.4 For ring cores of rectangular cross-section with appreciable chamfer  $c_0$** 

The formula is as follows:

$$h_e = h(1 - k_3) \quad k_3 = \frac{4c_0^2}{h(d_1 - d_2)}$$

The geometrical cross-section of a ring core with appreciable chamfer shape  $A_g$  is given as:

$$A_g = h \frac{d_1 - d_2}{2} - 2c_0^2$$

**5.1.5 For ring cores of trapezoidal cross-section with sharp corners**

The formula is as follows:

$$h_e = h(1 - k_2) \quad k_2 = \frac{h(\tan \alpha + \tan \beta)}{d_1 - d_2}$$

**5.1.6 For ring cores of trapezoidal cross-section with an appreciable average rounding radius  $r_0$** 

The formula is as follows:

$$h_e = h(1 - k_1 - k_2)$$

### 5.1.7 For ring cores of cross-section with circular arc frontal sides

The formula is as follows:

$$h_e = h - \frac{d_1 - d_2}{4 \sin^2(\varphi/2)} \left( 2 \sin \frac{\varphi}{2} - \frac{\sin \varphi}{2} - \frac{\varphi}{2} \right)$$

$$\varphi = 2 \arcsin \frac{d_1 - d_2}{4r}$$

When the winding is uniformly distributed over a ring core, it can be expected that, at all points inside the ring core, the flux lines will be parallel to its surface.

No leakage flux will therefore leave or enter the ring core. This justifies the use of a theoretically more correct derivation of the effective parameters, which does not make use of the assumption that the flux is uniformly distributed over the cross-section.

## 5.2 Pair of U-cores

### 5.2.1 Pair of U-cores of rectangular section

Drawings of a pair of U-cores of the rectangular section are shown in Figure 2.

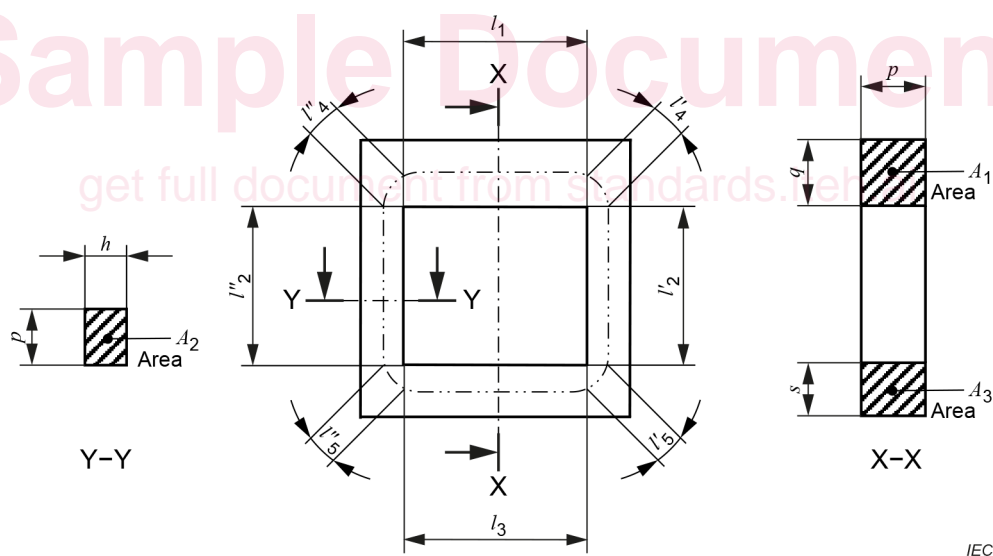


Figure 2 – Pair of U-cores of the rectangular section

$$A_1 = pq$$

$$A_2 = hp$$

$$A_3 = ps$$

Length of flux path associated with area  $A_2$ :

$$l_2 = l'_2 + l''_2$$

Mean length of flux path at corners:

$$l_4 = l'_4 + l''_4 = \frac{\pi}{4}(q + h)$$

$$l_5 = l'_5 + l''_5 = \frac{\pi}{4}(s + h)$$

Mean areas associated with  $l_4$  and  $l_5$ :

$$A_4 = \frac{A_1 + A_2}{2}$$

$$A_5 = \frac{A_2 + A_3}{2}$$

$$C_1 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{l_i}{A_i} \quad C_2 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{l_i}{A_i^2}$$

### 5.2.2 Pair of UR-cores

Drawings of a pair of UR-cores with the rounded section are shown in Figure 3.

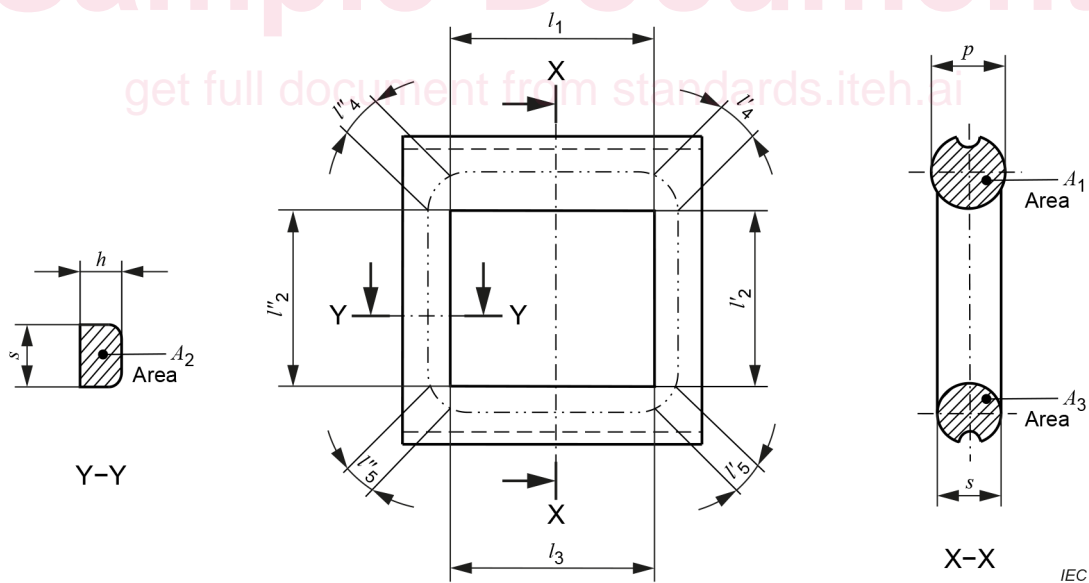


Figure 3 – Pair of UR-cores of rounded section

In calculating  $A_2$ , ignore any ridges introduced for the purpose of facilitating manufacture.

$$A_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} p^2$$

$$A_2 = hs$$

$$A_3 = \frac{\pi}{4} s^2$$

Length of flux path associated with area  $A_2$ :

$$l_2 = l'_2 + l''_2$$

Mean length of flux path at corners:

$$l_4 = l'_4 + l''_4 = \frac{\pi}{4}(p + h)$$

$$l_5 = l'_5 + l''_5 = \frac{\pi}{4}(s + h)$$

Mean areas associated with  $l_4$  and  $l_5$ :

$$A_4 = \frac{A_1 + A_2}{2}$$

$$A_5 = \frac{A_2 + A_3}{2}$$

$$C_1 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{l_i}{A_i} \quad C_2 = \sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{l_i}{A_i^2}$$