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

- a) added PW2c and PW3c in subclasses PW2 and PW3 respectively in Table 3;
- b) added the column of  $B_S$  in Table 3;
- c) added a smaller size of the test core ( $\varnothing 12,7 \text{ mm} \times \varnothing 7,5 \text{ mm} \times 7 \text{ mm}$ ) for higher measuring frequency ( $\geq 500 \text{ kHz}$ ) in Table 3.

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- revised.

## 1 Scope

This document specifies classification rules for soft ferrite materials used in inductive components (inductors and transformers) fulfilling the requirements of the electronic industries.

This document addresses the following issues for ferrite suppliers and users:

- cross-reference between materials from multiple suppliers;
- assistance to ~~customers~~ users in understanding the published technical data in catalogues when comparing multiple suppliers;
- guidance to ~~customers~~ users in selecting the most applicable material for each application;
- setting of nomenclature for IEC standards relating to ferrite;
- establishing uniformed benchmarks for suppliers for performance in new development of materials.

The numerical values given in this document are typical values of the parameters (properties) of the related materials. Direct translation from the material specification into the core specification is not always easy or possible.

Every detailed material and core specification should be agreed upon between ~~the user~~ suppliers and ~~the manufacturer~~ users.

## 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.

IEC 60050-221, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 221: Magnetic materials and components*

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IEC 60401-3:2015, *Terms and nomenclature for cores made of magnetically soft ferrites - Part 3: Guidelines on the format of data appearing in manufacturers' catalogues of transformer and inductor cores*

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