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SIFERRIT material N88

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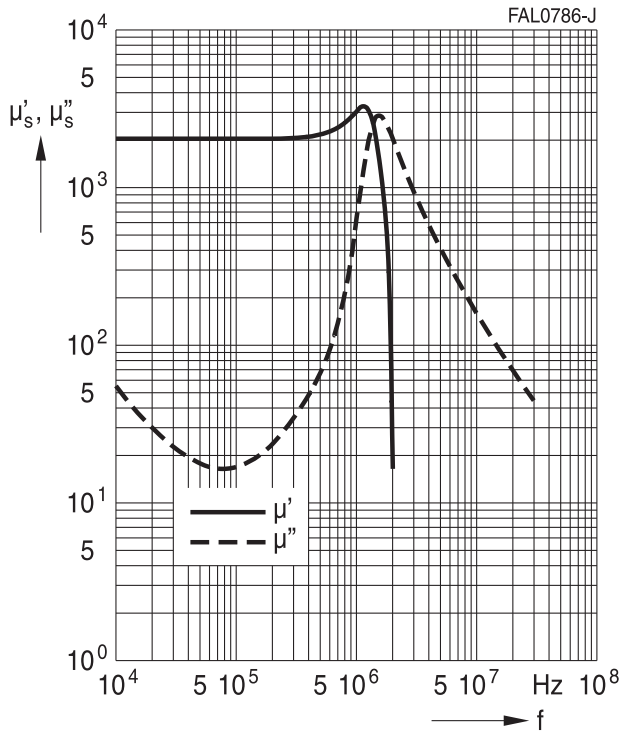
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Material properties

Preferred application			Power transformers	
Material			N88	
Base material			MnZn	
	Symbol	Unit		
Initial permeability (T = 25 °C)	μ_i		1900 ±25%	
Flux density (H = 1200 A/m, f = 10 kHz)	B_S (25 °C)	mT	500	
	B_S (100 °C)	mT	400	
	B_S (140 °C)	mT	340	
Coercive field strength (f = 10 kHz)	H_C (25 °C)	A/m	16	
	H_C (100 °C)	A/m	10	
	H_C (140 °C)	A/m	12	
Optimum frequency range	f_{min}	kHz	25	
	f_{max}	kHz	500	
Hysteresis material constant	η_B	$10^{-6}/mT$	<1.5	
Relative loss factor	at f_{min}	$\tan \delta/\mu_i$	10^{-6}	
	at f_{max}		10^{-6}	
Curie temperature	T_C	°C	>220	
Mean value of α_F at 25 ... 55 °C		$10^{-6}/K$	4	
Density (typical values)		kg/m ³	4900	
Relative core losses (typical values)	P_V			
		100 kHz, 200 mT, 25 °C	kW/m ³	720
		100 kHz, 200 mT, 60 °C	kW/m ³	—
		100 kHz, 200 mT, 100 °C	kW/m ³	380
		100 kHz, 200 mT, 140 °C	kW/m ³	340
		300 kHz, 100 mT, 100 °C	kW/m ³	—
Resistivity	ρ	Ωm	10	
Core shapes			E, ER, ETD, U	

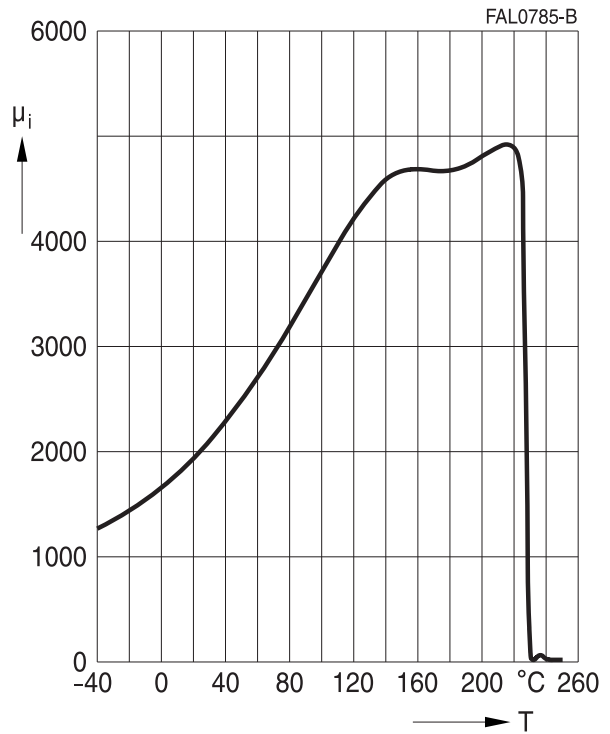
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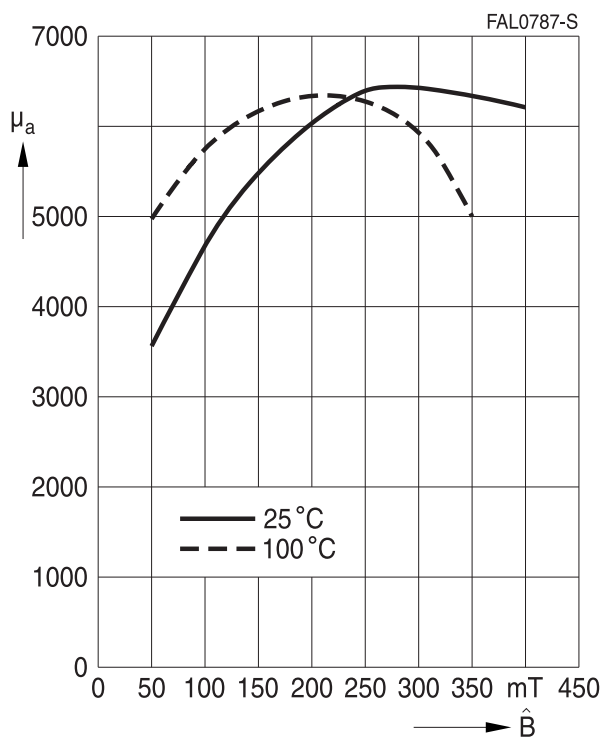
Complex permeability
versus frequency
(measured on R34 toroids, $\hat{B} \leq 0.25$ mT)



Initial permeability μ_i
versus temperature
(measured on R34 toroids, $\hat{B} \leq 0.25$ mT)



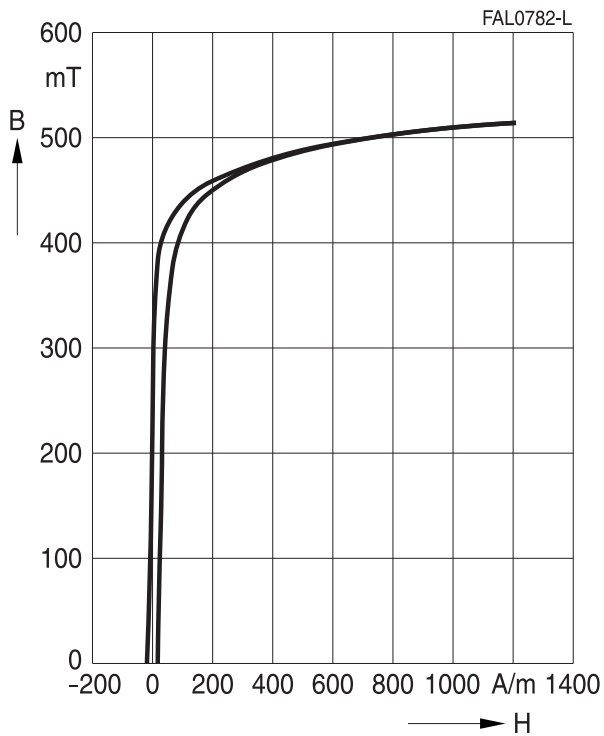
Amplitude permeability
versus AC field flux density
(measured on R34 toroids, $f < 10$ kHz)



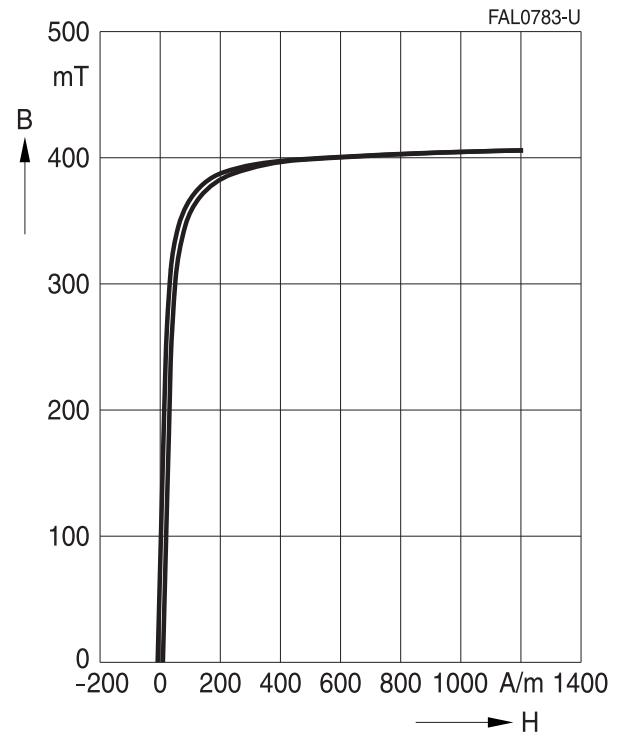
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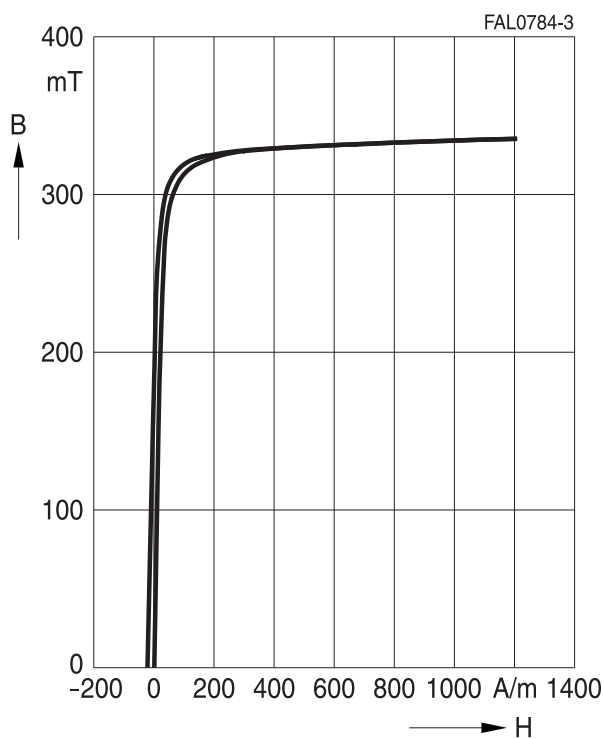
Dynamic magnetization curves
(typical values)
(f = 10 kHz, T = 25 °C)



Dynamic magnetization curves
(typical values)
(f = 10 kHz, T = 100 °C)



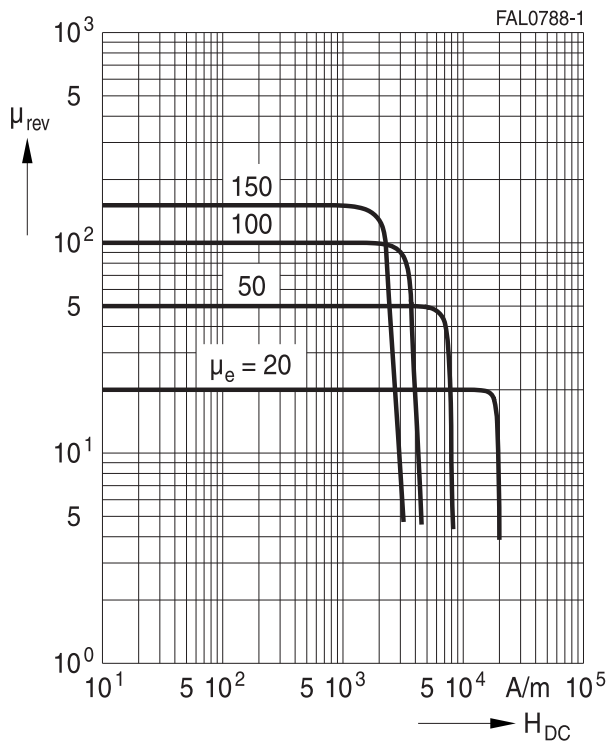
Dynamic magnetization curves
(typical values)
(f = 10 kHz, T = 140 °C)



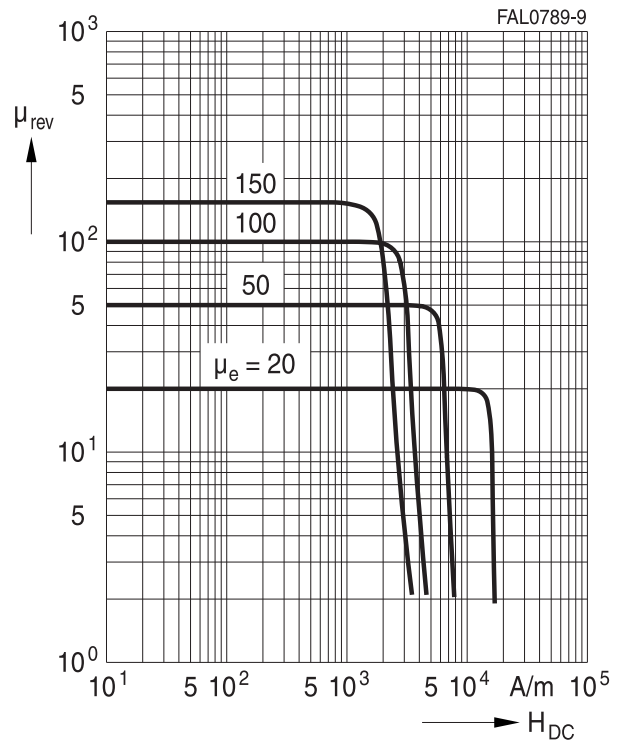
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DC Magnetic bias
 measured on ETD29 cores
 ($\hat{B} \leq 0.25$ mT, $f = 10$ kHz, $T = 25$ °C)



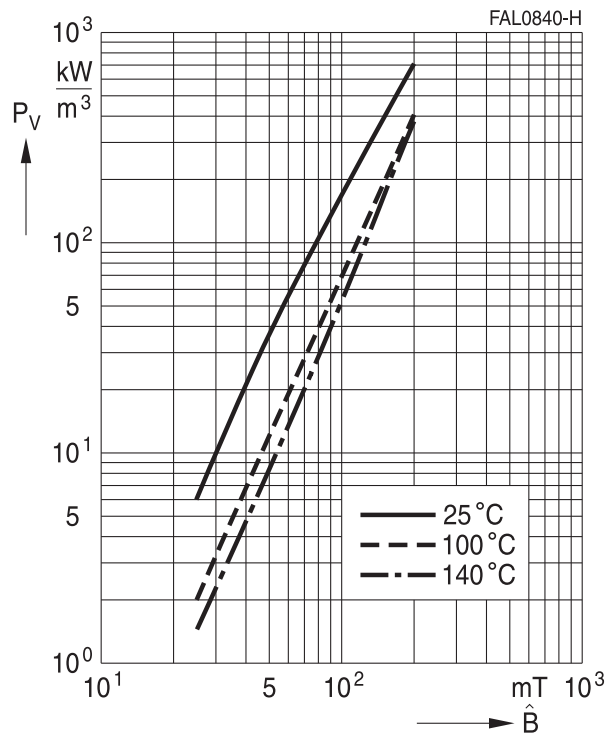
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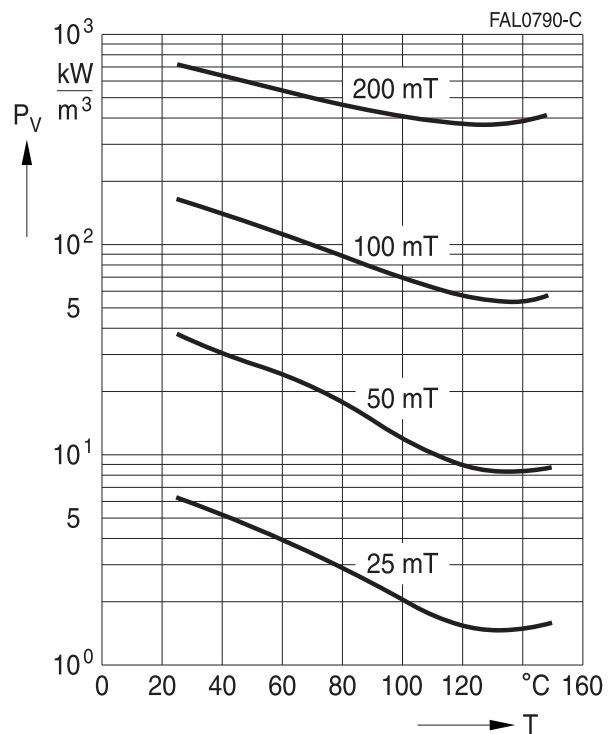
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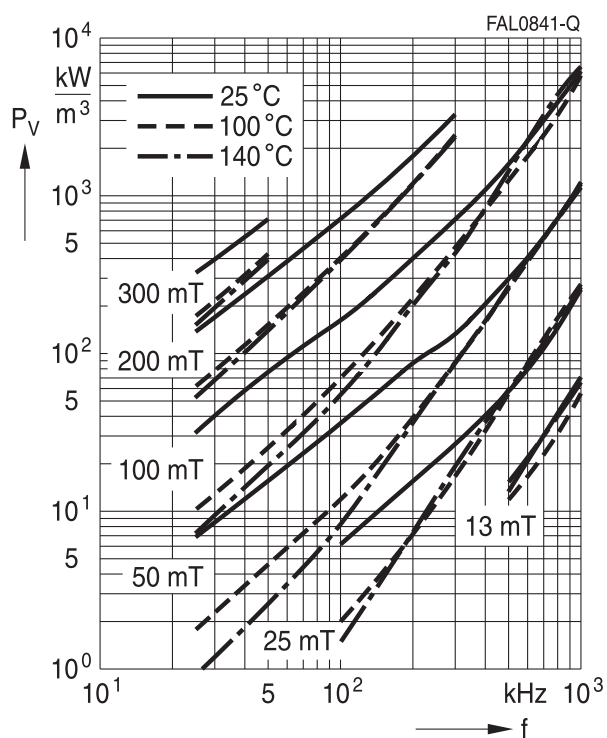
Relative core losses
versus AC field flux density
(measured on R34 toroids)



Relative core losses
versus temperature
(measured on R34 toroids, $f = 100$ kHz)



Relative core losses
versus frequency
(measured on R34 toroids)



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Cautions and warnings

Mechanical stress and mounting

Ferrite cores have to meet mechanical requirements during assembling and for a growing number of applications. Since ferrites are ceramic materials one has to be aware of the special behavior under mechanical load.

As valid for any ceramic material, ferrite cores are brittle and sensitive to any shock, fast temperature changing or tensile load. Especially high cooling rates under ultrasonic cleaning and high static or cyclic loads can cause cracks or failure of the ferrite cores.

For detailed information see data book, chapter “*General - Definitions, 8.1*”.

Effects of core combination on A_L value

Stresses in the core affect not only the mechanical but also the magnetic properties. It is apparent that the initial permeability is dependent on the stress state of the core. The higher the stresses are in the core, the lower is the value for the initial permeability. Thus the embedding medium should have the greatest possible elasticity.

For detailed information see data book, chapter “*General - Definitions, 8.1*”.

Heating up

Ferrites can run hot during operation at higher flux densities and higher frequencies.

NiZn-materials

The magnetic properties of NiZn-materials can change irreversible in high magnetic fields.

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Processing remarks

The start of the winding process should be soft. Else the flanges may be destroyed.

- Too strong winding forces may blast the flanges or squeeze the tube that the cores can not be mounted any more.
- Too long soldering time at high temperature (>300 °C) may effect coplanarity or pin arrangement.
- Not following the processing notes for soldering of the J-leg terminals may cause solderability problems at the transformer because of pollution with Sn oxyde of the tin bath or burned insulation of the wire. For detailed information see chapter “*Processing notes*”, section 2.2.
- The dimensions of the hole arrangement have fixed values and should be understood as a recommendation for drilling the printed circuit board. For dimensioning the pins, the group of holes can only be seen under certain conditions, as they fit into the given hole arrangement. To avoid problems when mounting the transformer, the manufacturing tolerances for positioning the customers' drilling process must be considered by increasing the hole diameter.

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Symbols and terms

Symbol	Meaning	Unit
A	Cross section of coil	mm ²
A _e	Effective magnetic cross section	mm ²
A _L	Inductance factor; $A_L = L/N^2$	nH
A _{L1}	Minimum inductance at defined high saturation ($\hat{=} \mu_a$)	nH
A _{min}	Minimum core cross section	mm ²
A _N	Winding cross section	mm ²
A _R	Resistance factor; $A_R = R_{Cu}/N^2$	$\mu\Omega = 10^{-6} \Omega$
B	RMS value of magnetic flux density	Vs/m ² , mT
ΔB	Flux density deviation	Vs/m ² , mT
\hat{B}	Peak value of magnetic flux density	Vs/m ² , mT
$\Delta \hat{B}$	Peak value of flux density deviation	Vs/m ² , mT
B _{DC}	DC magnetic flux density	Vs/m ² , mT
B _R	Remanent flux density	Vs/m ² , mT
B _S	Saturation magnetization	Vs/m ² , mT
C ₀	Winding capacitance	F = As/V
CDF	Core distortion factor	mm ^{-4.5}
DF	Relative disaccommodation coefficient $DF = d/\mu_i$	
d	Disaccommodation coefficient	
E _a	Activation energy	J
f	Frequency	s ⁻¹ , Hz
f _{cutoff}	Cut-off frequency	s ⁻¹ , Hz
f _{max}	Upper frequency limit	s ⁻¹ , Hz
f _{min}	Lower frequency limit	s ⁻¹ , Hz
f _r	Resonance frequency	s ⁻¹ , Hz
f _{Cu}	Copper filling factor	
g	Air gap	mm
H	RMS value of magnetic field strength	A/m
\hat{H}	Peak value of magnetic field strength	A/m
H _{DC}	DC field strength	A/m
H _c	Coercive field strength	A/m
h	Hysteresis coefficient of material	10 ⁻⁶ cm/A
h/μ_i^2	Relative hysteresis coefficient	10 ⁻⁶ cm/A
I	RMS value of current	A
I _{DC}	Direct current	A
\hat{I}	Peak value of current	A
J	Polarization	Vs/m ²
k	Boltzmann constant	J/K
k ₃	Third harmonic distortion	
k _{3c}	Circuit third harmonic distortion	
L	Inductance	H = Vs/A

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$\Delta L/L$	Relative inductance change	H
L_0	Inductance of coil without core	H
L_H	Main inductance	H
L_p	Parallel inductance	H
L_{rev}	Reversible inductance	H
L_s	Series inductance	H
l_e	Effective magnetic path length	mm
l_N	Average length of turn	mm
N	Number of turns	
P_{Cu}	Copper (winding) losses	W
P_{trans}	Transferrable power	W
P_V	Relative core losses	mW/g
PF	Performance factor	
Q	Quality factor ($Q = \omega L/R_s = 1/\tan \delta_L$)	
R	Resistance	Ω
R_{Cu}	Copper (winding) resistance ($f = 0$)	Ω
R_h	Hysteresis loss resistance of a core	Ω
ΔR_h	R_h change	Ω
R_i	Internal resistance	Ω
R_p	Parallel loss resistance of a core	Ω
R_s	Series loss resistance of a core	Ω
R_{th}	Thermal resistance	K/W
R_V	Effective loss resistance of a core	Ω
s	Total air gap	mm
T	Temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
ΔT	Temperature difference	K
T_C	Curie temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
t	Time	s
t_v	Pulse duty factor	
$\tan \delta$	Loss factor	
$\tan \delta_L$	Loss factor of coil	
$\tan \delta_r$	(Residual) loss factor at $H \rightarrow 0$	
$\tan \delta_e$	Relative loss factor	
$\tan \delta_h$	Hysteresis loss factor	
$\tan \delta/\mu_i$	Relative loss factor of material at $H \rightarrow 0$	
U	RMS value of voltage	V
\hat{U}	Peak value of voltage	V
V_e	Effective magnetic volume	mm^3
Z	Complex impedance	Ω
Z_n	Normalized impedance $ Z _n = Z /N^2 \times \epsilon (l_e/A_e)$	Ω/mm

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Symbol	Meaning	Unit
α	Temperature coefficient (TK)	1/K
α_F	Relative temperature coefficient of material	1/K
α_e	Temperature coefficient of effective permeability	1/K
ϵ_r	Relative permittivity	
Φ	Magnetic flux	Vs
η	Efficiency of a transformer	
η_B	Hysteresis material constant	mT ⁻¹
η_i	Hysteresis core constant	A ⁻¹ H ^{-1/2}
λ_s	Magnetostriction at saturation magnetization	
μ	Relative complex permeability	
μ_0	Magnetic field constant	Vs/Am
μ_a	Relative amplitude permeability	
μ_{app}	Relative apparent permeability	
μ_e	Relative effective permeability	
μ_i	Relative initial permeability	
μ_p'	Relative real (inductive) component of $\bar{\mu}$ (for parallel components)	
μ_p''	Relative imaginary (loss) component of $\bar{\mu}$ (for parallel components)	
μ_r	Relative permeability	
μ_{rev}	Relative reversible permeability	
μ_s'	Relative real (inductive) component of $\bar{\mu}$ (for series components)	
μ_s''	Relative imaginary (loss) component of $\bar{\mu}$ (for series components)	
μ_{tot}	Relative total permeability derived from the static magnetization curve	
ρ	Resistivity	Ωm^{-1}
$\Sigma l/A$	Magnetic form factor	mm^{-1}
τ_{Cu}	DC time constant $\tau_{Cu} = L/R_{Cu} = A_L/A_R$	s
ω	Angular frequency; $\omega = 2 \Pi f$	s ⁻¹

All dimensions are given in mm.

SMD Surface-mount device

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