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- c) dimensions D and F in Figure A.1 and Table A.1 have been changed to be consistent with Figure 1 of IEC 63093-8:2018;
- d) addition of the content of ring-cores test;
- e) addition of Annex B;
- f) the location of the jig is amended in Figure 3;
- g) in Figure 5, the roller bars are moved to the edge of the I-core, aligned with the core.

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INTRODUCTION

The method specified in this document is intended to be used for obtaining agreements between parties for material development, quality checking, characterization and data acquisition purposes. The method places closely defined restrictions on the arrangement of the test-piece and the function of the test apparatus, including the test-jigs, in order to minimize the errors that can arise as a consequence of the test method.

All other factors are ~~required to be~~ stated in the test report ~~in order to be allowed for in the~~ comparison of the behavior of the magnetic oxide cores. It is not possible to rigorously standardize particular surface finishes, since it is difficult to control all the mechanical factors. But, ~~it is absolutely essential to mention~~ the state of the surface in the report ~~should be mentioned~~, as surface defects can have a large effect on mechanical strength in certain types of tests (see Clause 6). The extrapolation of mechanical strength data to other geometries, multi-axial stressing, other rates of stressing or other environmental conditions, should be viewed with caution. The origin of a fracture in a mechanical test piece can be a valuable guide to the nature and position of strength-limiting defects (such as pores, large grains and impurity concentration).

The results of strength tests are influenced by a combination of the following factors: the microstructure of the material, the surface finishing procedure applied to the test cores, the size and shape of the test cores, the mechanical parameters of the testing apparatus, the rate of load application and the relative humidity of the ambient atmosphere. Because of the ceramic nature of magnetic oxide cores, a considerable range of results is usually obtained from a number of nominally identical test cores. Thus test results ~~need to be~~ ~~are~~ interpreted with caution.

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TEST METHOD FOR THE MECHANICAL STRENGTH OF CORES MADE OF MAGNETIC OXIDES

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for the mechanical strength of cores made of magnetic oxides. This test method is suitable for most of the E-cores, ETD-cores, I-cores and ring-cores but other core types such as U-cores could be tested according to a derived method agreed by the parties concerned. This document is also applicable to the mechanical strength measurement of magnetic powder cores.

2 Normative references

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~~IEC 61246:1994, Magnetic oxide cores (E-cores) of rectangular cross-section and associated parts – Dimensions~~

~~EN 10002-2:1992, Tensile testing of metallic materials – Part 2: Verification of the force measuring system of the tensile testing machine~~

~~ISO 4677-1:1985, Atmospheres for conditioning and testing – Determination of relative humidity – Part 1: Aspirated psychrometer method~~

~~ISO 4677-2:1985, Atmospheres for conditioning and testing – Determination of relative humidity – Part 2: Whirling psychrometer method~~

ISO 7500-2, *Metallic materials – Verification of static uniaxial testing machines – Part 2: Tension creep testing machines – Verification of the applied force*

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3.1

mechanical strength

maximum recorded force at the instant of fracture of a magnetic oxide core when it is loaded in with the bending stress

4 Apparatus

4.1 Test core support and loading wedge

Test cores shall be supported on free moving roller bars or on a flat support depending on their size (see 6.2). The loading wedge, the roller bars and the stretch bar or the flat support shall be made of hardened steel with a hardness of 40 HRC (HRC is Rockwell hardness) to 60 HRC. The loading wedge and the roller bars shall have a radius of 2 mm. The radius of the contact part of the stretching rod head and the measured core is 2 mm. The loading wedge and the stretch bar shall be connected to a device for measuring and recording the load applied.

4.2 Testing device

The testing device shall be a mechanical testing machine capable of applying a force to the loading wedge high enough to break the test core. The machine shall be capable of applying the force at a constant loading rate. The machine shall be equipped with a device for recording the peak load applied to the test core. The accuracy of the machine shall be ~~in accordance with EN 10002-2, Grade 1 (accuracy 1 % of the indicated load)~~. The force calibration of the machine shall be checked in accordance with ~~EN 10002-2~~ ISO 7500-2.

4.3 Humidity measuring device

~~A humidity measuring device shall be as specified in ISO 4677-1 or ISO 4677-2 and shall be capable of measuring relative humidity to an accuracy of ± 2 %.~~

A humidity measuring device, such as, but not limited to, an aspirated psychrometer or whirling psychrometer that is capable of measuring relative humidity to an accuracy of ± 2 % shall be used.

5 Test cores

5.1 General

The test cores shall be selected as agreed between the parties concerned. They may be machined to the specified dimensions, because any machined surface plays an important role in the mechanical strength (see the Introduction).

5.2 Number of test cores

For material development, characterization or quality checking, the minimum number of test cores shall be five pieces. For statistical evaluation of strength data (for example, Weibull parameters), the minimum number shall be thirty.

NOTE For comparison of data for different materials, it is important that the number of specimens is high enough to obtain results with sufficient statistical confidence. Since the confidence limits, in general, depend on the number of test results and their dispersion, the number of test specimens should be decided on the basis of statistical considerations.

5.3 Precautions

The prepared test cores should be handled with care to avoid introduction of additional damage. Test cores should be kept separately at all times, and should be wrapped individually for transport.

6 Testing

6.1 Test conditions

The test shall be carried out at an ambient temperature between 15 °C and 35 °C. The temperature shall not vary by more than 3 °C during the course of a test series. The relative humidity shall be between 45 % and 85 % and shall not vary by more than 10 % during the course of a test series.

6.2 Test procedures

6.2.1 General

The test core shall be arranged in the test apparatus in accordance with 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.2.4, 6.2.2.5, 6.2.3, 6.2.4.2.2, 6.2.4.2.3 or 6.2.4.2.4 as applicable (see Figure 1 to Figure 58). For standard dimensions of E-cores and their support for strength test see Annex A.

The E test and W test can be used for material-related purposes, while the M test and T test can be used for process-related purposes. The ~~I test~~ test of I-cores is only recommended for flat-shaped test cores such as antenna rods. The test method of stretching, shearing and pressure is only applicable to ring-cores. A preloading force of 5 N to 25 N shall be applied because the upper and lower faces of the test cores are never absolutely parallel. The test force shall then be applied at a loading rate of between 5 mm/min and 20 mm/min until the test core fractures. The load at the instant of fracture shall be recorded. The fractured fragments shall be identified and preserved for later fractographic examination.

6.2.2 Test of E-cores

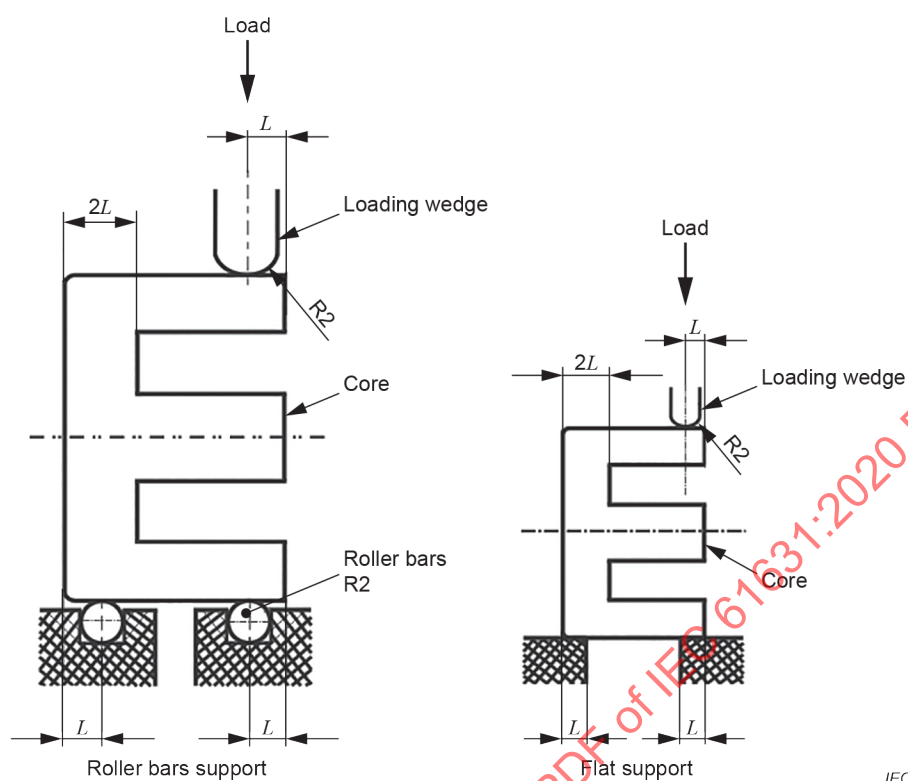
6.2.2.1 Dimensions

The specifications and dimensions of E-cores are according to IEC 63093-8.

6.2.2.2 E test

For test core sizes equal to or larger than E13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 1. For test core sizes less than E13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 1. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters



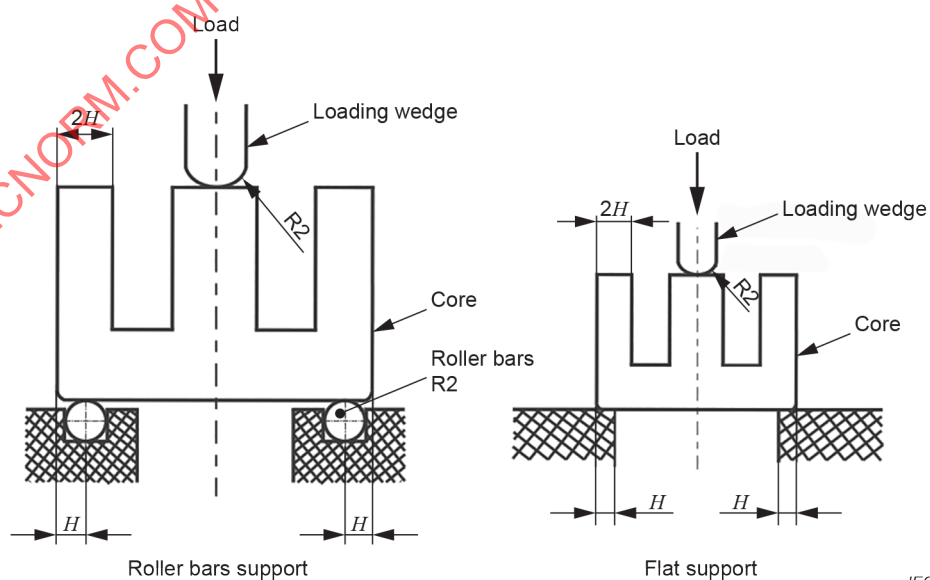
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Figure 1 – E test

6.2.2.3 W test

For test core sizes equal to or larger than E13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 2. For test core sizes less than E13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 2. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters



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Figure 2 – W test

6.2.2.4 T test

The test core shall be placed as shown in Figure 3. For test core sizes equal to or larger than E32, the load shall be applied to the core legs from the roller bars as shown in Figure 3. For test core sizes less than E32, the load shall be applied through jigs, which shall be agreed between the parties concerned, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

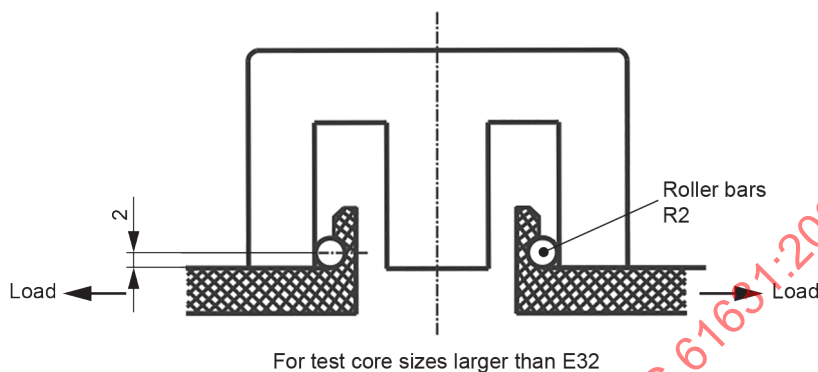


Figure 3 – T test

6.2.2.5 M test

For test core sizes equal to or larger than E13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 4. For test core sizes less than E13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 4. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

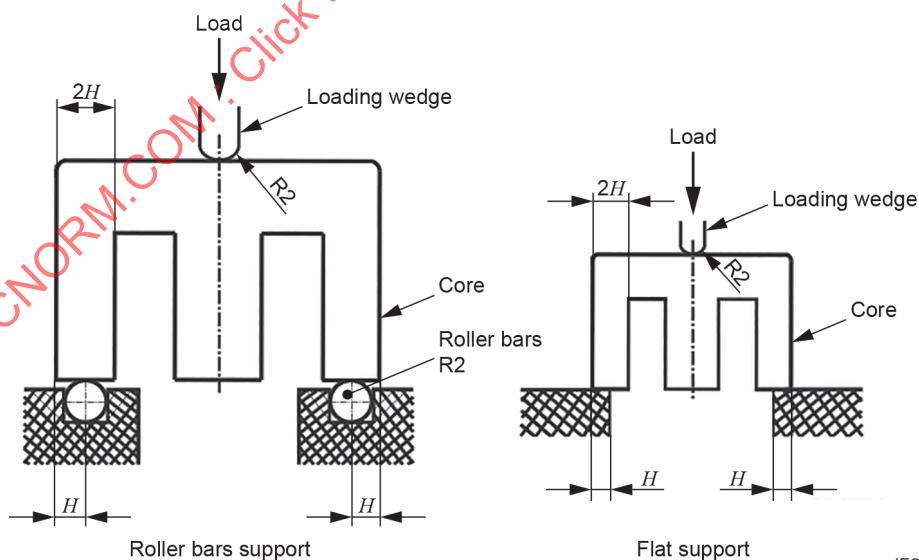


Figure 4 – M test

6.2.3 I-test Test of I-cores

For test core sizes equal to or larger than I13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 5. For test core sizes less than I13, the test core shall be placed on a flat

support as shown in Figure 5. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

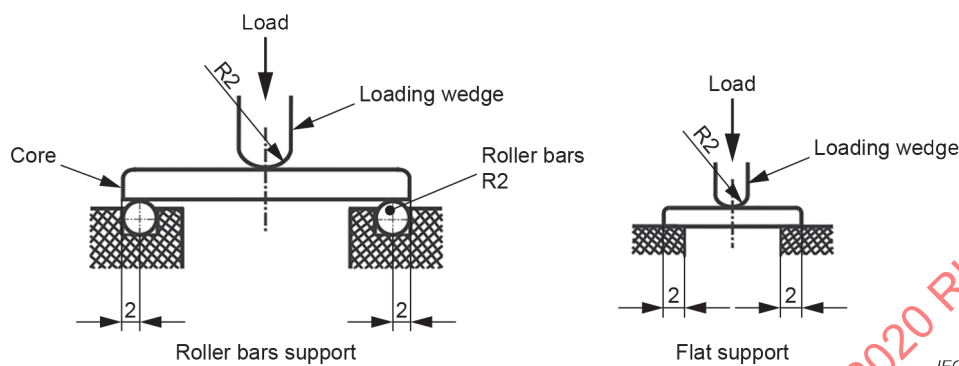


Figure 5 – I test

6.2.4 Test of ring-cores

6.2.4.1 Dimensions

The specifications and dimensions of ring-cores are according to IEC 63093-12. For standard dimensions of ring-cores and methods for strength test see Annex B.

6.2.4.2 Ring test

6.2.4.2.1 General

There are three methods for testing the strength of ring-cores. The method shall be selected as agreed between the parties concerned. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture shall be recorded.

6.2.4.2.2 Stretching method

For the stretching method, see Figure 6.

Dimensions in millimeters

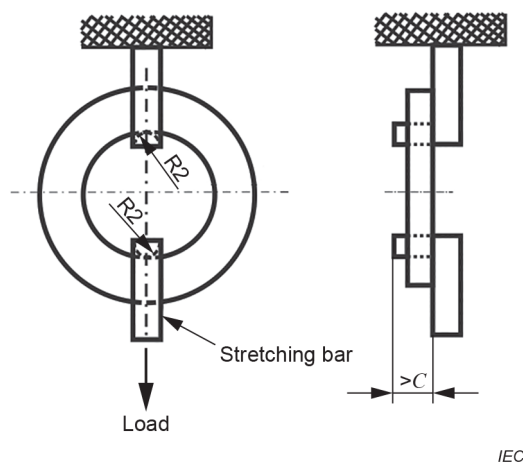
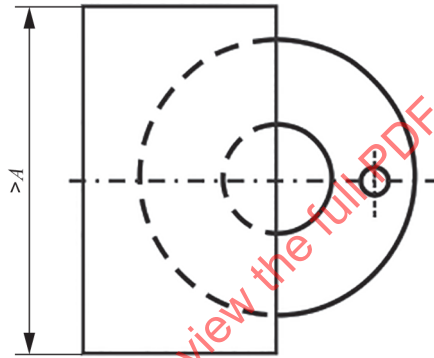
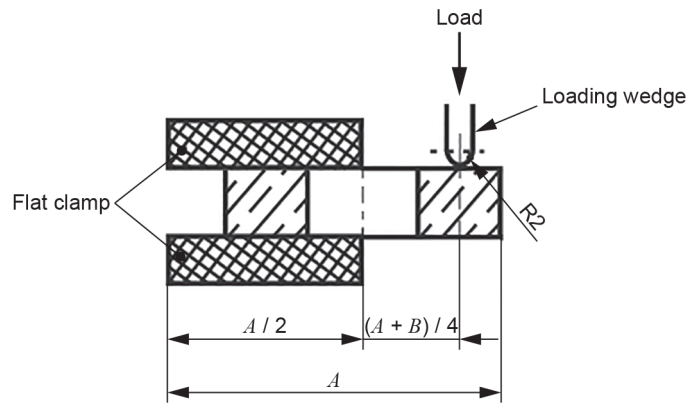


Figure 6 – Stretching method

6.2.4.2.3 Shearing method

For the shearing method, see Figure 7.

Dimensions in millimeters

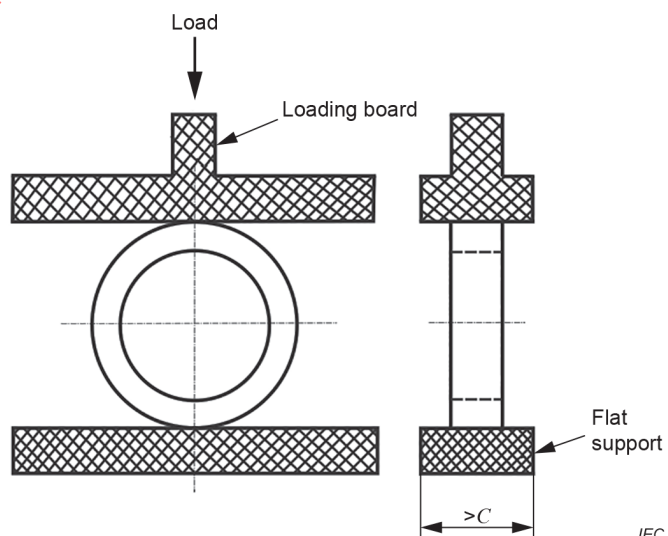


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Figure 7 – Shearing method

6.2.4.2.4 Pressure method

For the pressure method, see Figure 8.



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Figure 8 – Pressure method

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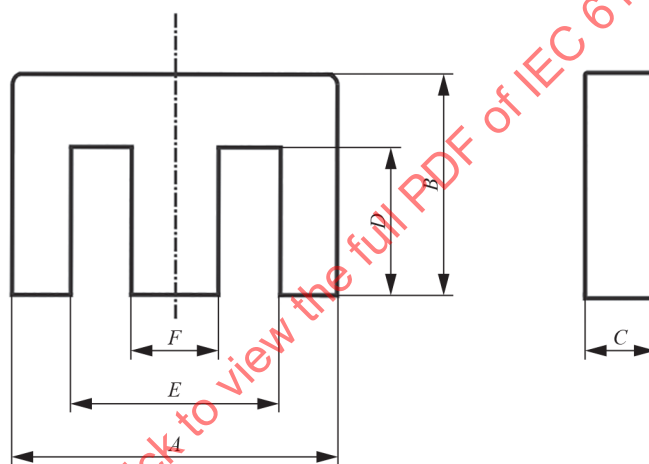
Standard dimensions of E-cores and their support for strength test

A.1 Introduction General

Annex A gives standard dimensions of E-cores specified in ~~IEC 61246~~ IEC 63093-8 and the type of core support for mechanical strength testing. The nominal dimensions of L and H are calculated from the nominal values of (B and F) and (A and E) respectively and are rounded off to the first decimal place.

A.2 Designation

For the designation of an E-core, see Figure A.1.



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Figure A.1 – Designation of E-core

A.3 Test core support

The type of test core support is described in Table A.1.

Table A.1 – Test core support

Parameter	Core size														
	E5,3/2	E6,3/2	E8,2	E8,8/2	E10/3	E13/4	E16/5	E20/6	E25/7	E32/9	E42/15	E42/20	E55/24	E55/25	E65/27
A	Max.	-5,30	-6,30	-8,15	-9,40	-10,20	-13,10	-16,70	-20,80	-25,80	-32,90	-43,00	-56,20	-56,20	-66,50
	Min.	-5,20	-6,05	-7,85	-8,60	-9,80	-12,20	-15,50	-19,40	-24,30	-31,30	-41,30	-54,10	-54,10	-63,80
B	Max.	-2,70	-2,90	-4,05	-4,10	-5,00	-6,50	-8,20	-10,20	-12,80	-16,40	-21,20	-27,80	-27,80	-32,80
	Min.	-2,60	-2,80	-3,95	-3,90	-4,88	-6,30	-7,90	-9,80	-12,30	-15,80	-20,80	-27,20	-27,20	-32,20
C	Max.	-2,00	-2,00	-2,40	-2,00	-3,00	-3,70	-4,70	-5,90	-7,50	-9,50	-20,00	-21,00	-25,00	-27,40
	Min.	-1,90	-1,90	-2,30	-1,80	-2,88	-3,40	-4,30	-5,40	-6,90	-8,80	-19,20	-20,40	-24,20	-26,60
D	Max.	-1,40	-1,40	-2,40	-2,02	-3,00	-3,70	-4,70	-5,90	-7,50	-9,50	-12,20	-17,20	-17,20	-20,00
	Min.	-1,30	-1,30	-2,30	-1,78	-2,88	-3,40	-4,40	-5,50	-7,00	-8,90	-11,70	-16,70	-16,70	-19,30
E	Max.	-4,00	-3,80	-5,80	-5,33	-7,30	-9,50	-11,90	-14,70	-18,30	-23,70	-30,70	-38,70	-38,70	-45,70
	Min.	-3,90	-3,60	-5,60	-5,07	-7,00	-8,90	-11,30	-14,10	-17,50	-22,70	-29,50	-37,50	-37,50	-44,20
F	Max.	-2,10	-1,95	-2,90	-2,35	-3,62	-4,80	-6,10	-7,40	-9,20	-11,80	-15,50	-19,30	-19,30	-23,00
	Min.	-2,00	-1,85	-2,80	-2,03	-3,50	-4,50	-5,70	-7,00	-8,70	-11,20	-14,80	-18,50	-18,50	-22,20
L⁴	Nom.	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,9	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,4	1,8	2,3	2,9	4,3	4,3	5,0
H⁴	Nom.	0,3	0,6	0,6	1,0	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,4	1,8	2,2	3,0	4,3	4,3	5,0
Test-core support	E-mode	a ¹	a	a	a	a	R ³	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	M-mode	a	a	a	a	a	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	W-mode	a	a	a	a	a	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	T-mode	b ²	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	R	R	R	R	R

¹ a: Flat support used.

² b: Jigs used, which shall be agreed between the parties concerned.

³ R: Roller bars used.

⁴ The tolerance of position shall be $\pm 0,1$ mm for $L, H \leq 1,0$ mm and ± 10 % for $L, H > 1,0$ mm.

Dimensions in millimeters

Parameter		Core size														
		E5,3/2	E6,3/2	E8/2	E8,8/2	E10/3	E13/4	E16/5	E20/6	E25/7	E32/9	E42/15	E42/20	E55/21	E55/25	E65/27
A	Max.	5,35	6,30	8,15	9,40	10,20	13,10	16,70	20,80	25,80	32,90	43,00	43,00	56,20	56,20	66,50
	Min.	5,15	6,05	7,85	8,60	9,80	12,20	15,50	19,40	24,30	31,30	41,30	41,30	54,10	54,10	63,80
B	Max.	2,73	2,90	4,05	4,15	5,00	6,50	8,20	10,20	12,80	16,40	21,20	21,20	27,80	27,80	32,80
	Min.	2,57	2,80	3,95	3,85	4,88	6,30	7,90	9,80	12,30	15,80	20,80	20,80	27,20	27,20	32,20
C	Max.	2,00	2,00	2,40	2,02	3,00	3,70	4,70	5,90	7,50	9,50	15,20	20,00	21,00	25,00	27,40
	Min.	1,90	1,90	2,30	1,78	2,88	3,40	4,30	5,40	6,90	8,80	14,70	19,20	20,40	24,20	26,60
D	Max.	1,92	2,05	2,95	2,40	3,62	4,80	6,10	7,40	9,20	11,80	15,50	15,50	19,30	19,30	23,00
	Min.	2,08	1,85	2,85	2,03	3,50	4,50	5,70	7,00	8,70	11,20	14,80	14,80	18,50	18,50	22,20
E	Max.	4,00	3,80	5,80	5,33	7,30	9,50	11,90	14,70	18,30	23,70	30,70	30,70	38,70	38,70	45,70
	Min.	3,80	3,60	5,60	5,07	7,00	8,90	11,30	14,10	17,50	22,70	29,50	29,50	37,50	37,50	44,20
F	Max.	1,40	1,40	2,40	2,02	3,00	3,70	4,70	5,90	7,50	9,50	12,20	12,20	17,20	17,20	20,00
	Min.	1,30	1,30	2,30	1,78	2,88	3,40	4,40	5,50	7,00	8,90	11,70	11,70	16,70	16,70	19,30
L ^d	Nom.	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,9	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,4	1,8	2,3	2,9	2,9	4,3	4,3	5,0
H ^d	Nom.	0,3	0,6	0,6	1,0	0,7	0,9	1,1	1,4	1,8	2,2	3,0	3,0	4,3	4,3	5,0
Test core support	E-mode	A ^a	a	a	a	a	R ^c	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	M-mode	a	a	a	a	a	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	W-mode	a	a	a	a	a	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
	T-mode	B ^b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	R	R	R	R	R	R

^a Flat support is used.

^b Jigs are used, which shall be agreed between the parties concerned.

^c R: Roller bars are used.

^d The tolerance of the position shall be $\pm 0,1$ mm for L , with $H \leq 1,0$ mm, and ± 10 % for L , with $H > 1,0$ mm.

Annex B (normative)

Standard dimensions of ring-cores and methods for strength test

B.1 General

Annex B gives standard dimensions of ring-cores specified in IEC 63093-12.

Figure B.1 and Table B.1 describe the alphabetic character assignments for the dimensions of ferrite ring-cores.

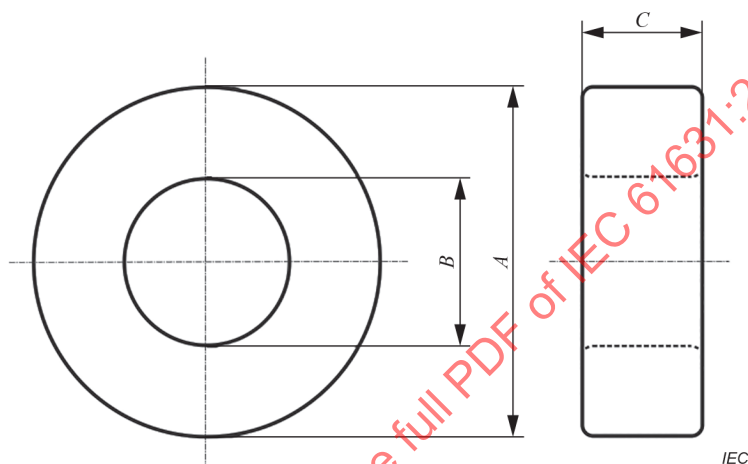


Figure B.1 – Dimensions of ring-core

Table B.1 – Ring-core dimension designations

Letter	Dimension description
<i>A</i>	Outside diameter
<i>B</i>	Inside diameter
<i>C</i>	Height

B.2 Selection of mechanical strength test method for ring-core

- For $B \geq 13$ mm, $C \geq 8$ mm, use the stretching method.
- For $B < 13$ mm, $C \geq 8$ mm, use the pressure method.
- For $C < 8$ mm, use the shearing method.

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- b) IEC 61246 has been replaced by IEC 63093-8; EN 1002-2 has been replaced by ISO 7500-1; ISO 4677-1 and ISO 4677-2 have been withdrawn;
- c) dimensions D and F in Figure A.1 and Table A.1 have been changed to be consistent with Figure 1 of IEC 63093-8:2018;
- d) addition of the content of ring-cores test;
- e) addition of Annex B;

- f) the location of the jig is amended in Figure 3;
- g) in Figure 5, the roller bars are moved to the edge of the I-core, aligned with the core.

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INTRODUCTION

The method specified in this document is intended to be used for obtaining agreements between parties for material development, quality checking, characterization and data acquisition purposes. The method places closely defined restrictions on the arrangement of the test-piece and the function of the test apparatus, including the test-jigs, in order to minimize the errors that can arise as a consequence of the test method.

All other factors are stated in the test report for comparison of the behavior of the magnetic oxide cores. It is not possible to rigorously standardize particular surface finishes, since it is difficult to control all the mechanical factors. But the state of the surface in the report should be mentioned, as surface defects can have a large effect on mechanical strength in certain types of tests (see Clause 6). The extrapolation of mechanical strength data to other geometries, multi-axial stressing, other rates of stressing or other environmental conditions, should be viewed with caution. The origin of a fracture in a mechanical test piece can be a valuable guide to the nature and position of strength-limiting defects (such as pores, large grains and impurity concentration).

The results of strength tests are influenced by a combination of the following factors: the microstructure of the material, the surface finishing procedure applied to the test cores, the size and shape of the test cores, the mechanical parameters of the testing apparatus, the rate of load application and the relative humidity of the ambient atmosphere. Because of the ceramic nature of magnetic oxide cores, a considerable range of results is usually obtained from a number of nominally identical test cores. Thus test results are interpreted with caution.

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TEST METHOD FOR THE MECHANICAL STRENGTH OF CORES MADE OF MAGNETIC OXIDES

1 Scope

This document specifies a test method for the mechanical strength of cores made of magnetic oxides. This test method is suitable for most of the E-cores, ETD-cores, I-cores and ring-cores but other core types such as U-cores could be tested according to a derived method agreed by the parties concerned. This document is also applicable to the mechanical strength measurement of magnetic powder cores.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 7500-2, *Metallic materials – Verification of static uniaxial testing machines – Part 2: Tension creep testing machines – Verification of the applied force*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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3.1

mechanical strength

maximum recorded force at the instant of fracture of a magnetic oxide core when it is loaded with the bending stress

4 Apparatus

4.1 Test core support and loading wedge

Test cores shall be supported on free moving roller bars or on a flat support depending on their size (see 6.2). The loading wedge, the roller bars and the stretch bar or the flat support shall be made of hardened steel with a hardness of 40 HRC (HRC is Rockwell hardness) to 60 HRC. The loading wedge and the roller bars shall have a radius of 2 mm. The radius of the contact part of the stretching rod head and the measured core is 2 mm. The loading wedge and the stretch bar shall be connected to a device for measuring and recording the load applied.

4.2 Testing device

The testing device shall be a mechanical testing machine capable of applying a force to the loading wedge high enough to break the test core. The machine shall be capable of applying the force at a constant loading rate. The machine shall be equipped with a device for recording the peak load applied to the test core. The accuracy of the machine shall be 1 % of the indicated load. The force calibration of the machine shall be checked in accordance with ISO 7500-2.

4.3 Humidity measuring device

A humidity measuring device, such as, but not limited to, an aspirated psychrometer or whirling psychrometer that is capable of measuring relative humidity to an accuracy of ± 2 % shall be used.

5 Test cores

5.1 General

The test cores shall be selected as agreed between the parties concerned. They may be machined to the specified dimensions, because any machined surface plays an important role in the mechanical strength (see the Introduction).

5.2 Number of test cores

For material development, characterization or quality checking, the minimum number of test cores shall be five pieces. For statistical evaluation of strength data (for example, Weibull parameters), the minimum number shall be thirty.

For comparison of data for different materials, it is important that the number of specimens is high enough to obtain results with sufficient statistical confidence. Since the confidence limits, in general, depend on the number of test results and their dispersion, the number of test specimens should be decided on the basis of statistical considerations.

5.3 Precautions

The prepared test cores should be handled with care to avoid introduction of additional damage. Test cores should be kept separately at all times, and should be wrapped individually for transport.

6 Testing

6.1 Test conditions

The test shall be carried out at an ambient temperature between 15 °C and 35 °C. The temperature shall not vary by more than 3 °C during the course of a test series. The relative humidity shall be between 45 % and 85 % and shall not vary by more than 10 % during the course of a test series.

6.2 Test procedures

6.2.1 General

The test core shall be arranged in the test apparatus in accordance with 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3, 6.2.2.4, 6.2.2.5, 6.2.3, 6.2.4.2.2, 6.2.4.2.3 or 6.2.4.2.4 as applicable (see Figure 1 to Figure 8). For standard dimensions of E-cores and their support for strength test see Annex A.

The E test and W test can be used for material-related purposes, while the M test and T test can be used for process-related purposes. The test of I-cores is only recommended for flat-shaped test cores such as antenna rods. The test method of stretching, shearing and pressure is only applicable to ring-cores. A preloading force of 5 N to 25 N shall be applied because the upper and lower faces of the test cores are never absolutely parallel. The test force shall then be applied at a loading rate of between 5 mm/min and 20 mm/min until the test core fractures. The load at the instant of fracture shall be recorded. The fractured fragments shall be identified and preserved for later fractographic examination.

6.2.2 Test of E-cores

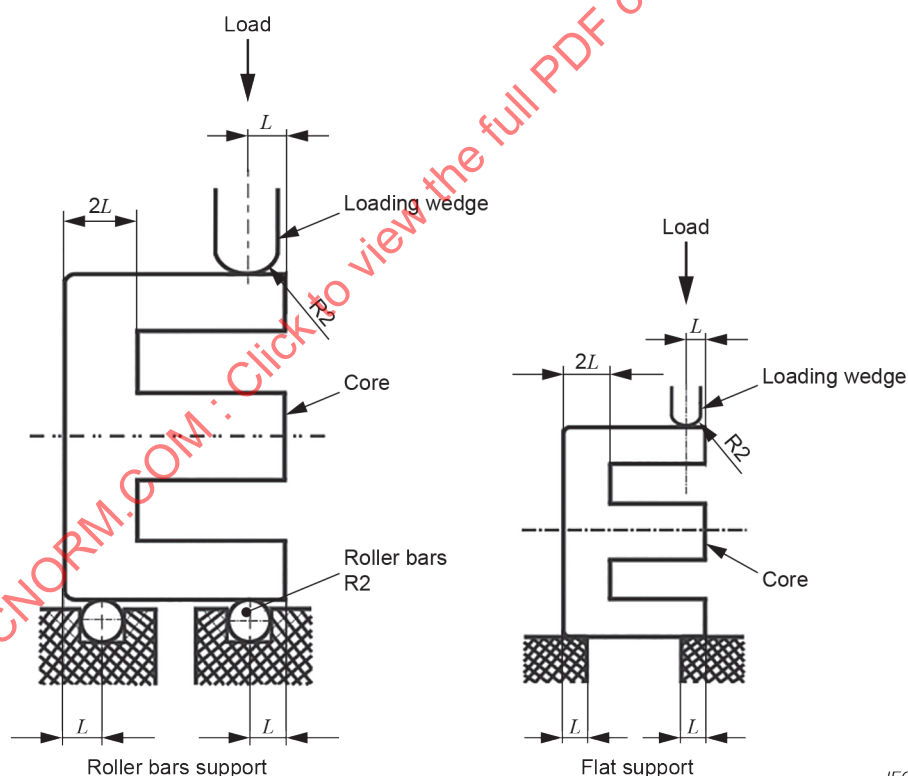
6.2.2.1 Dimensions

The specifications and dimensions of E-cores are according to IEC 63093-8.

6.2.2.2 E test

For test core sizes equal to or larger than E13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 1. For test core sizes less than E13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 1. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters



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Figure 1 – E test

6.2.2.3 W test

For test core sizes equal to or larger than E13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 2. For test core sizes less than E13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 2. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

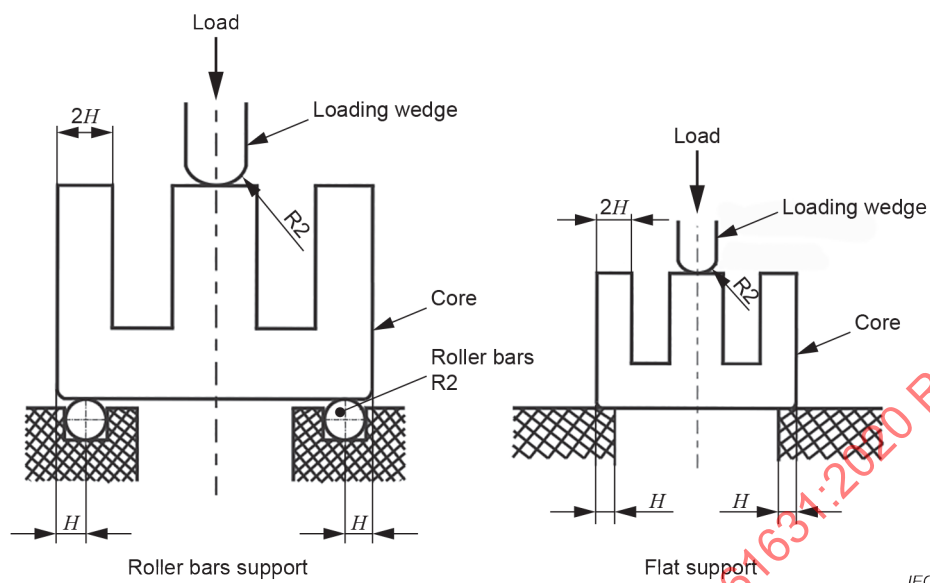


Figure 2 – W test

6.2.2.4 T test

The test core shall be placed as shown in Figure 3. For test core sizes equal to or larger than E32, the load shall be applied to the core legs from the roller bars as shown in Figure 3. For test core sizes less than E32, the load shall be applied through jigs, which shall be agreed between the parties concerned, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

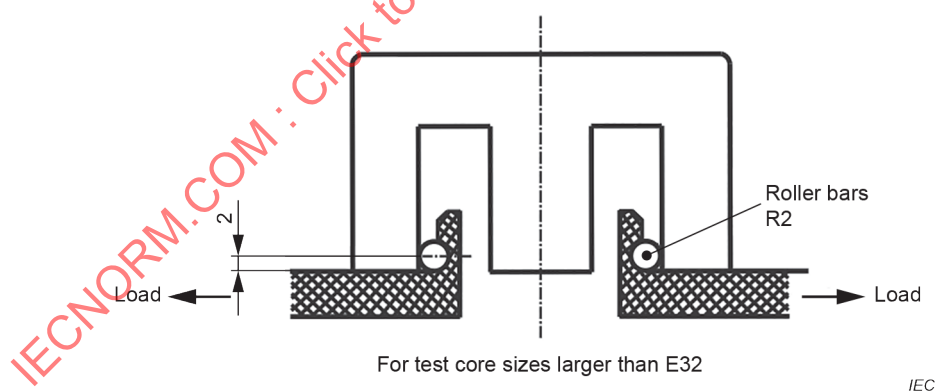


Figure 3 – T test

6.2.2.5 M test

For test core sizes equal to or larger than E13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 4. For test core sizes less than E13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 4. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

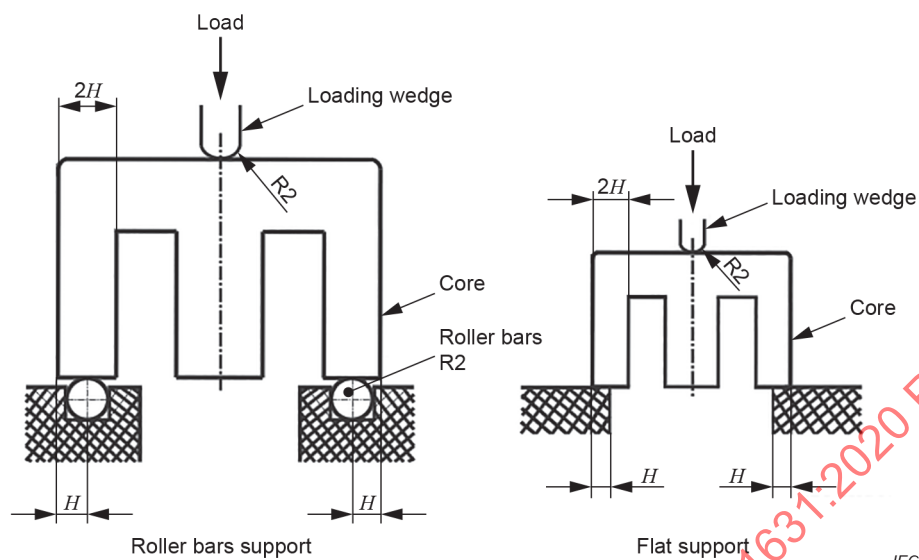


Figure 4 – M test

6.2.3 Test of I-cores

For test core sizes equal to or larger than I13, the test core shall be placed on roller bars as shown in Figure 5. For test core sizes less than I13, the test core shall be placed on a flat support as shown in Figure 5. The load shall be applied through the loading wedge, and the load at the instant of fracture recorded.

Dimensions in millimeters

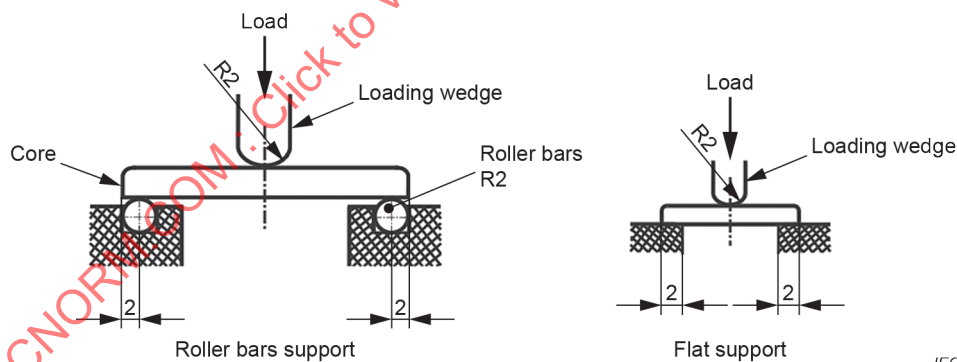


Figure 5 – I test

6.2.4 Test of ring-cores

6.2.4.1 Dimensions

The specifications and dimensions of ring-cores are according to IEC 63093-12. For standard dimensions of ring-cores and methods for strength test see Annex B.