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- a) addition of pores in 3.5 and crystallites in 3.6.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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## INTRODUCTION

Due to the method of manufacture and the physical nature of the products, ferrite cores can be expected to exhibit some degree of physical irregularities such as chips, ragged edges, cracks, flashing, and pull-out.

The permissible extent of these surface irregularities will depend on the type, position and size of the defect and on the function of the core. Thus, in order to establish limits of surface irregularities for a given series of ferrite cores, for example RM-cores, pot-cores, E-cores, U-cores and ring-cores, it is necessary to prepare a particular specification for each, setting out in detail the permissible extent of the various types of irregularities.

All surfaces of the core should be clean and free from loose ferrite particles or any other foreign matter. This is more critical for mating surfaces that should make good contact with one another. Stains, discolorations, surface crazing or crystallization are acceptable if they do not affect the normal performance of the core. The irregularities described below are considered as being detectable without the use of any magnifying equipment.

Surface irregularities limits are set for control of cosmetic appearance, and not for control of magnetic performance. Surface irregularities do not substantially affect core magnetic function, nor do they affect reliability. Reliability should be assessed for wound magnetics, rather than for cores alone. See IEC 60401-3 for more details concerning the reliability of ferrite cores and devices built with them.

# FERRITE CORES – GUIDELINES ON THE LIMITS OF SURFACE IRREGULARITIES –

## Part 1: General specification

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60424 gives guidelines on the allowable limits of surface irregularities of ferrite cores.

This standard should be considered as a general specification useful in the dialogue between ferrite core manufacturers and customers about surface irregularities.

### 2 Normative reference

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### **chips and ragged edges**

areas with missing surface material that are generally caused by mechanical impact during handling

#### 3.2

##### **crack**

surface irregularity which has a width much smaller than its length, and penetrates into the core

#### 3.3

##### **flash**

sharp feather-edge wall extending beyond the intended contour surface of the core

#### 3.4

##### **pull-out**

consequence of the removal of a surface layer of the core due to die “sticking”

#### 3.5

##### **pores**

holes left on the surface of cores after sintering and surface finishing

#### 3.6

##### **crystallites**

grains of abnormal size distinguishable on the surface, often with sparkling facets