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FERRITE CORES – GUIDELINES ON THE LIMITS OF SURFACE IRREGULARITIES –

Part 8: PQ-cores

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60424 gives guidance on allowable limits of surface irregularities applicable to PQ-cores in accordance with the relevant generic specification.

This standard is considered as a sectional specification useful in the negotiation between ferrite core manufacturers and users about surface irregularities.

2 Normative references

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

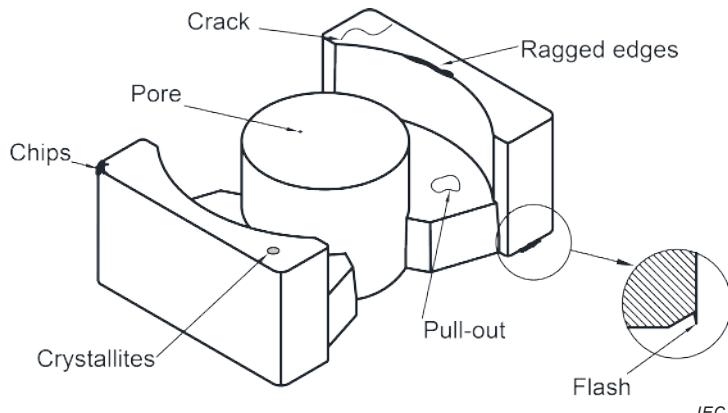
For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60424-1 and IEC 60401-1, as well as the following apply.

3.1

pores

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

SEE: Figure 1.



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Figure 1 – Examples of surface irregularities

4 Limits of surface irregularities

4.1 Chips and ragged edges

4.1.1 Chips and ragged edges located on the mating surface

The areas of the chips located on the mating surface (see C1 and C1' irregularities in Figure 2) shall not exceed the following limits:

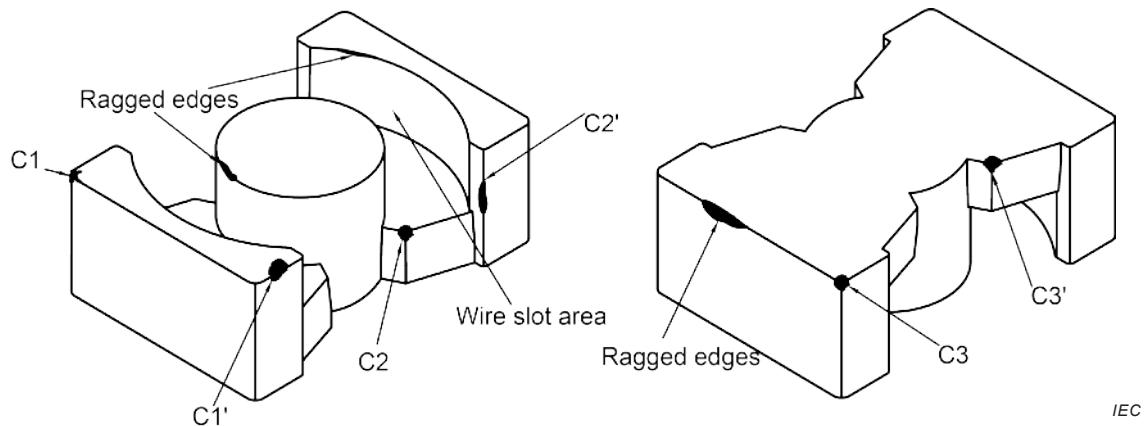
- the cumulative area of the chips located on the mating surface shall be less than 4 % of the total mating surface;
- the cumulative area of the chips located on the centre post mating surface shall be less than 2 % of the total mating surface;
- the cumulative area of the chips located on the mating surface of one outer leg shall be less than 1 % of the total mating surface;

The total length of the ragged edges shall be less than 25 % of the perimeter of the relevant mating surface.

4.1.2 Chips located on other surfaces

The areas of the chips located on the other surfaces (see C2, C2', C3 and C3' irregularities in Figure 2) shall not exceed the following limits:

- the allowable chipping areas are doubled as compared to the limits for the whole mating surfaces (see Table 1);
- the rule for the ragged edges is the same as for the mating surfaces;
- chips and ragged edges are not acceptable on the inner edges of the wire slot area.



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Figure 2 – Chips and ragged edges location

The limits of allowable chipping areas shall be in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1 – Limits for allowable chipping areas*Unit: mm²*

Core size	Chipping on mating surface of one outer leg	Chipping on mating surface of centre post	Overall chipping on mating surface	Overall chipping on other surfaces
PQ20/16	< 1,0	< 2,0	< 4,5	< 9,0
PQ20/20	< 1,0	< 2,0	< 4,5	< 9,0
PQ26/20	< 2,0	< 4,5	< 9,5	< 19,0
PQ26/25	< 2,0	< 4,5	< 9,5	< 19,0
PQ32/20	< 3,0	< 6,0	< 12,0	< 24,0
PQ32/30	< 3,0	< 6,0	< 12,0	< 24,0
PQ35/35	< 3,0	< 6,5	< 13,0	< 26,0
PQ40/40	< 3,5	< 7,0	< 14,0	< 28,0
PQ50/50	< 6,0	< 12,5	< 25,0	< 50,0
NOTE For the relevant core sizes refer to IEC 62317-13.				

The area and length reference of irregularities for visual inspection are given in Table 2.

Table 2 – Area and length reference of irregularities 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	•	▪	-	-	△						
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Scale 1:1

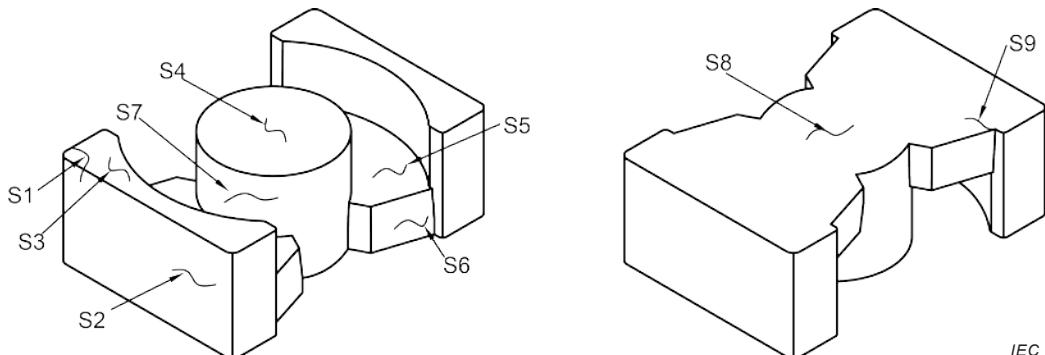
1 mm 2 mm 3 mm 4 mm
5 mm 7,5 mm 10 mm

4.2 Cracks

Figure 3 shows examples of cracks location on PQ-cores:

- a single crack which intersects the perimeter of the relevant surface at two points is not acceptable (see S1 in Figure 3);
- the number of the cracks located on the same surface shall not exceed 3.

The limits of cracks at various locations shown in Figure 3 are given in Table 3.

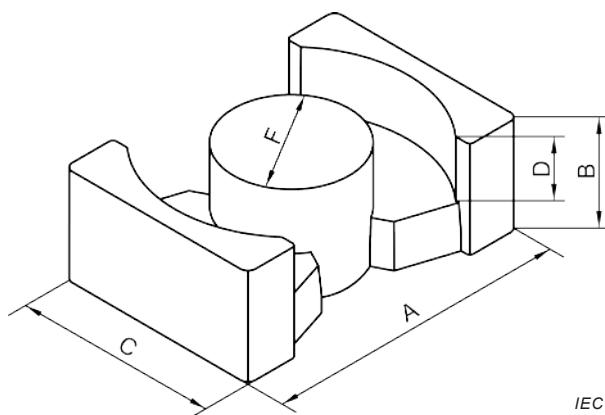


Key

S1 to S8: types of cracks (for limits for cracks, see Table 3)

Figure 3 – Cracks location

The reference dimensions for PQ-cores given in Figure 4 correspond to the cores defined in IEC 60401-2.



Key

- A Overall length of the core back
- B Outside leg length of core
- C Core width
- D Inside leg length or available bobbin depth
- F Centre post diameter

Figure 4 – Reference dimensions for PQ-cores

Table 3 – Limits for cracks

Type ^a	Location	Limits for single crack	Limits for multiple cracks
S1	Any place	Not acceptable	Not acceptable
S2	Outer wall	$20 \% \times C$	$40 \% \times C$
S3	Mating surface of outer legs	$20 \% \times C$	$40 \% \times C$
S4	Mating surface of centre-post	$20 \% \times F$	$40 \% \times F$
S5	Bottom surface	$25 \% \times (B - D)$	$50 \% \times (B - D)$
S6	Back wall	$25 \% \times (B - D)$	$50 \% \times (B - D)$
S7	Centre-post wall	$20 \% \times F$	$40 \% \times F$
S8	Back surface	$25 \% \times C$	$50 \% \times C$
S9	Back surface	$20 \% \times C$	$40 \% \times C$

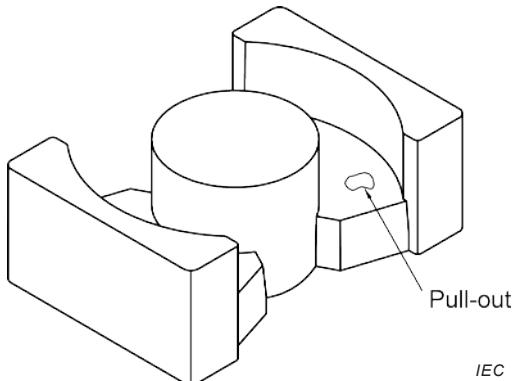
For, B, C, D, F see Figure 4.

^a See Figure 3.

4.3 Pull-out

Figure 5 shows an example of a pull-out location on the PQ-core.

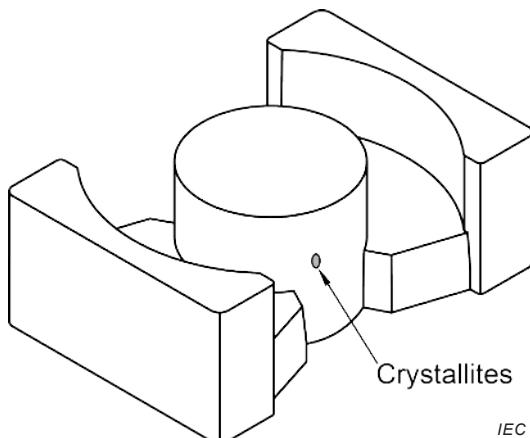
The cumulative area of the pull-out located on the bottom surface shall be less than 25 % of the total respective surface area.

**Figure 5 – Pull-out location**

4.4 Crystallites

Figure 6 shows an example of crystallites location on the PQ-core:

- the 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.



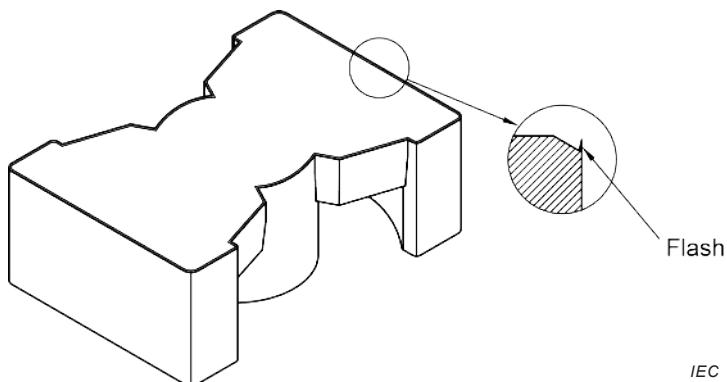
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Figure 6 – Crystallites location

4.5 Flash

Figure 7 shows an example of flash location on the PQ-core:

- with chamfering around the back surface, the flash height shall not exceed the back surface of the core;
- without chamfering around the back surface, the flash is not acceptable.



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Figure 7 – Flash location

4.6 Pores

Figure 8 shows an example of pores location on the PQ-core:

- 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 mm^2 on any surface is not acceptable.

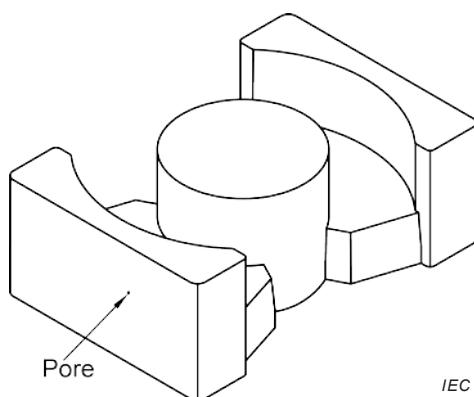


Figure 8 – Pores location

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