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- a) addition of allowable areas of chips for EC-cores in Table 3,
- b) addition of crystallites in 4.5 and pores in 4.6.

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FERRITE CORES – GUIDELINES ON THE LIMITS OF SURFACE IRREGULARITIES –

Part 3: ETD-cores, EER-cores, EC-cores and E-cores

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60424 gives guidelines on allowable limits of surface irregularities applicable to ETD-cores, EER-cores, EC-cores and E-cores in accordance with the relevant general specification.

This standard is a specification useful in the negotiations between ferrite core manufacturers and customers about surface irregularities.

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IEC 60424-1¹, *Ferrite cores – Guidelines on the limits of surface irregularities – Part 1: General specification*

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IEC 62317-7, *Ferrite cores – Dimensions – Part 7: EER-cores*

IEC 62317-8, *Ferrite cores – Dimensions – Part 8: E-cores*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

pore

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

3.2

crystallite

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

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4 Limits of surface irregularities

4.1 Chips and ragged edges

4.1.1 General

Chips and ragged edges are defined in IEC 60424-1.

4.1.2 Chips and ragged edges on the mating surfaces

The areas of the chips located on the mating surfaces (chip1 and chip1' irregularities of Figures 1 and 2) shall not exceed the following limits:

- the cumulative area of the chips shall be less than 6 % of the mating surface (whether gapped or ungapped) of the centre leg;
- the total length of the ragged edges shall be less than 25 % of the perimeter of the relevant surface.

4.1.3 Chips and ragged edges on other surfaces

The allowable areas of chips are doubled as compared to the limits for the mating surface (see Table 1 for ETD-cores, Table 2 for EER-cores, Table 3 for EC-cores and Table 4 for E-cores).

The rule for ragged edges is the same as for the mating surface.

The allowable areas of chips for a given core are summarized in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The core sizes given in Tables 1 and 2 correspond to the cores defined in IEC 61185, IEC 62317-7, IEC 60647 and IEC 62317-8.

Table 1 – Allowable areas of chips for ETD-cores in mm²

Core size	Mating surfaces	Other surfaces
ETD19	< 2,5	< 5
ETD24	< 3,5	< 7
ETD29	< 4	< 8
ETD34	< 6	< 12,5
ETD39	< 8	< 15
ETD44	< 10	< 20
ETD49	< 12,5	< 25
ETD54	< 17,5	< 35
ETD59	< 25	< 45

Table 2 – Allowable areas of chips for EER-cores in mm²

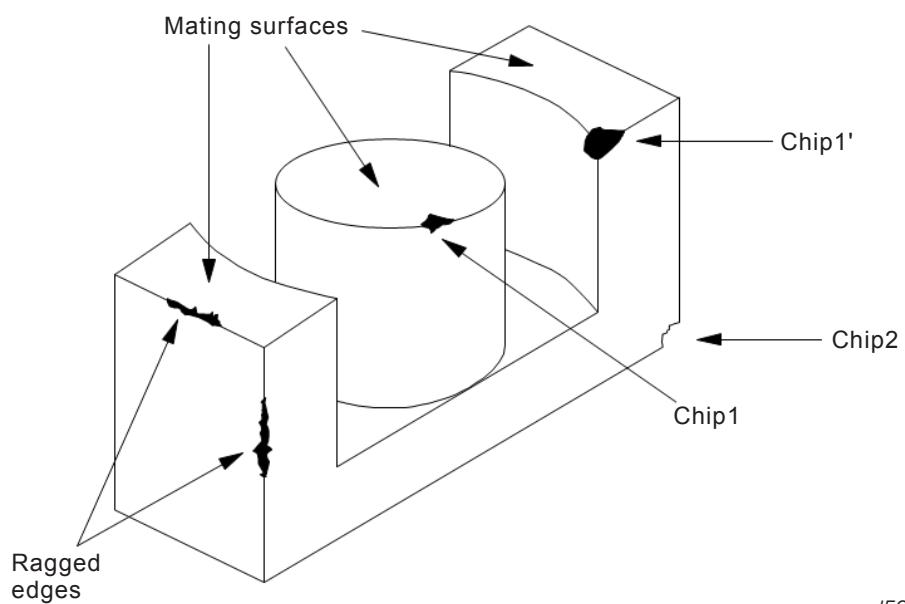
Core size	Mating surfaces	Other surfaces
EER25,5	< 2,5	< 5
EER28	< 4	< 8
EER28L	< 4	< 8
EER35	< 6	< 12,5
EER39	< 7	< 15
EER40	< 8	< 15
EER42	< 10	< 20
EER49	< 12,5	< 25

Table 3 – Allowable areas of chips for EC-cores in mm²

Core size	Mating surfaces	Other surfaces
EC35	< 4	< 8
EC41	< 6	< 12,5
EC52	< 8	< 15
EC70	< 12,5	< 25
EC90	< 25	< 50
EC120	< 25	< 50

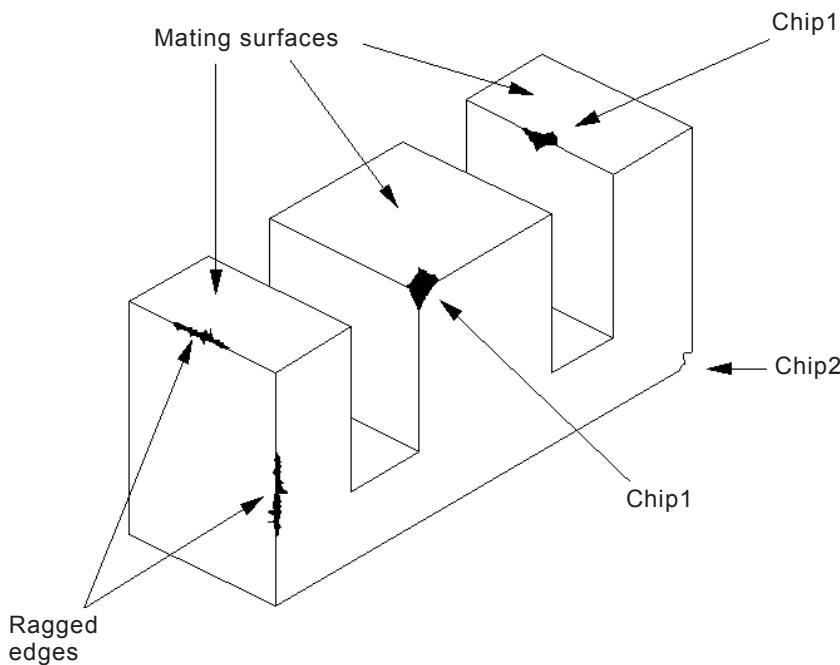
Table 4 – Allowable areas of chips for E-cores in mm²

Core size	Mating surfaces	Other surfaces
E5,3/2	< 0,5	< 0,5
E6,3/2	< 0,5	< 0,5
E8/2	< 0,5	< 1
E8,3/4	< 0,5	< 1
E8,8/2	< 0,5	< 1
E10/3	< 1	< 1,5
E10,2/5	< 1	< 1,5
E13/4	< 1	< 2
E13/6	< 1	< 2
E16/4,8	< 1,5	< 3
E16/5	< 1,5	< 3
E19/5	< 1,5	< 3
E19,3/4,8	< 1,5	< 3
E20/6	< 2	< 4
E25/7	< 4	< 7
E25,4/6	< 2,5	< 5
E25,4/6,3	< 2,5	< 5
E30/11	< 7	< 14
E32/9	< 5	< 10
E33/13	< 7	< 14
E34,6/9	< 6	< 10
E35/10	< 6	< 12,5
E40/11	< 6	< 12,5
E41/13	< 10	< 20
E42/15	< 12,5	< 25
E42/20	< 15	< 30
E47/16	< 15	< 30
E50/15	< 12,5	< 25
E55/21	< 20	< 40
E55/25	< 25	< 50
E60/16	< 15	< 30
E65/27	< 30	< 60



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Figure 1 – Chip location for ETD-cores, EER-cores and EC-cores



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Figure 2 – Chip location for E-cores

The area and length reference for visual inspection is given in Table 5.

Table 5 – Area and length reference for visual inspection

Area	A	B	C	D	E	Area	A	B	C	D	E
0,5 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	12,5 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
1,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	15,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
1,5 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	17,5 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
2,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	20,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
2,5 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	25,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
3,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	30,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
3,5 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	35,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
4,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	40,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
4,5 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	45,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
5,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀	50,0 mm ²	●	■	■	—	▲
6,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀						
7,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀						
8,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀						
9,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀						
10,0 mm ²	•	▪	-	-	◀						

Scale 1:1

1 mm	—	2 mm	—	3 mm	—	4 mm	—
5 mm	—	7,5 mm	—	10 mm	—		

4.2 Cracks

Cracks are defined in IEC 60424-1.

The limits for cracks at various locations shown in Figures 3 or 4 are given in Table 6.

4.3 Flash

Flash is defined in IEC 60424-1.

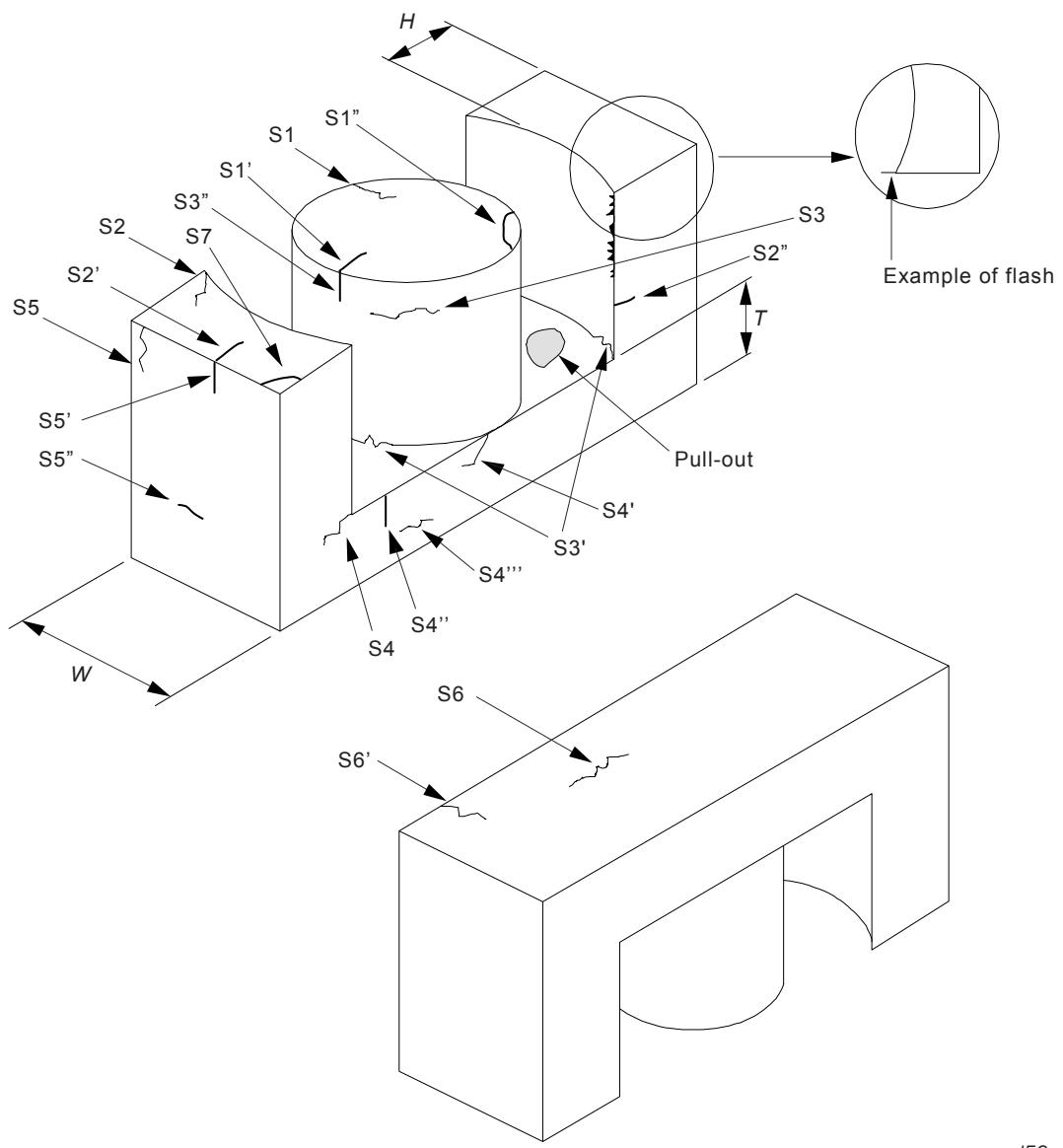
There shall be no flash extending from the core into the wire-slot.

4.4 Pull-outs

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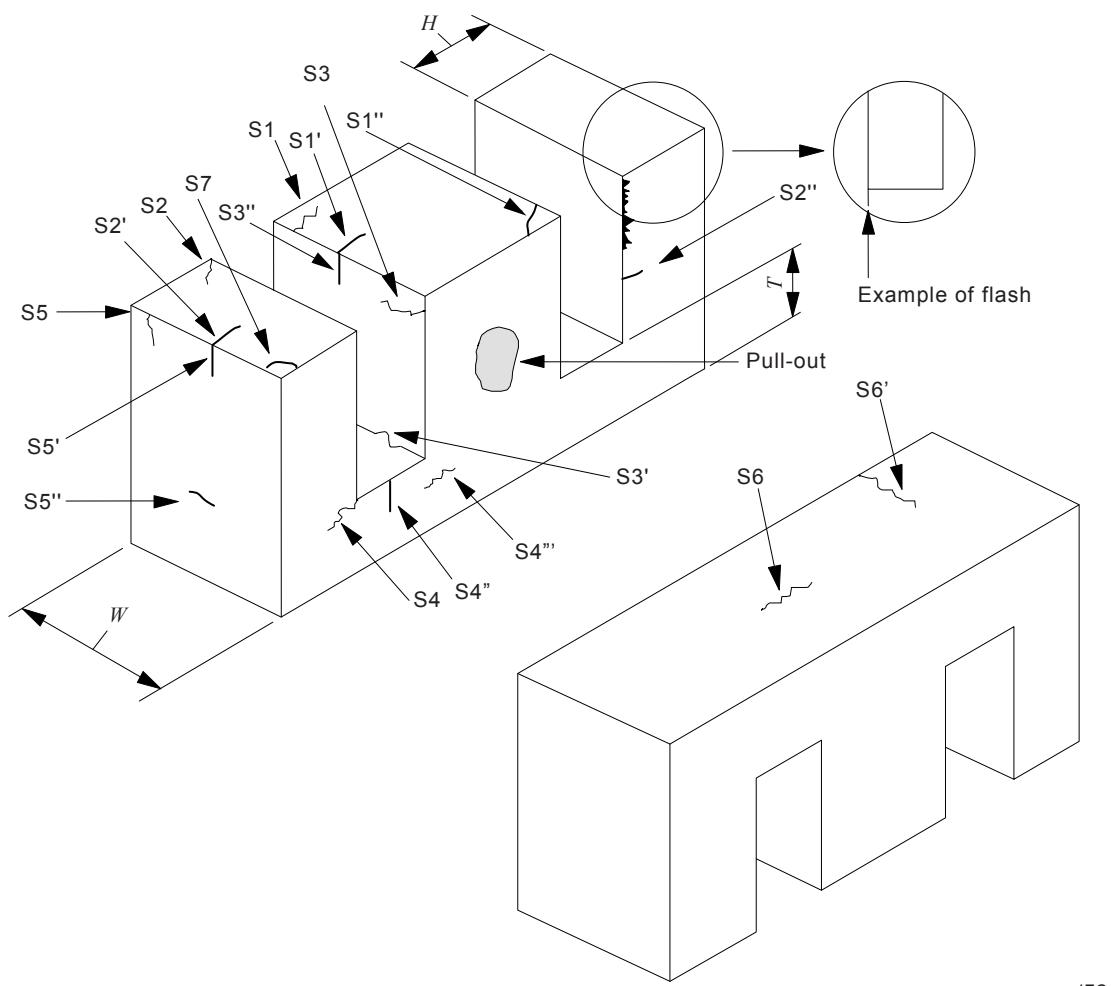
For ETD-cores, EER-cores and EC-cores the cumulative area of pull-outs of the core shall be less than 25 % of the total area of bottom surfaces.

For E-cores the cumulative area of pull-outs of the core shall be less than 25 % of the total area of a side surface.



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Figure 3 – Cracks and pull-out location for ETD-cores, EER-cores and EC-cores



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Figure 4 – Cracks and pull-out location for E-cores**Table 6 – Limits for cracks**

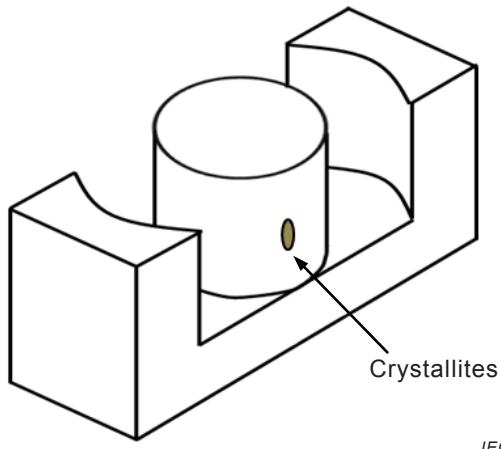
Type	Location	Limits for single crack	Limits for multiple cracks
S1 and S1'	Mating surface of centre post	< 25 % of dimension W	< 50 % of dimension W
S1"	Corner of centre post	Not acceptable	Not acceptable
S2 and S2'	Mating surface of outer leg	< 25 % of dimension H	< 25 % of dimension H
S2"	Side of outer leg	< 25 % of dimension H	< 25 % of dimension H
S3 and S3"	Centre post	< 25 % of dimension W	< 25 % of dimension W
S3'	Bottom corner of centre post/back wall and outer leg/back wall	< 25 % of dimension W	< 25 % of dimension W
S4	Bottom corner of outer leg/back wall	< 25 % of dimension T	< 25 % of dimension T
S4' and S4"	Back wall	< 25 % of dimension T	< 25 % of dimension T
S4'''	Back wall	< 50 % of dimension W	< 100 % of dimension W
S5 and S5' and S5"	Outer leg	< 50 % of dimension W	< 100 % of dimension W
S6	Back surface	< 50 % of dimension W	< 100 % of dimension W
S6'	Back surface	< 25 % of dimension W	< 25 % of dimension W
S7	Corner of outer leg	Not acceptable	Not acceptable

4.5 Crystallites

Crystallites are defined in 3.2.

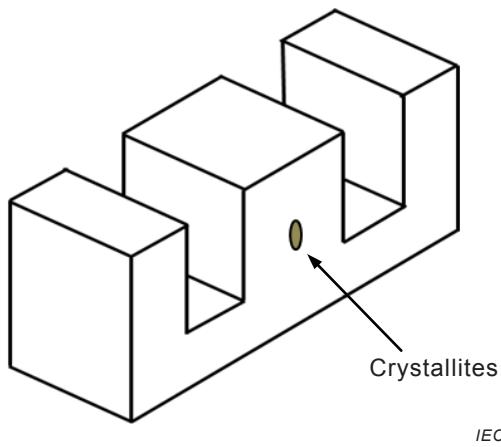
Figures 5 and 6 show examples of crystallites location on ETD-cores, EER-cores, EC-cores and E-cores.

- A single area of the crystallites located on any surface shall be less than 2 % of the respective surface area.
- The cumulative area of the crystallites located on any surface shall be less than 4 % of the respective surface area.



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Figure 5 – Crystallites location for ETD-cores, EER-cores and EC-cores



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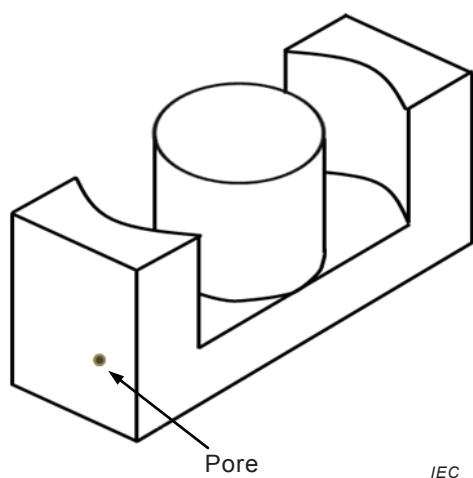
Figure 6 – Crystallites location for E-cores

4.6 Pores

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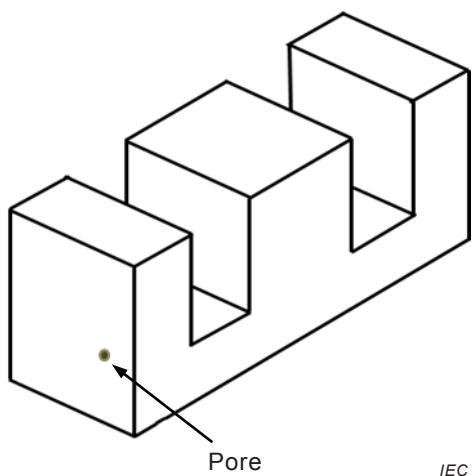
Figures 7 and 8 show examples of pores location on ETD-cores, EER-cores, EC-cores and E-cores.

- The number of pores located on the same surface shall not exceed 2; the total number of pores located on all surfaces shall not exceed 5.
- A hole with an area larger than 1 mm² on any surface is not acceptable.



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Figure 7 – Pores location for ETD-cores, EER-cores and EC-cores



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Figure 8 – Pores location for E-cores

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