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

- a) Clause 1: The scope includes a more detailed description of the magnetic materials which applies to this standard;
- b) Clause 4: Figure 2 – circuit diagram for methods A and B was simplified and the fluxgate probes inside the solenoid have been added;
- c) Clause 7: Compensation for the earth's magnetic field and for static and dynamic magnetic noise fields has been added;

- d) Clause 8: Magnetic shielding of the measuring region has been added;
- e) 9.2.2: The measuring methods for local and integral measurement of the flux in the test specimen have been separated and the limitations in size and shape of the test specimen have been considered.
- f) 9.3: The method C with a VSM (Vibrating Sample Magnetometer) has been moved from 9.3 to the Annex B.
- g) The term "complex shaped test specimen" has been replaced in several clauses by "test specimen different from ellipsoids".
- h) The character of Annex A has been changed from "informative" to "normative".

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- amended.

MAGNETIC MATERIALS –

Part 7: Method of measurement of the coercivity (up to 160 kA/m) of magnetic materials in an open magnetic circuit

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60404 specifies a method of measurement of the coercivity of magnetic materials in an open magnetic circuit.

This document is applicable to all magnetic materials with coercivities from 0,2 A/m to 160 kA/m.

NOTE Examples of magnetic materials covered by this document are amorphous alloys, nanocrystalline alloys, all softmagnetic crystalline materials (e.g. Fe, FeSi-, CoFe- and FeNi-alloys), soft ferrites, hard metals, semi-hard magnetic alloys (e.g. FeCoTiAl-, FeCoV-, FeCrCo- and AlNiCo-alloys) [1]¹.

Special precautions are to be taken in measuring coercivities below 40 A/m, in materials with high conductivity and in test specimens which have a shape different from ellipsoids (see Annex A).

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.

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coercivity H_{cJ}

value of the coercive field strength in a material when the magnetic flux density, magnetic polarization or magnetization is brought from saturation by a monotonically changing magnetic field to zero

Note 1 to entry: The parameter that is varied should be stated, and the appropriate symbol used as follows: H_{cB} for the coercivity relating to the magnetic flux density, H_{cJ} for the coercivity relating to the magnetic polarization, H_{cM} for the coercivity relating to the magnetization. The first two symbols supersede H_{cB} and H_{cJ} respectively.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.