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Non-destructive testing — Eddy current testing — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines terms used in eddy current testing.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General terms specifically associated with the eddy current test method

3.1.1

background noise

noise (3.1.26) originating from geometric and metallurgical variations in the product to be tested

Note 1 to entry: These effects may also be the subject of the measurement.

3.1.2

balance

compensation of the signal, corresponding to the *operating point* (3.5.20), to achieve a predetermined value

Note 1 to entry: The predetermined value can be, for example, zero.

3.1.3

bandwidth

range of frequencies in which a signal is transmitted or amplified in a linear way

Note 1 to entry: Bandwidth is defined by the lower and upper cut-off frequencies which conventionally correspond to an attenuation of 3 dB.

Note 2 to entry: Bandwidth can be defined for any or all elements of the system, such as a *filter* (3.4.14), a cable or an amplifier.

3.1.4

bucking signal

compensating signal

signal which is injected to balance a signal corresponding to the *operating point* (3.5.20)

3.1.5

characteristic frequency

f

conventional quantity used as a frequency unit

Note 1 to entry: Characteristic frequency is derived from the mathematical model using Bessel functions to describe the *eddy current distribution* (3.1.10) in a cylindrical bar. The value is dependent on the characteristics of the product which influence this distribution, e.g. electrical conductivity, magnetic permeability and diameter.

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Note 2 to entry: Characteristic frequency, f , is given by:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\mu r^2}$$

where

μ is the magnetic permeability;

σ is the electrical conductivity;

r is the radius of the cylinder.

3.1.6

characteristic frequency ratio

dimensionless ratio of the *excitation frequency* (3.1.18) to the *characteristic frequency* (3.1.5) which enables the behaviour of electromagnetic quantities involved in the test to be generalized

Note 1 to entry: See *law of similarity* (3.1.24).

3.1.7

coupling factor

ratio of the *excitation* (3.1.19) flux through the product to be tested to the total excitation flux, which measures the *electromagnetic coupling* (3.1.15) between the *probe* (3.3.40) and the product to be tested

3.1.8

demodulated signal

eddy current signal after demodulation

3.1.9

differentiated signal

output signal of a *differential filter* (3.4.8)

3.1.10

eddy current distribution

vector field of eddy current density

3.1.11

eddy current testing

non-destructive testing method using the electromagnetic effects of induced currents to evaluate the product to be tested

3.1.12

eddy currents

electric current induced in a conductive material by a varying magnetic field

3.1.13

effective depth of penetration

depth in the material beyond which the electromagnetic effects of *eddy currents* (3.1.12) can no longer be used for testing with a given system

3.1.14

effective permeability

complex quantity introduced to account for the weakening of the magnetic field strength within cylindrical objects due to the eddy current flow

Note 1 to entry: Effective permeability is used to calculate the output voltage from a *secondary coil* (3.3.49) of a *coaxial probe* (3.3.8).

3.1.15

electromagnetic coupling

electromagnetic interaction between two or more circuits

Note 1 to entry: In eddy current examination, the product to be tested is a circuit.

3.1.16

electromagnetic testing

class of non-destructive test methods that uses electromagnetic energy having frequencies lower than those of infrared light

Note 1 to entry: For example, *eddy current testing* ([3.1.11](#)) and microwave methods are classed as electromagnetic testing.

3.1.17

excitation current

current in the *primary coil* ([3.3.39](#)) *arrangement* ([3.3.6](#)) (exciting element)

3.1.18

excitation frequency

nominal frequency of the *excitation current* ([3.1.17](#))

3.1.19

excitation induction

creation of *eddy currents* ([3.1.12](#))

3.1.20

impedance plane diagram

graphical representation of the locus of points, indicating the variations in the impedance of a test coil as a function of the *test parameters* ([3.5.39](#))

3.1.21

in phase demodulation

use of *synchronous demodulation* ([3.1.38](#)) to extract the active (resistive) component from the *probe* ([3.3.40](#)) signal

3.1.22

instrument noise

noise ([3.1.26](#)) originating in the *eddy current instrument* ([3.4.11](#))

3.1.23

interference noise

noise ([3.1.26](#)) originating from sources external to the *eddy current testing system* ([3.4.12](#))

3.1.24

law of similarity

law which permits the general description of electromagnetic phenomena for geometrically similar products

Note 1 to entry: The *eddy current distribution* ([3.1.10](#)) is the same provided that the *characteristic frequency ratio* ([3.1.6](#)) is the same.

3.1.25

loaded coil impedance

apparent impedance

impedance of a test coil coupled to a conductive product to be tested

3.1.26

noise

unwanted signal which can corrupt the measurement