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## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines general terms specifically associated with magnetic particle testing.

## 2 Terms and definitions

### 2.1

#### **adjacent conductor technique**

magnetization using a bar or cable close to, but isolated from the test surface

### 2.2

#### **ampere turns**

product of the number of turns of a coil and the current in amperes flowing through the coil

### 2.3

#### **arcing strike**

poor electrical contact causing burn damage

### 2.4

#### **carrier liquid**

liquid in which the *magnetic particles* (2.30) are suspended for the wet technique

### 2.5

#### **central conductor**

threaded conductor positioned in the centre of an aperture of the component

### 2.6

#### **circular magnetization**

continuous lines of force within a test piece produced by current flow or a conductor surrounded by the test piece

### 2.7

#### **coil technique**

magnetization using a flexible cable or a rigid coil to test all or a part of a component

### 2.8

#### **coloured detection medium**

detection medium for testing with visible light

### 2.9

#### **concentrate**

detection medium supplied in a form requiring dilution before use

### 2.10

#### **conditioning agent**

additive in water-based media used to improve their properties which may include wetting, antifoaming and corrosion inhibitors

### 2.11

#### **constant current control**

device to maintain the pre-set current

**2.12**

**contact pad**

replaceable pad usually copper braid, placed at contact points to improve electrical connection

**2.13**

**continuous magnetization technique**

technique where detection medium is applied during magnetization

**2.14**

**contrast aid paint**

thin coating or film applied to a surface to improve the visibility of indications using *coloured detection medium* (2.8)

**2.15**

**current flow technique**

magnetization by passing a current through a component

**2.16**

**current generator**

source of current for magnetization

**2.17**

**detection medium**

*magnetic particles* (2.30) suspended in a carrier liquid or in dry powder form, ready for use

**2.18**

**dry powder technique**

application of *magnetic particles* (2.30), air suspended in use

**2.19**

**fixed installation**

stationary equipment providing a magnetic field for testing of components

**2.20**

**flexible coil technique**

magnetization using a conductor wrapped closely around a component

**2.21**

**fluorescent detection medium**

detection medium that emits visible light when excited by a different radiation, usually UV-A radiation

**2.22**

**flux indicator**

magnetic flux shunting detector containing artificial discontinuities

**2.23**

**fluorescent stability**

capability of a detection medium to maintain fluorescent properties

**2.24**

**induced current flow technique**

current flow in a ring type component produced by making it the secondary of a transformer

**2.25**

**lift test**

functional check of portable electromagnets assessed by attractive force

**2.26**

**magnetic bench**

stationary equipment for general applications employing *magnetic flow techniques* (2.28) and/or *current flow techniques* (2.15)

**2.27****magnetic extender**

ferromagnetic piece placed at the end of a component to improve the magnetization

**2.28****magnetic flow technique**

magnetization by inducing a magnetic flux through the component

**2.29****magnetic ink**

*magnetic particles* (2.30) suspended in a carrier liquid

**2.30****magnetic particle**

finely distributed ferromagnetic material attracted by the magnetic flux leakage

**2.31****magnetic particle content**

measurement of *magnetic particles* (2.30) in magnetic ink

**2.32****magnetic particle testing**

non-destructive test method using magnetic fields and detection media to reveal surface and near surface discontinuities in ferromagnetic materials

**2.33****magnetic writing**

form of false indication due to local, random magnetization, sometimes caused when a magnetized component comes in contact with the test item

**2.34****magnetizing coil**

arrangement of a rigid or flexible conductor to encircle the entire component or part of it

**2.35****mechanical stability**

capability of detection medium to maintain performance under working conditions

**2.36****multidirectional magnetization**

single magnetizing operation that produces a directionally varying field in the test part

**2.37****portable electromagnet (yoke)**

hand-held, electrical equipment used for *magnetic flow techniques* (2.28)

**2.38****prods**

hand-held electrodes

**2.39****residual field**

magnetic field remaining after magnetization

**2.40****rigid coil technique**

magnetization using a coil with fixed dimensions

**2.41****tangential field**

component of a magnetizing field parallel to the surface

**2.42**

**tangential field strength**

value of the *tangential field* ([2.41](#))

**2.43**

**threaded conductor technique**

bar or cable through a hole or an aperture used for magnetization



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