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## INTRODUCTION

### ~~1—Field and scope of application~~

~~This standard is applicable to magnetic steel sheet and strip for the construction of magnetic circuits for use in the frequency range 400 Hz to 10 000 Hz.~~

~~Its object is to define the terminology and to specify the methods for the measurement of magnetic properties of magnetic steel sheet and strip.~~

### ~~2—Accuracy and reproducibility~~

~~The final accuracy of the test apparatus is a complex function dependent on the measuring instruments and other features of the measuring environment and equipment components; therefore it is not always possible to state the absolute accuracy which can be attained.~~

~~Moreover, experience in the use of a given method indicates the reproducibility which can be expected. Whenever the drafting Technical Committee has agreed upon reproducibility values, these have been given in this standard.~~

Besides the fact that the first edition of this part of IEC 60404 is more than 25 years old, the main purpose of this revision is to adapt it to modern measurement and evaluation methods, in particular to introduce the widely spread digital sampling method for the acquisition and evaluation of the measured data.

In addition, the problem of the air flux compensation had to be re-considered under the condition of the elevated frequencies. Capacitive coupling of mutual inductor windings require observance of significant phase shift influence and suggest consideration of the alternative method of numerical air flux compensation. An increase of the frequency range to 20 kHz was discussed by TC 68 since some manufacturers of electrical steel include this range in their catalogues. However, TC 68 decided to keep the frequency range to that defined in IEC 60404-10:1988: 400 Hz to 10 kHz.

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#### ~~CHAPTER I: GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR A.C. MEASUREMENTS MADE WITH THE 25 CM EPSTEIN FRAME~~

## 1 Scope

~~This chapter specifies the general conditions for the determination of a.c. magnetic properties of magnetic steel sheet and strip by means of the 25 cm Epstein frame.~~

This part of IEC 60404 is applicable to grain-oriented and non-oriented electrical steel strip and sheet for measurements of a.c. magnetic properties in the frequency range 400 Hz to 10 000 Hz.

The object of this document is to define the general principles and the technical details of the measurement of magnetic properties of electrical steel strip and sheet by means of an Epstein frame.

## ~~4 Field of application~~

The ~~use of the 25 cm~~ Epstein frame is applicable to ~~flat strip~~ test specimens obtained from ~~magnetic~~ electrical steel strips and sheets of any ~~quality~~ grade. The AC magnetic ~~properties~~ characteristics are determined for ~~a~~ sinusoidal induced voltages, for specified peak values of magnetic polarization and for a specified frequency.

The measurements are to be made at an ambient temperature of  $(23 \pm 5)^\circ\text{C}$  on test specimens which have first been demagnetized.

NOTE Throughout this document the term "magnetic polarization" is used as defined in IEC 60050-221. In some standards of the IEC 60404 series, the term "magnetic flux density" was used.

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