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### Part 2: Rated current of inductors for DC-to-DC converters

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

- a) addition of Table 2 and Figure 2 b).

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# HIGH FREQUENCY INDUCTIVE COMPONENTS – ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND MEASURING METHODS –

## Part 2: Rated current of inductors for DC-to-DC converters

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62024 specifies the measuring methods of the rated direct current limits for small inductors.

Standardized measuring methods for the determination of ratings enable users to accurately compare the current ratings given in various manufacturers' data books.

This document is applicable to leaded and surface mount inductors with dimensions according to IEC 62025-1 and generally with rated current less than 22 A, although inductors with rated current greater than 22 A are available that fall within the dimension restrictions of this document (no larger than a 12 mm × 12 mm footprint approximately). These inductors are typically used in DC-to-DC converters built on PCBs, for electric and telecommunication equipment, and small size switching power supply units.

The measuring methods are defined by the saturation and temperature rise limitations induced solely by direct current.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60068-1:2013, *Environmental testing – Part 1: General and guidance*

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#### 3.1

##### **DC saturation limited current**

allowable value of DC current for which the decrease of the inductance is within the specified value