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- a) added the surface irregularity term "pores" in 4.3.1.6;
- b) added the surface irregularity term "scratch" in 4.3.6.3;
- c) removed the surface irregularity term "crater" in 4.1.5 of IEC 60401-1: 2002;

- d) removed the bulk irregularity terms “superpores” in 5.1, “inclusions” in 5.2, “internal stratification” in 5.3 and “internal crack” in 5.4 of IEC 60401-1: 2002;
- e) removed the contents related to “yoke ring cores” in 7.1.3 and 7.4 of IEC 60401-1:2002;
- f) replaced the surface irregularity term “stratification” with “lamination” in 4.3.4.7;
- g) replaced the location related terms “upper surface of back” with “bottom surface” and “lower surface of back” with “back surface” in Figure A.1;
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# TERMS AND NOMENCLATURE FOR CORES MADE OF MAGNETICALLY SOFT FERRITES –

## Part 1: Terms used for physical irregularities and reference of dimensions

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60401 provides a nomenclature of the most frequent surface, bulk and shape irregularities relevant to cores made of soft ferrites (magnetic oxides). Most irregularities are graphically exemplified as visual aids. A general recommendation is also given in Annex A for a consistent scheme for specifying the exact location of the irregularity, combining a general name for the location with more detailed qualifiers of the specified location. This document can also be useful as a terminology reference when preparing technical documentation, irregularity inspection specifications, etc.

This document also presents a method for defining the designation nomenclature for the major physical attributes of soft ferrite core shapes. The purpose of this document is to facilitate uniform usage of dimensional characters by manufacturers, specifiers, and users when describing core dimensions on drawings, in tables, and on catalogue specification sheets.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 and Annex A apply.

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### 4 Physical irregularities

#### 4.1 General overview

Physical irregularities mean here the surface irregularities, bulk irregularities and shape irregularities. The irregularity here stands for inconsistency of the state or quality of the part's surface, bulk or shape with its intended regularity. These irregularities are considered here in the macroscopic scale, i.e. within the range of linear dimensions of irregularities from one micrometre to tens of millimetres.

There is a great variety of surface, bulk and shape irregularities degrading the quality of parts made of ferrites. Different types of these irregularities can often occur together and overlap one another.