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1. Initial permeability, μ_i

The initial permeability μ_i is the limit value at the initial magnetization curve's origin point and is given by the following formula:

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \lim_{H \rightarrow 0} \frac{B}{H}$$

Where μ_0 : Permeability of vacuum ($4\pi \times 10^{-7}$ H/m)

H : Magnetic field strength (A/m)

B : Magnetic flux density (T)

2. Effective permeability, μ_e

This is usually defined as the permeability of a core forming a closed circuit where leakage flux is negligibly small.

$$\mu_e = \frac{L}{\mu_0 N^2} \cdot \frac{Ie}{Ae}$$

Where L: self-inductance of core with coil (H)

N: number of turns

Le: effective magnetic path length (m)

Ae: effective cross-sectional area (m²)

3. Saturation magnetic flux density, B_s (T)

The magnetic flux density at a magnetic field where H is up to an approximate saturation magnetic field value. (Fig.1)

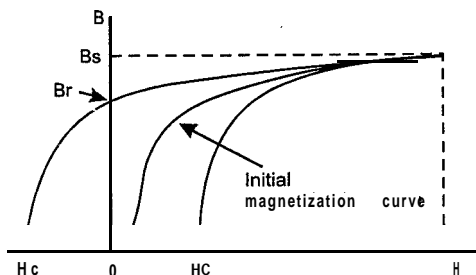


Fig.1

4. Residual magnetic flux density, B_r

The value of flux density retained by the core when the magnetic field is reduced from the state of the effective saturation magnetic flux density to zero. (Fig.1)

5. Coercivity, H_c (A/m)

The value of magnetic field strength whereby the flux density becomes zero under the intensification, in the opposite direction, of the magnetic field. (Fig.1)

6. Loss factor, $\tan \delta$

This is the sum of the hysteresis loss factor, eddy current loss factor and residual loss factor.

$$\tan \delta = \tan \delta_h + \tan \delta_e + \tan \delta_r$$

Where $\tan \delta_h$ is the hysteresis loss factor

$\tan \delta_e$ is the eddy current loss factor

$\tan \delta_r$ is the residual loss factor

7. Relative loss factor, $\tan \delta / \mu$

This is the ratio of loss factor to permeability.

$\tan \delta / \mu$, (for materials)

$\tan \delta / \mu_e$ (for cores with gaps in the magnetic circuit)

8. Quality factor, Q

This is the reciprocal of the loss factor and is given by $Q = 1 / \tan \delta$.

9. Temperature coefficient, α_μ (1/K)

This is the fractional difference of permeability per 1 K in temperature range of from T_1 to T_2

$$\alpha_\mu = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{\mu_1} \cdot \frac{1}{T_2 - T_1} \quad (T_2 > T_1)$$

Where μ_1 : permeability at temperature T_1 .
 μ_2 : permeability at temperature T_2 .

10. Relative temperature coefficient, α_{μ_r} (1/K)

This is the temperature coefficient per unit permeability and is given by the following equation:

$$\alpha_{\mu_r} = \frac{\mu_2 - \mu_1}{\mu_2} \cdot \frac{1}{T_2 - T_1} \quad (T_2 > T_1)$$

11. Curie temperature, T_c

It is the critical temperature level at which the ferromagnetic state of the material changes to paramagnetic state. (Fig.2)

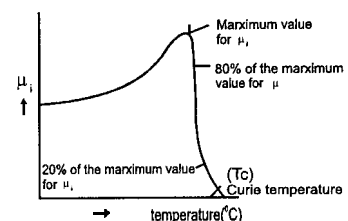


Fig.2

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12. Disaccommodation factor, D_f

This is the factor representing the variation of permeability through time after a complete demagnetization of the core at a constant temperature.

$$D_f = \frac{\mu_1 - \mu_2}{\text{Log} \frac{t_2}{t_1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu_1^2} \quad (T_2 > T_1)$$

Where μ_1 : permeability t_1 minutes after complete demagnetization.
 μ_2 : permeability t_2 minutes after complete demagnetization.

13. Electrical resistivity, ρ (Q/m)

This is the electrical resistance per unit length and cross-sectional area of a magnetic core.

14. Density, d (kg/m³)

This is the weight per unit volume of a magnetic core as expressed below:

$$d = W/V$$

Where W: weight of magnetic body (kg)
V: volume of magnetic body (m³)

15. Power loss P_c (kw/m³, W/kg)

Power loss denotes the loss by an electrical transformer, such as a switching power supply, under a magnetization condition featuring a high frequency and large amplitude. Operating magnetic flux density is given by the following equation.

$$B_m = \frac{E}{4.44fNA_e}$$

Where E: voltage effective value applied to coil

B_m : peak value of magnetic flux density

f: frequency (Hz)

N: number of coil turns

A_e : effective cross-sectional area (m²)

At present, the usual ways to measure the power loss are Multi-voltmeter Method and Waveform Memory Method.

16. Inductance factor A_L

This is the inductance per turn of the coil wound around the ferrite cores with definite shape and dimension.

$$A_L = L/N^2$$

Where L: inductance of the coil with ferrite core.

N: turns of the coil