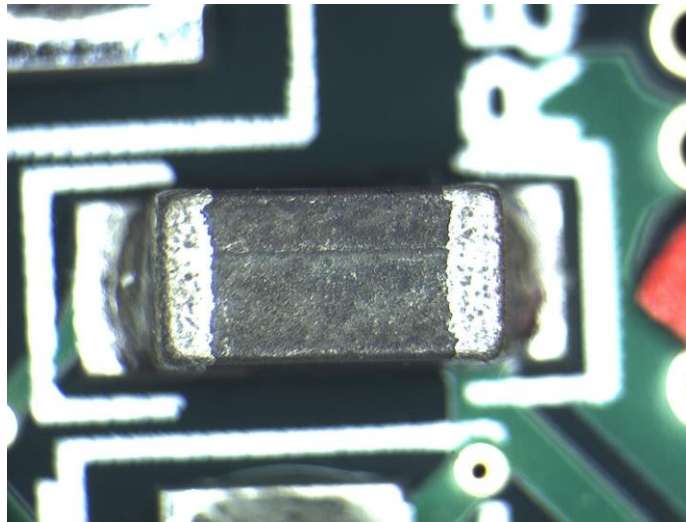


# EMI Suppression Ferrites



Fair-Rite Products, Wallkill, NY  
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# Agenda

- What is Ferrite?
- Ferrite Overview
  - Ferrite Applications
  - Material Differences
- Terminology
- Suppression Ferrites / Applications
  - How they work
  - How they are made
  - Material Comparison
  - Differential and Common Mode
- Selecting the right Ferrite
- What's New at Fair-Rite

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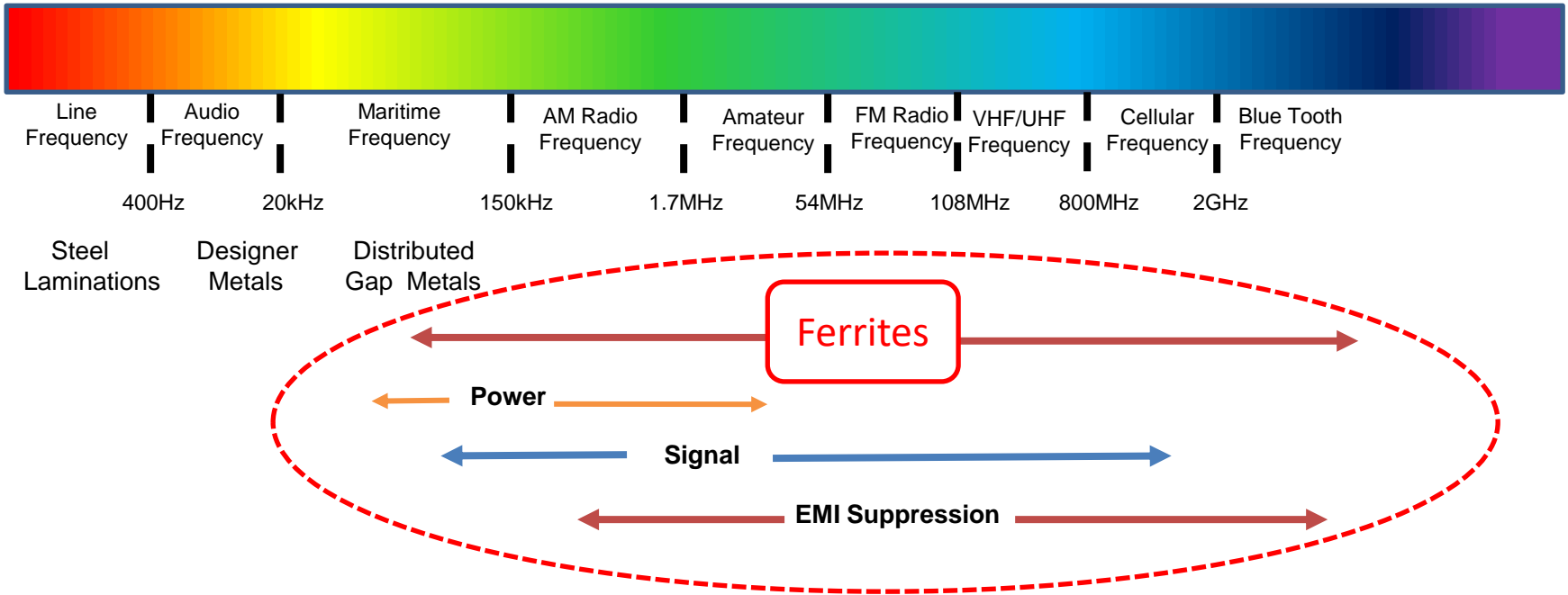
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# What Is Ferrite?

- Ferrite is a magnetic material formed by pressing and firing metal oxides into a ceramic material.
  - Iron provides magnetic properties
  - Oxygen provides high resistivity for low loss
- Two basic Materials: MnZn and NiZn
- High resistivity reduces losses allowing operation at high frequencies.
- A ‘Soft’ magnetic material is one that can be both easily magnetized and demagnetized.
- Four classes: Power, Inductive, Suppressive, Shielding

# Why Ferrites?

→ → → → → → → → → Operating Frequency → → → → → → → → → →



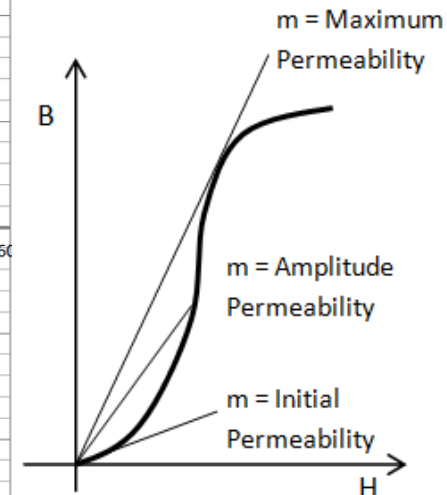
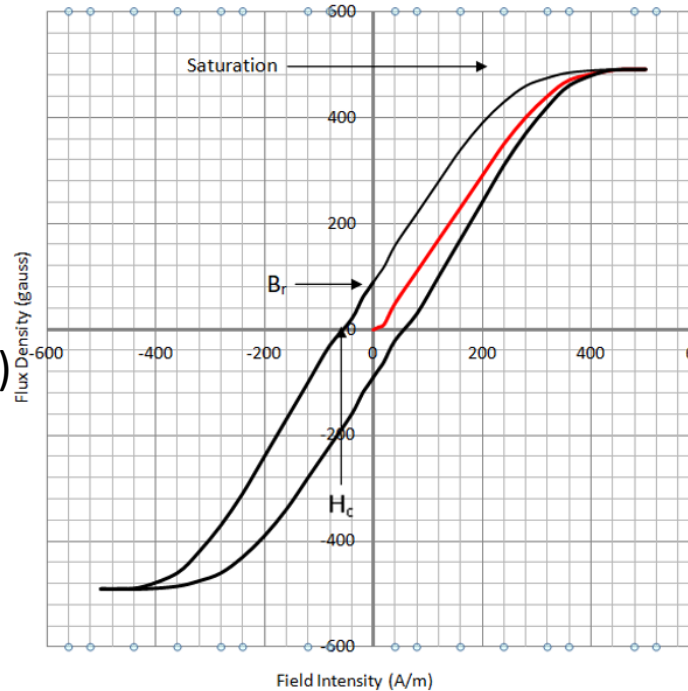
- Losses are proportional to Frequency: Ferrite has Low Losses
  - Hysteresis Losses (Magnetization)
  - Eddy Current Losses

# Uses and Applications for Soft Ferrites

- **Inductors:** Power and Signal / Fix and Variable
  - The Ferrite Core Acts as an ‘Inductance Amplifier’
- **HF Transformers \ Spark Generators**
  - The Ferrite Core Acts Like an Efficient Flux Coupler
- **Antennas**
  - The Ferrite Core Acts Like a low loss ‘Field Amplifier’
- **Sensors (Hall, Proximity, RF Scanning, etc.)**
  - The Ferrite Core steers the flux in a magnetic circuit.
- **Read / Write Heads**
  - The Ferrite Core acts to focus the flux
- **Electromagnets: Beam Steering / Accelerators**
  - The Ferrite Core allows high frequency electro magnet
- **EMI Suppression**
  - The Ferrite Core Acts Like a Frequency Dependent Resistor
- **Shielding /RF Absorption**
  - The Ferrite Core can steer flux or absorb electromagnetic energy

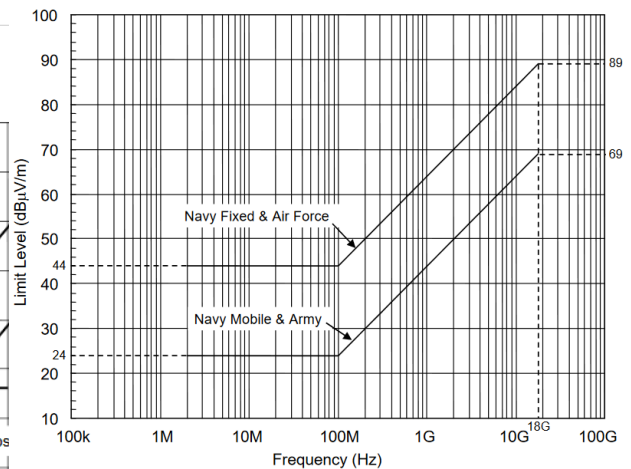
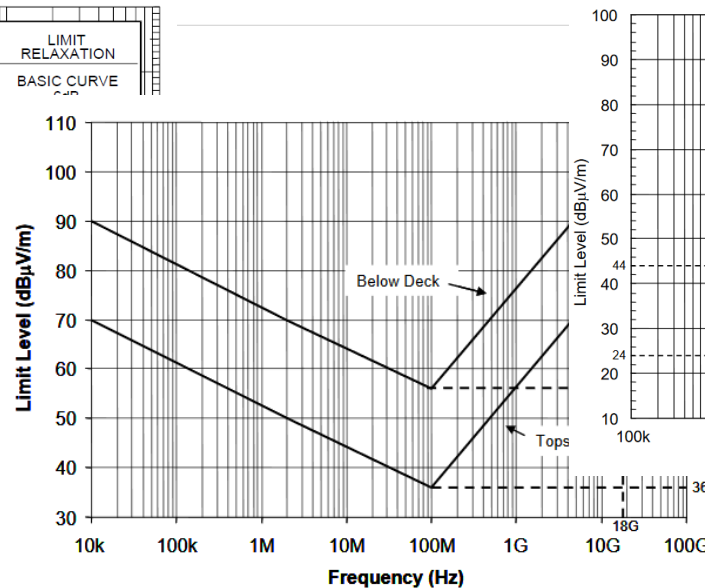
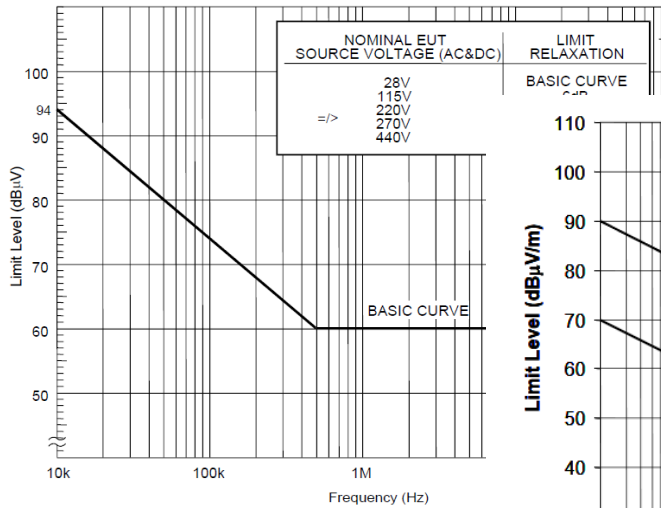
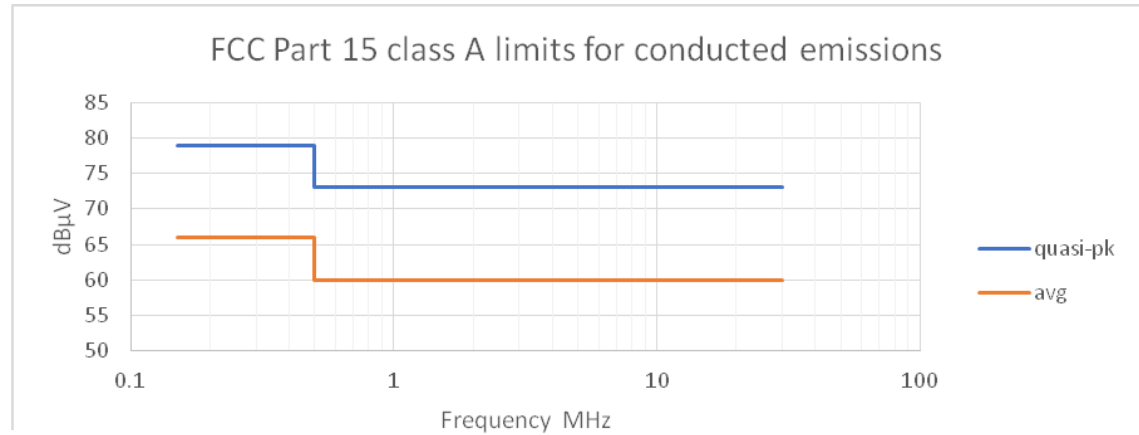
# Speak the language

- Permeability  $B = \mu H$ 
  - Initial (10kHz low B)
  - Incremental ( $\mu_i$  vs DC bias)
  - Amplitude ( $\mu_a$  vs B)
  - Effective ( $\mu_e$  with air gap)
  - Complex ( $\mu'$   $\mu''$  over frequency)
- Saturation
- Curie Temperature
- Power Loss Density
- Air Core Inductance
  - Permeability of free space ( $L_0$ )

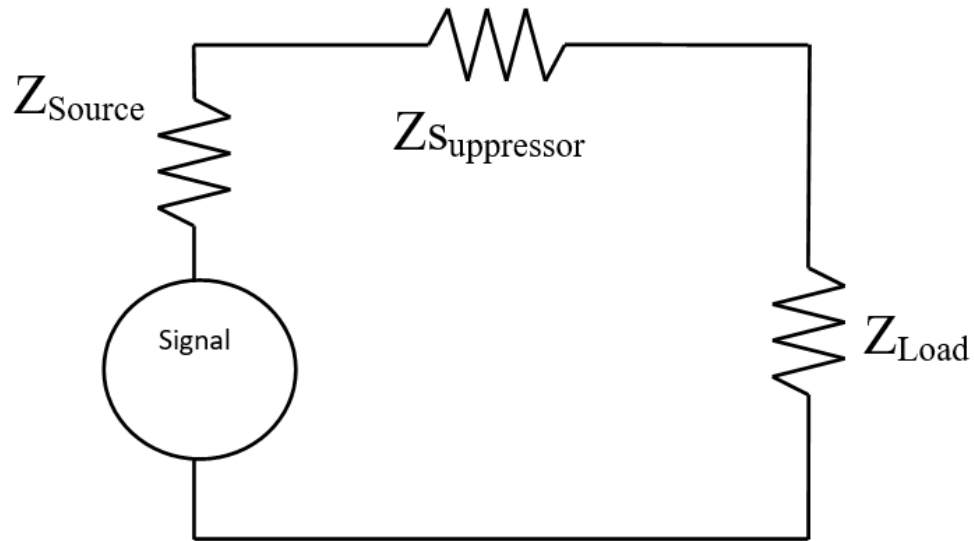


# EMI Standards

- FCC
- MIL-STD-461
- DO160
- EMC-directive (2014/53/EU)



# Impedance adds Insertion Loss

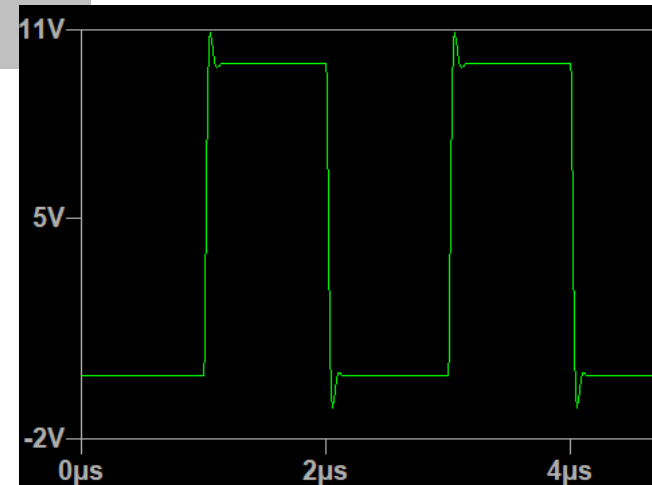
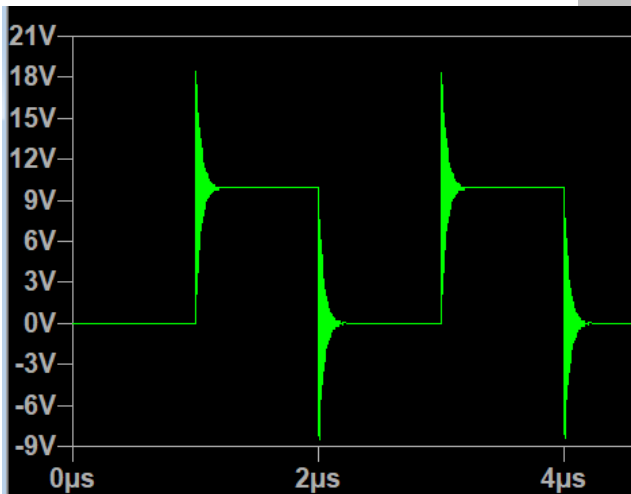
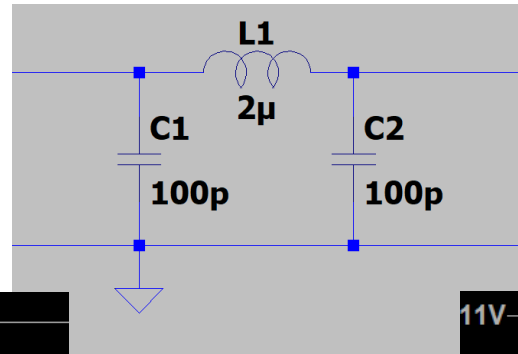


Attenuation is the difference of  $V_{out}$  with, and without, the suppressor in the circuit.

$$Attn(dB) = 20 * \text{LOG} \left( \frac{Z_{Source} + Z_{Suppression} + Z_{Load}}{Z_{Source} + Z_{Load}} \right)$$

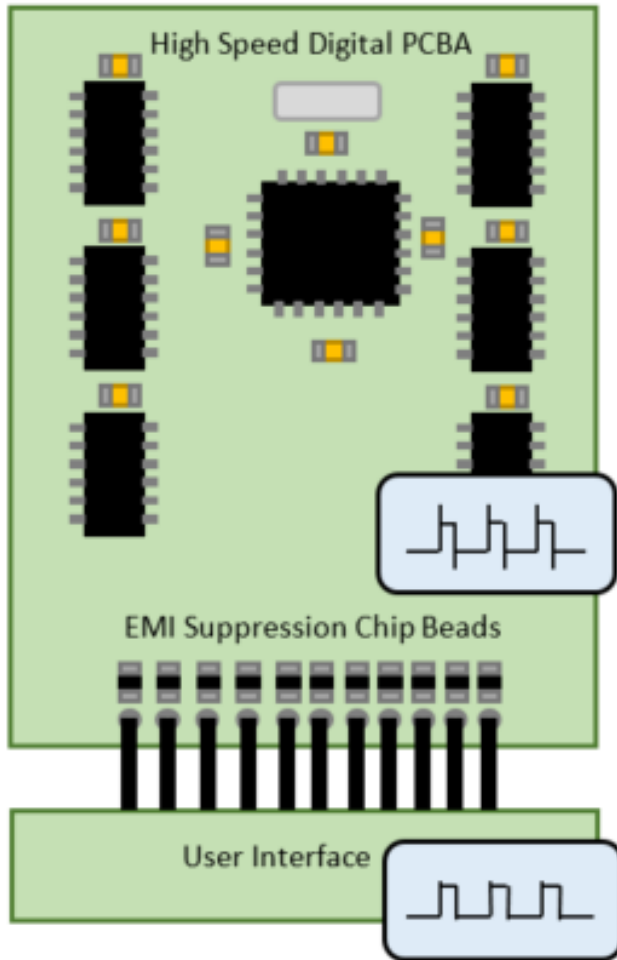


# Inductive Filters



Inductive filters block higher frequencies but reflect energy back to the generating circuit causing peaking and ringing.

# Suppression Devices



Ferrite materials developed with frequency dependent losses enable EMI suppression components giving designers another option to control unwanted noise.

- On Board Chips and Beads
- Cable Cores and clamps
- Connector plates

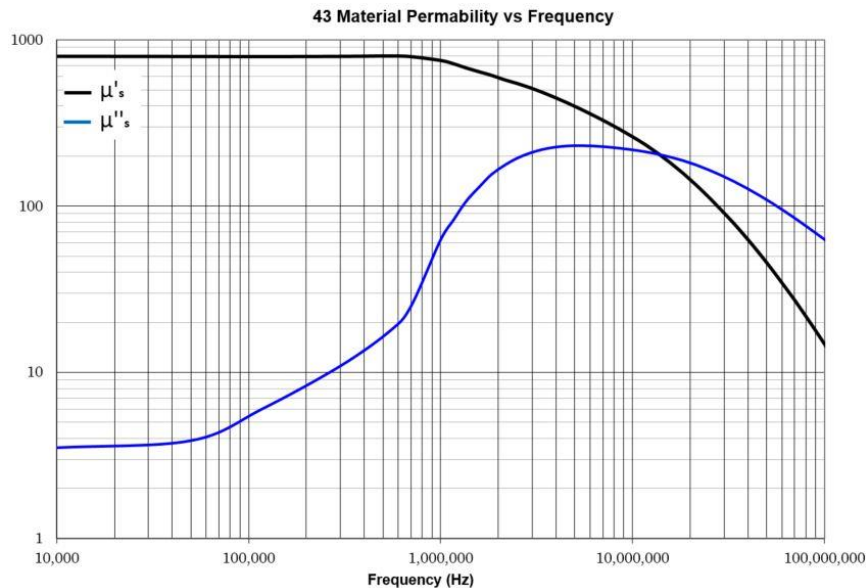
# Suppression Ferrites

- Strengths

- Lossy Core Material
- Resistive / dissipative

- Trade Offs

- Limited frequency band
- DC Bias Concerns



IEEE Accepted  
Schematic Symbol for a  
Ferrite Suppression  
Device

# Ferrite Beads



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Schematic Symbol for a  
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Made like and  
looks like an  
inductor....

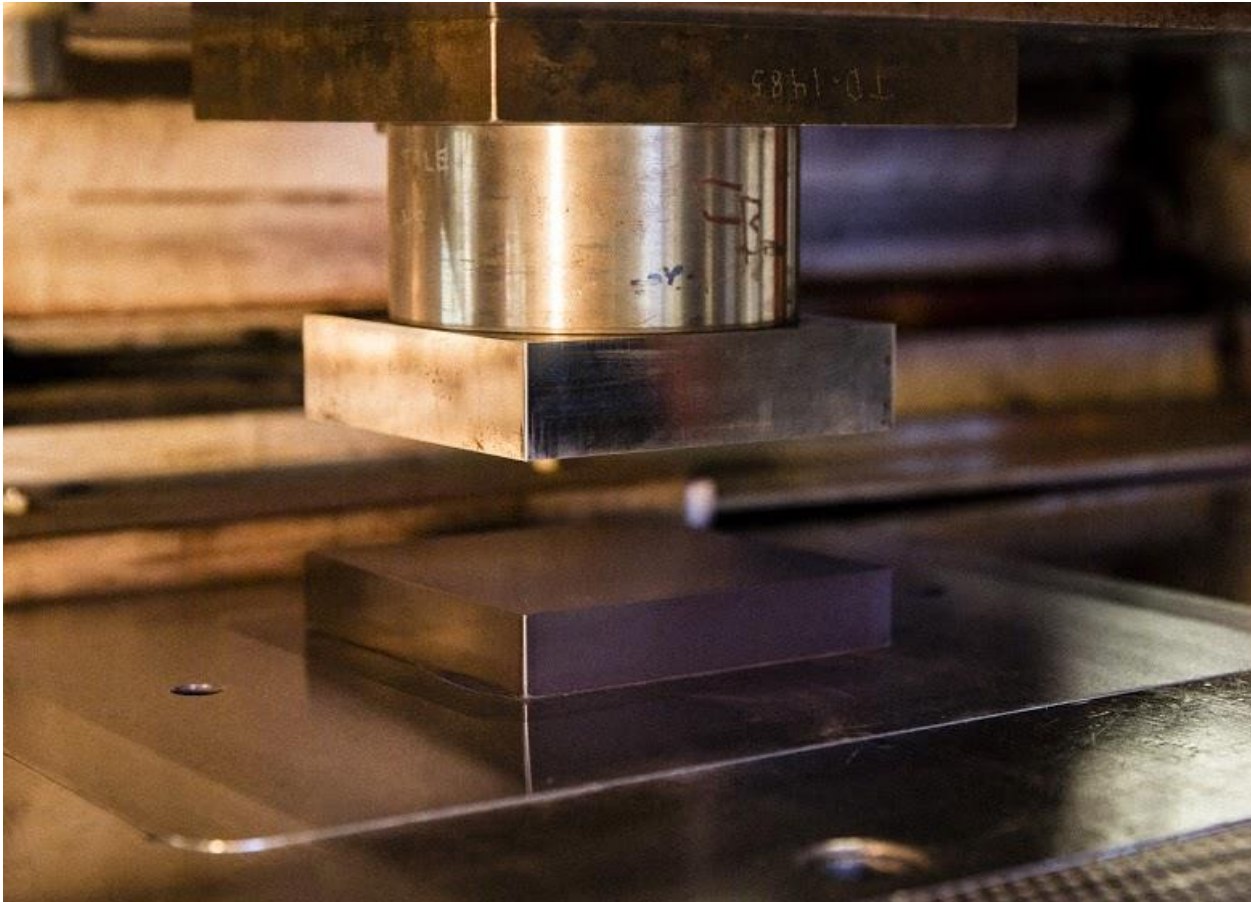
**Impedance Rated  
Devices, Not  
Inductors**

# Oxide Powder Composition

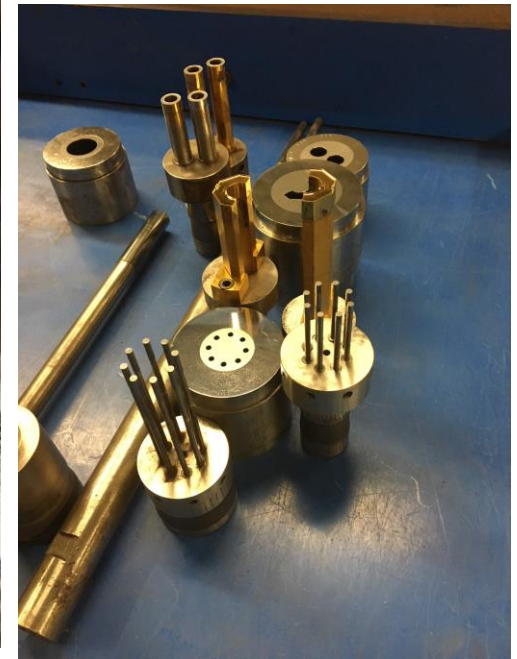


Iron Oxide  
Manganese Oxide  
Zinc Oxide  
Nickel Oxide  
Binders

# Compaction Pressing



Dies easily form parts with high detail.



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# Sintering



Tunnel Kilns and  
Batch Kilns

Atmosphere  
controlled  
environment

Designed  
Temperature Profiles

# Finishing



Machining operations  
to hold tighter  
tolerances

Burnishing to remove  
sharp edges

Electrically insulating  
coatings applied



# Extensive Quality Control

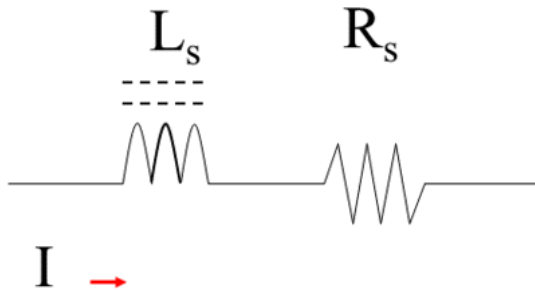
The screenshot displays a quality control software interface. At the top, it shows 'Set003 Prog003' and 'S00:Current + Archived NG (Zoom)'. The 'Prog. Time' is 97.5 ms and the 'Interval' is 77.8 ms. A 'Total Status' indicator shows 'OK'. The main view is a camera feed of a cylindrical part with a cross-section, labeled 'T106: PART PRESENCE'. Below the camera view, there are two tables: 'Measured List CAM 1' and 'Judged List CAM 1'. The 'Measured List' shows various detection and calculation results, while the 'Judged List' shows the status of each feature, all marked as 'OK'. A red box highlights a 'CAM 1 Archived NG Image(Latest)' in the bottom right corner.

Measured List CAM 1		Judged List CAM 1	
T100 Number of Detecte...	1	T100: X LOCATE	OK
T101 Number of Detecte...	1	T101: Y LOCATE	OK
T103 Number of Detecte...	3	T103: DIAMETER	OK
T105 Number of Groups	0	T106: PART PRESENCE	OK
T106 Average Density R...	0.000	T107: LEFT DIA	OK
T107 Calculation Result 0	0.982	T108: MIDDLE DIA	OK
T108 Calculation Result 0	0.982	T109: RIGHT DIA	OK
T109 Calculation Result 0	0.988	T110: Void	OK
T110 Stain Area Result	0	T112: LENGTH #1	OK
T112 Calculation Result 0	7.903	T113: LENGTH #2	OK
T113 Calculation Result 0	7.934	T114: Average Diameter	OK

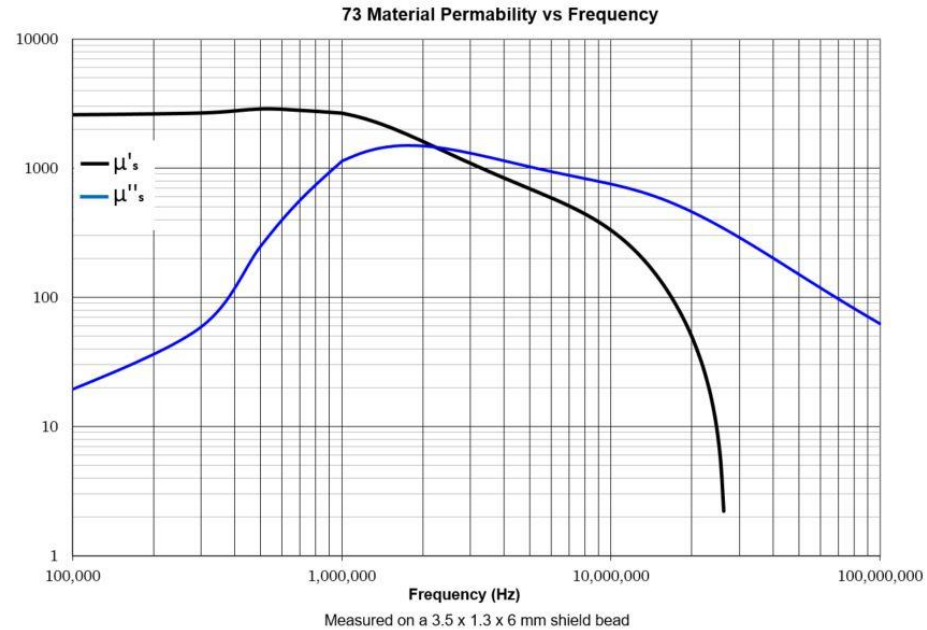
- Dimensional Inspection
- Electrical Inspection
- Physical Strength
- Weight
- Visual Insp.

# How do they work?

## Series Model of a Ferrite Bead



A 'perfect' inductor in series with a resistor.  
Each has an impedance.



## Complex Permeability Curve

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# Inductive Impedance

$\mu'$  is the inductive component of complex permeability.

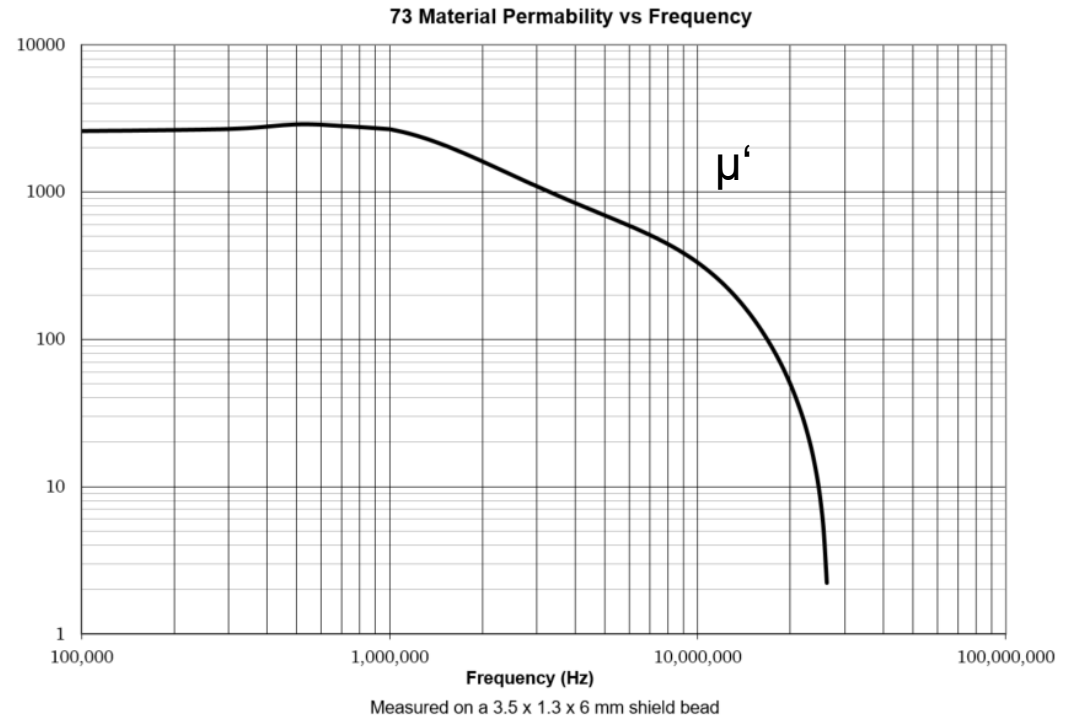
$$Z_{L_S} = j\omega L_S$$

since.....  $L_S = \mu_s' L_0$

We get.....

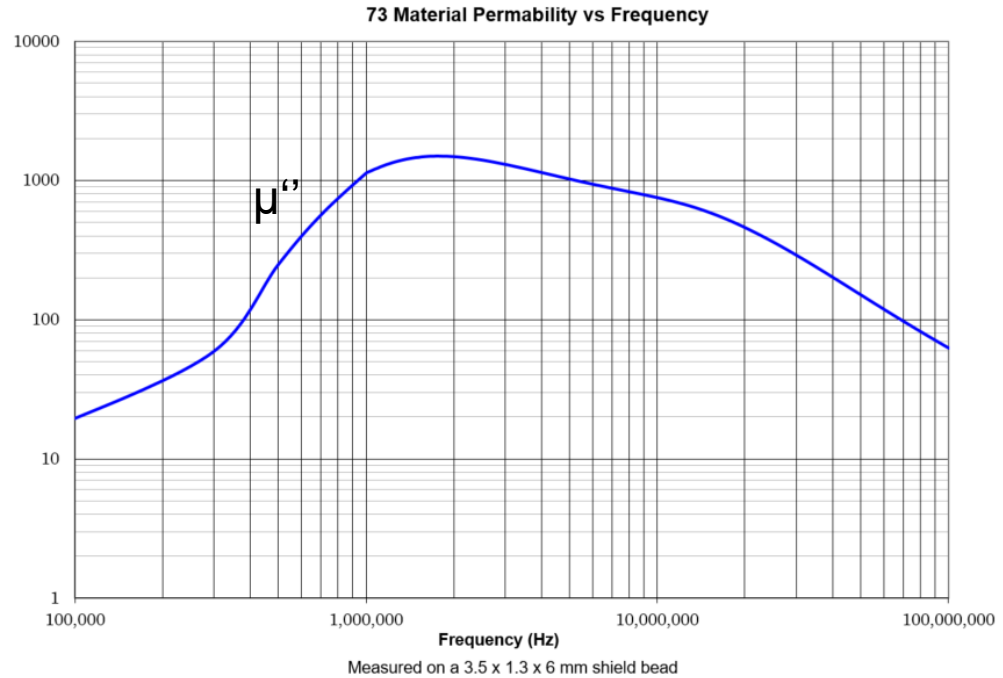
$$Z_{L_S} = 2\pi f L_0 \mu_s'$$

Inductance is frequency dependent



# Resistive Impedance

$\mu''$  is the resistive component of complex permeability.



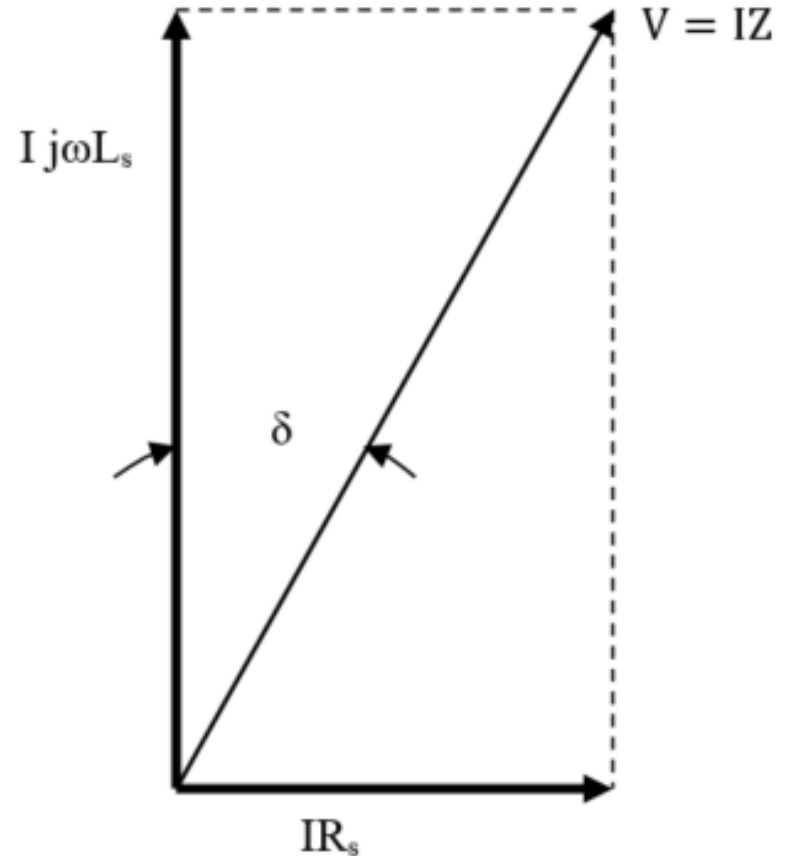
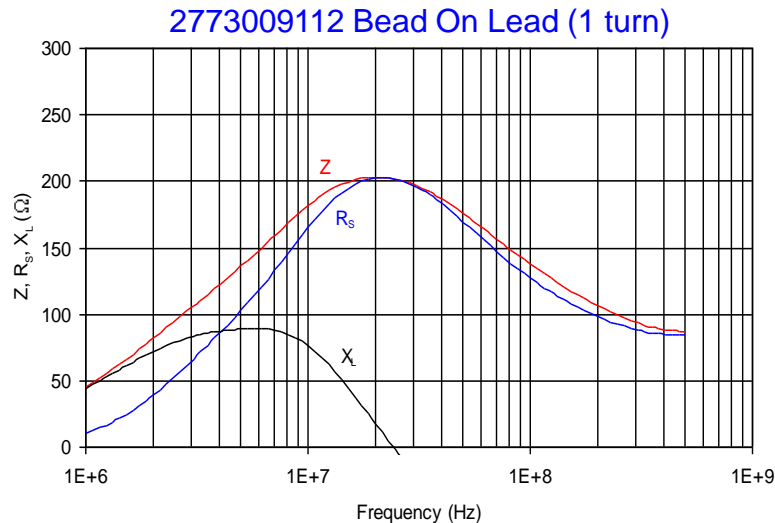
$$R_s = 2\pi f L_0 \mu_s''$$

Resistance is also frequency dependent

# Total Impedance

$$\tan \delta = \frac{R_s}{\omega L_s} = \frac{\mu''}{\mu'}$$

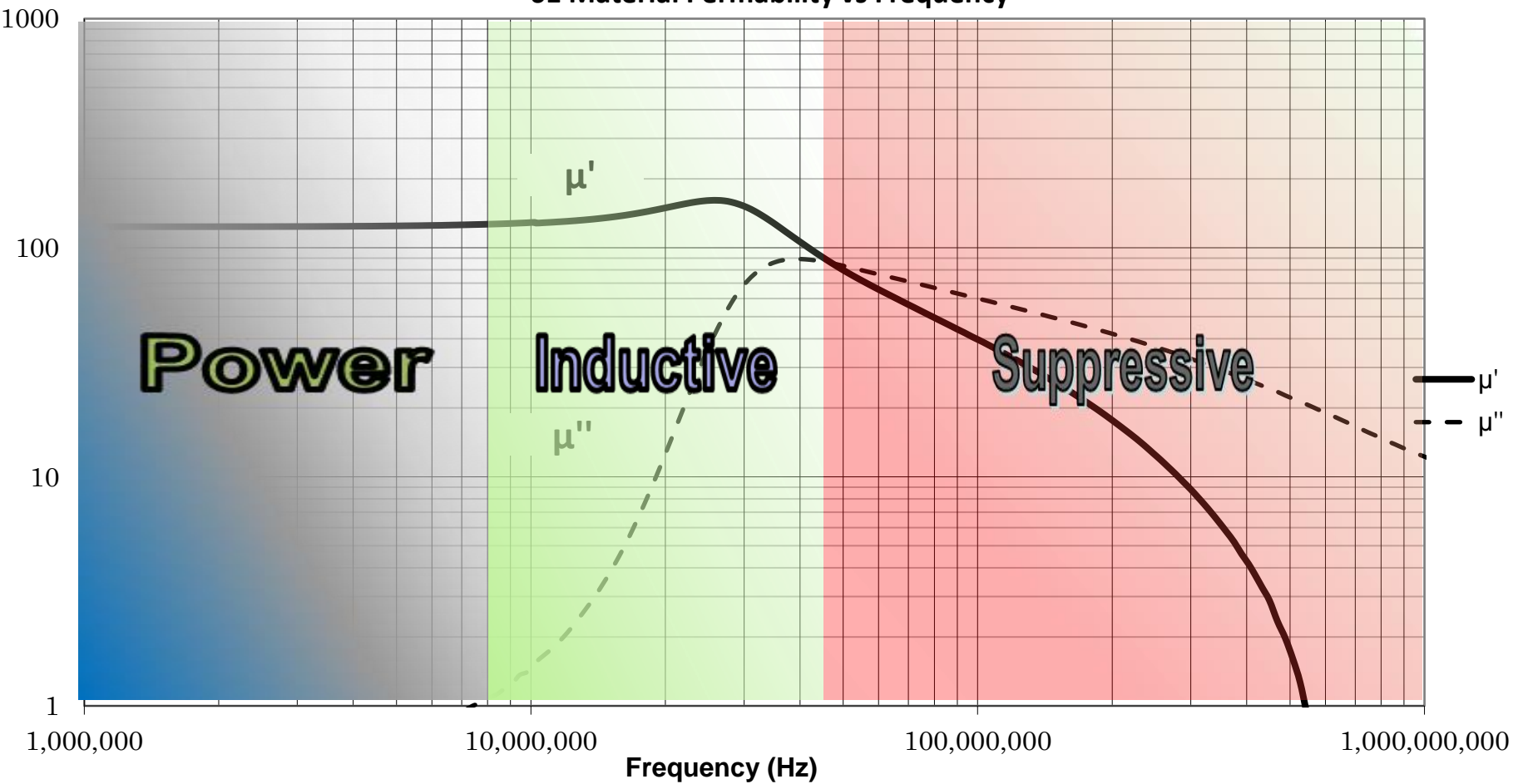
$$Z = j\omega L_0(\mu' - j\mu'')$$



**The ferrite material has magnetically coupled impedance into the circuit.**

# Application Areas of One Material

61 Material Permeability vs Frequency

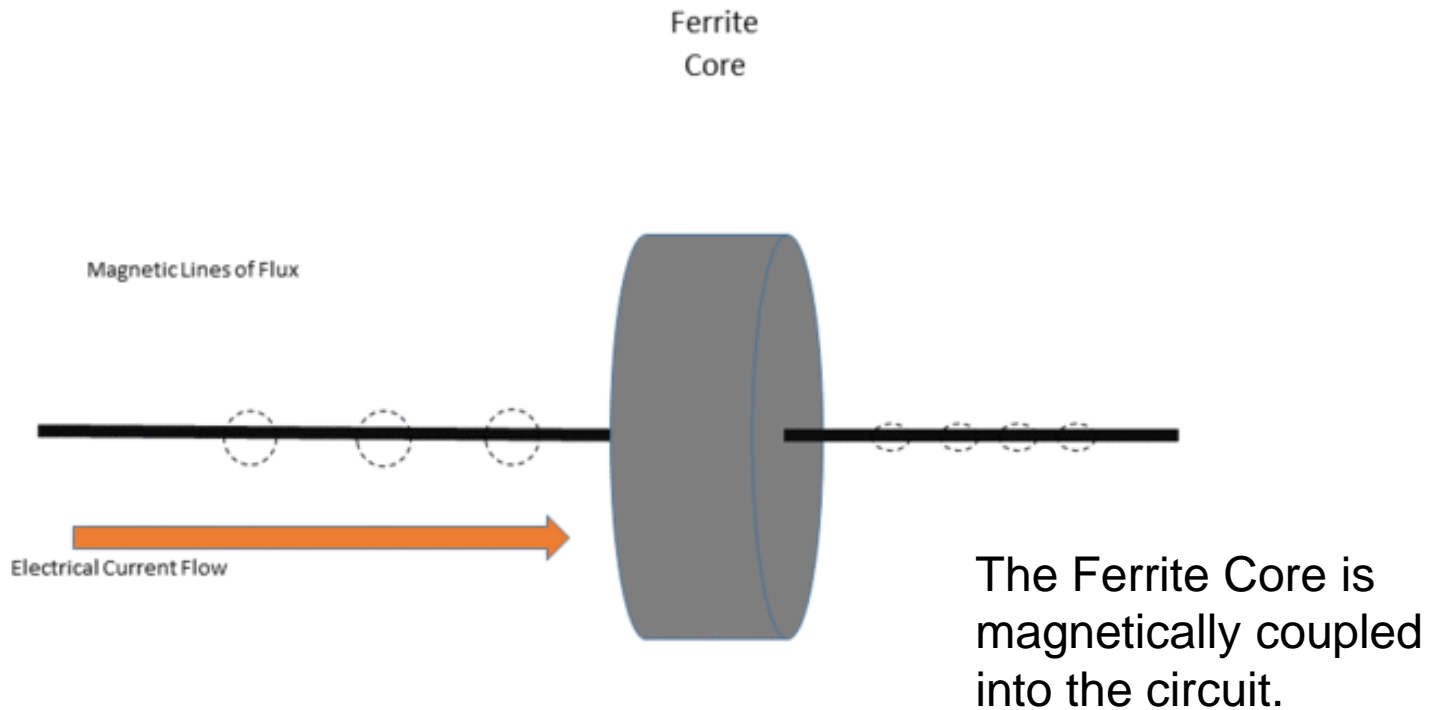


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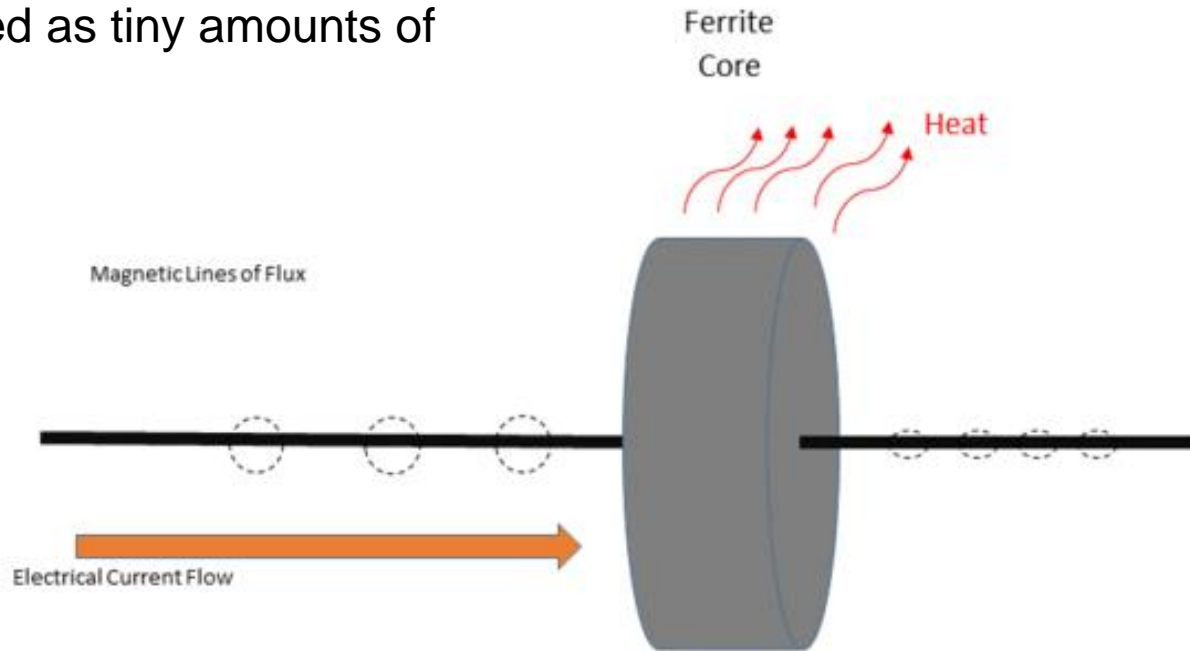
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The Ferrite Core surrounds a conductor.

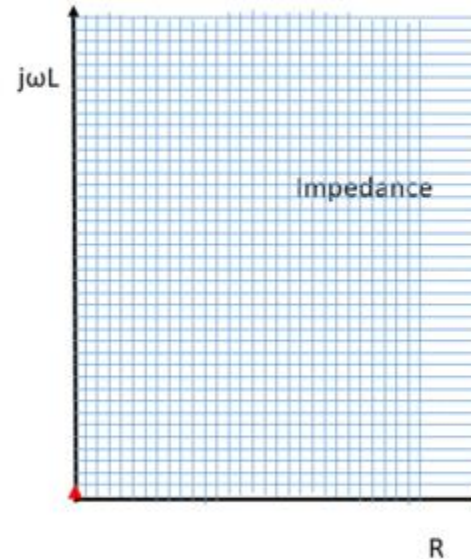
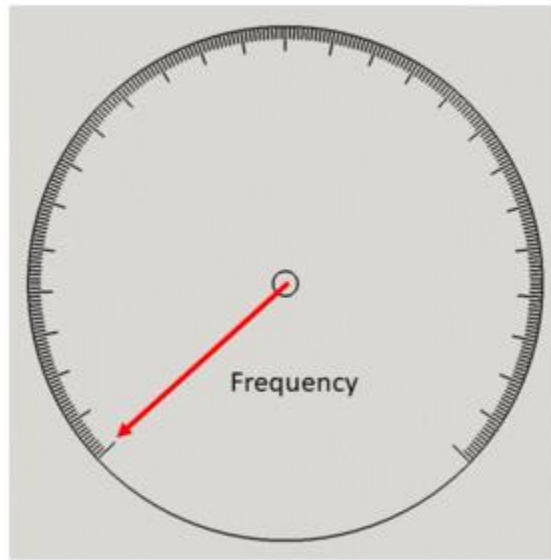


Unwanted high frequency noise energy is absorbed and dissipated as tiny amounts of heat.



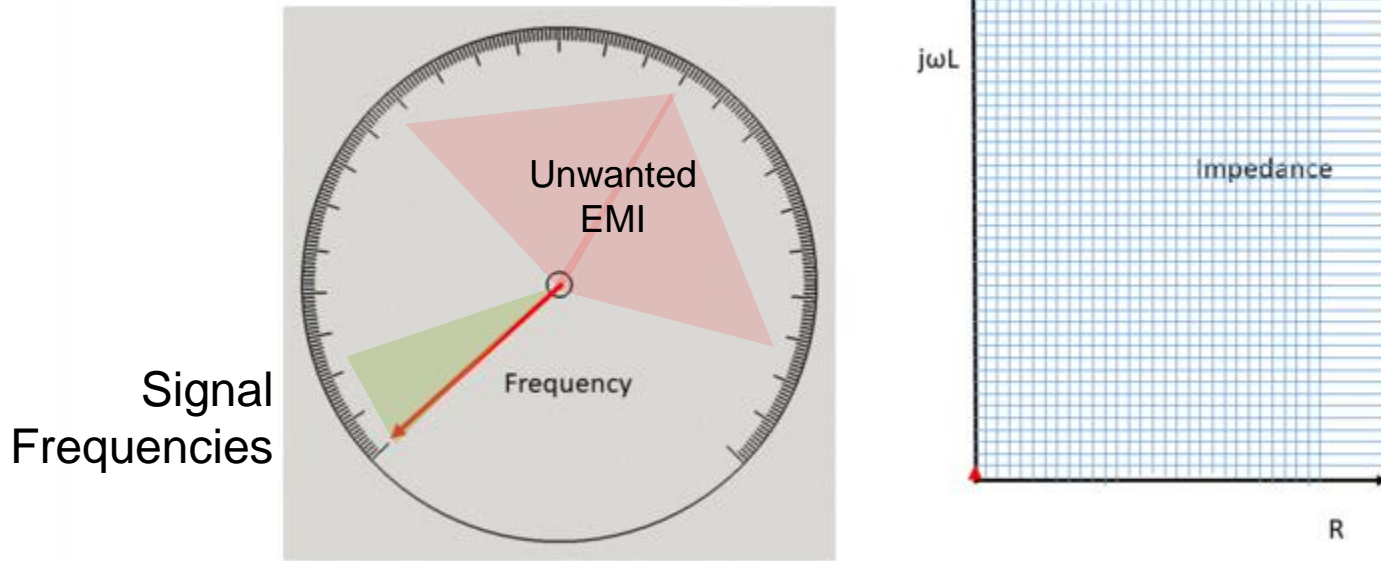


# Impedance



As the applied electrical frequency increases the EMI Suppression device presents a changing impedance vector starting from milliohms going to hundreds of ohms at high frequency.

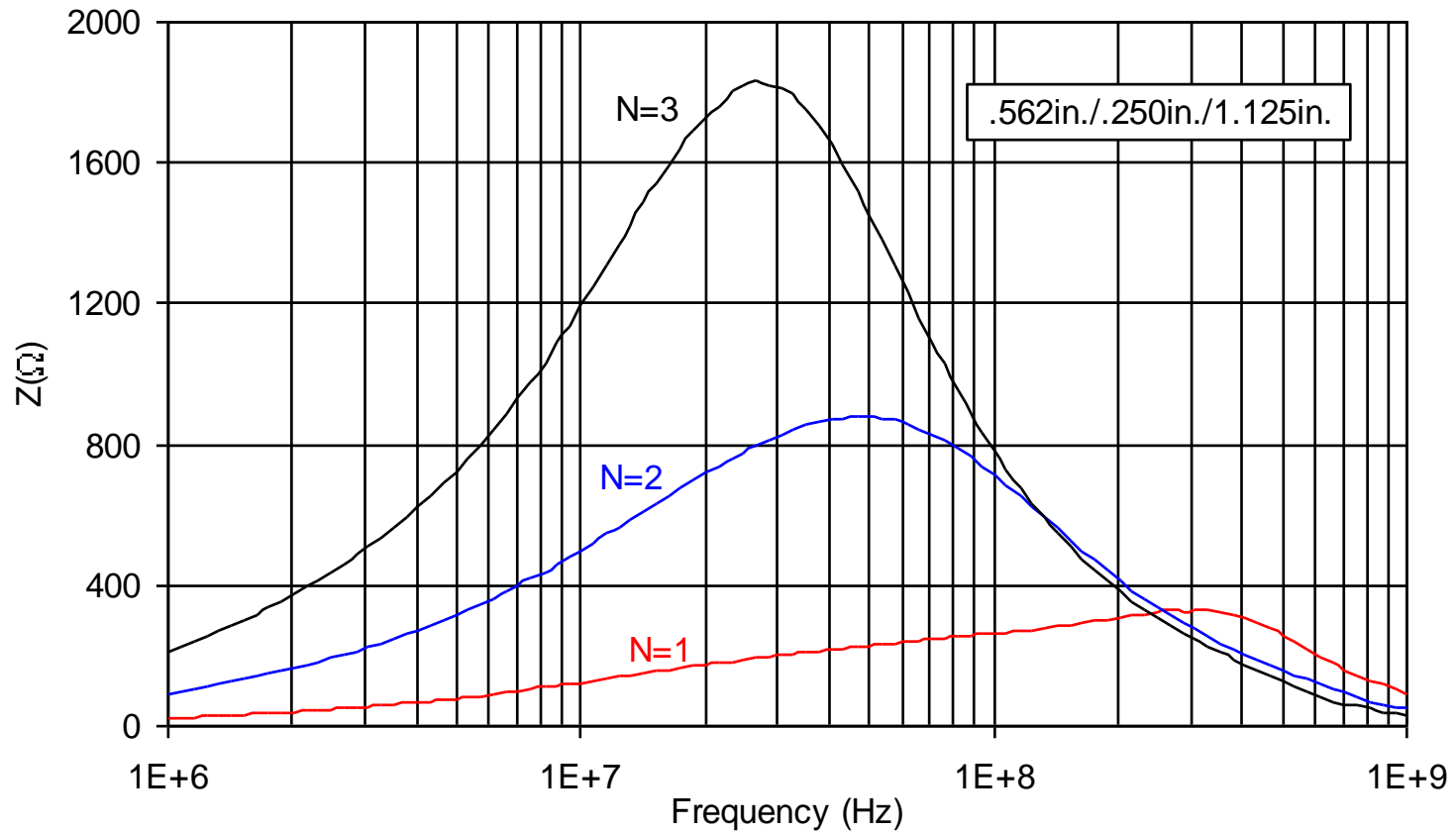
# Impedance



Signal frequencies pass virtually unaffected while unwanted high frequency noise sees significant impedance resulting in energy loss.

# The Effect of Turns on Impedance

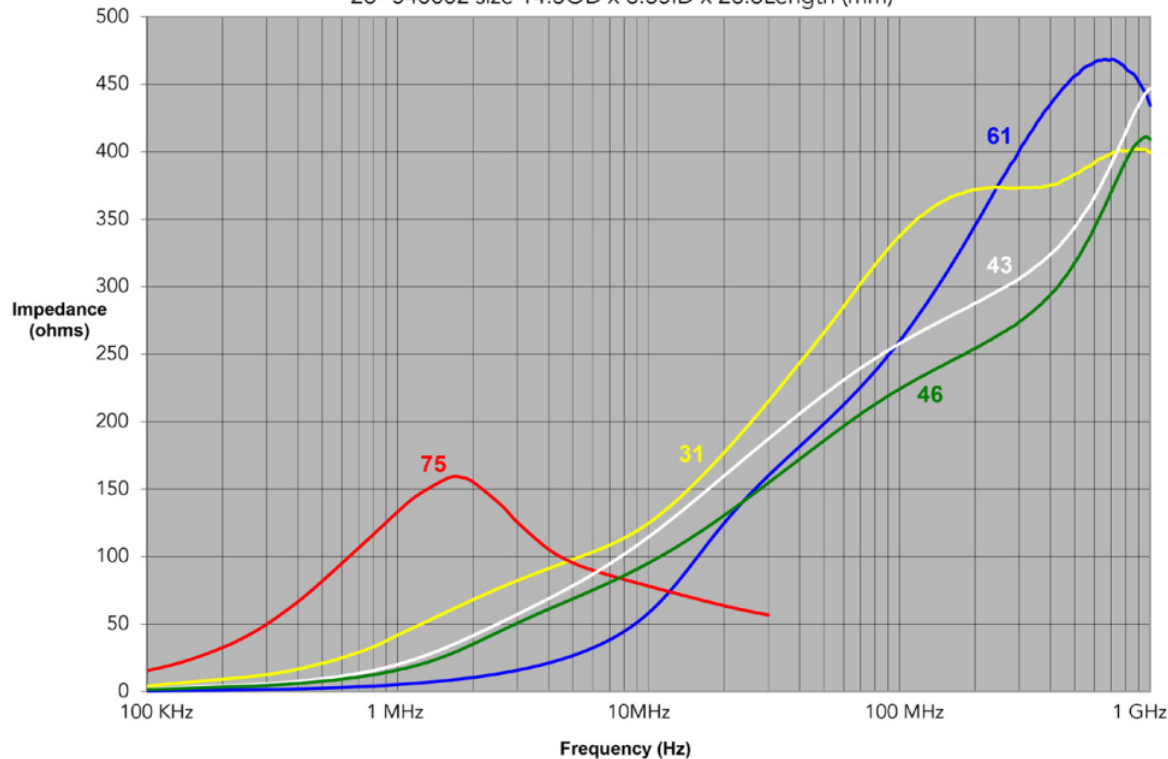
2643540002 Cable Bead



EMI Suppression materials have limited frequency bands where they operate most effectively. Material should be chosen as a function of the problematic frequencies.

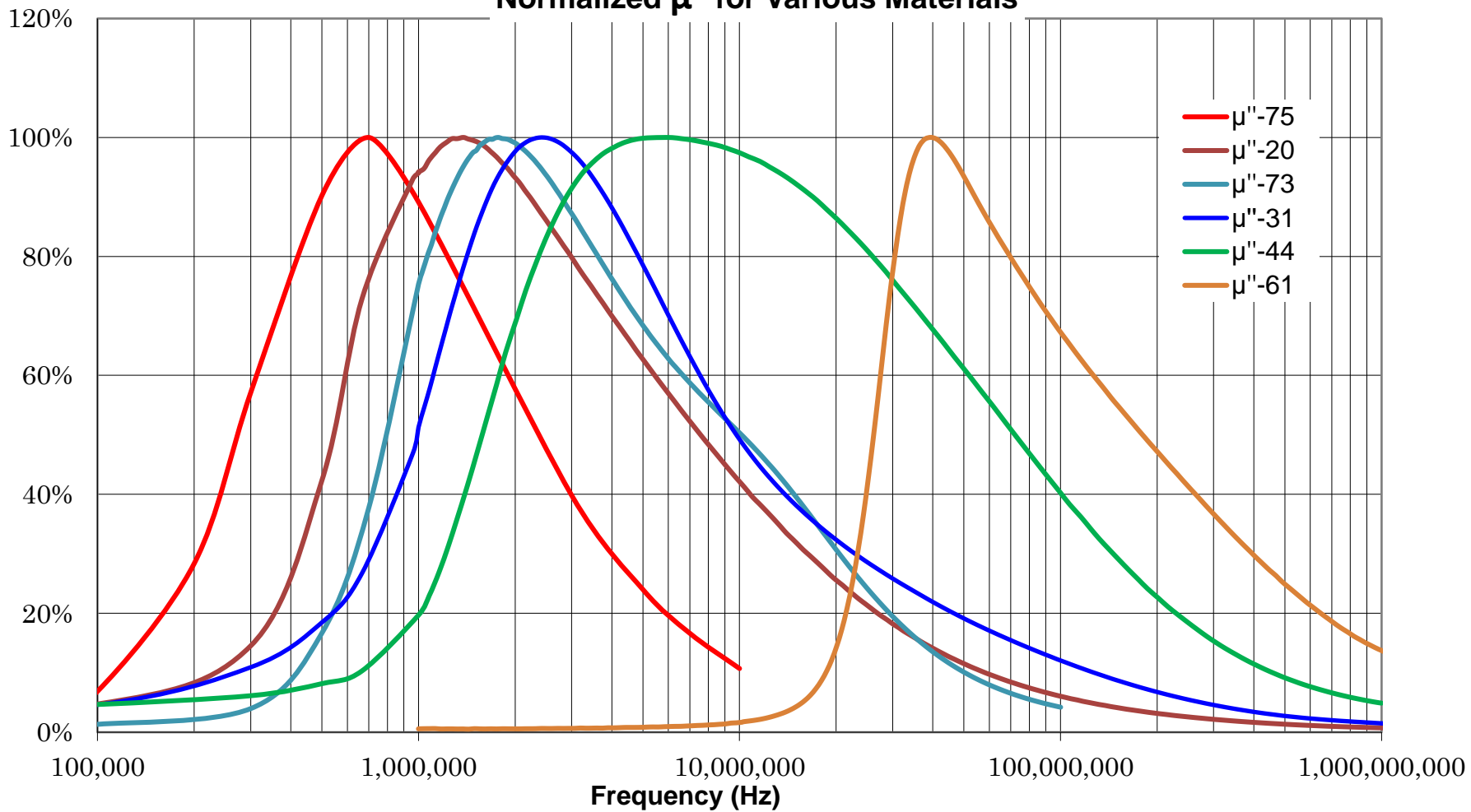
### Material Comparison for Cable Cores

26--540002 size 14.3OD x 6.35ID x 28.6Length (mm)



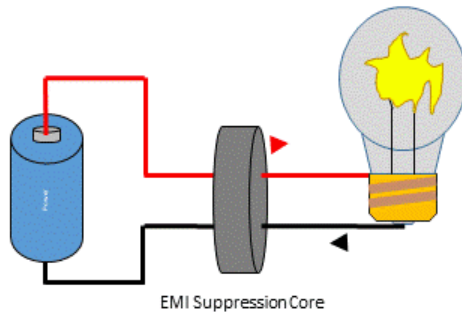
# Normalized Resistive Component

Normalized  $\mu''$  for Various Materials

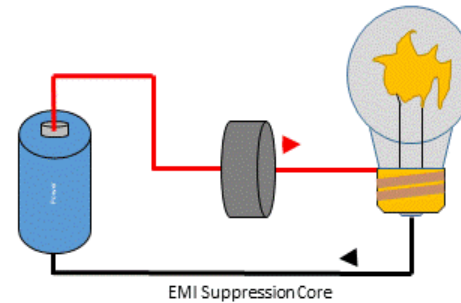


# Differential Mode vs Common Mode

Common Mode Currents



Differential Mode Currents

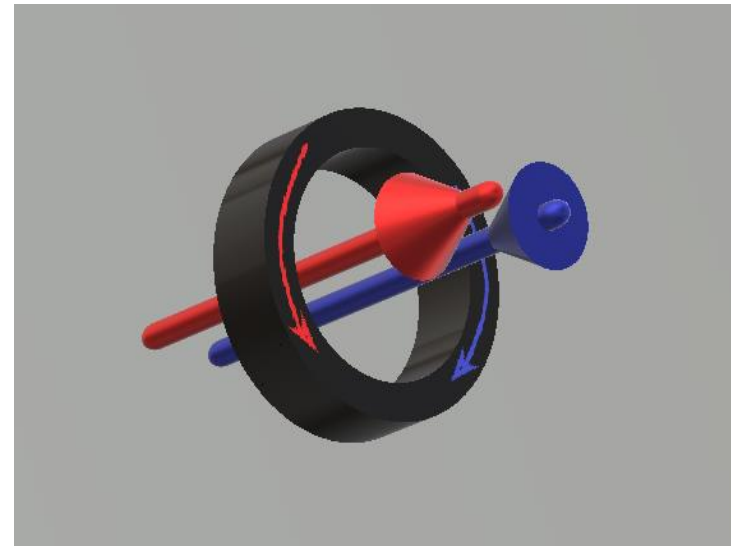


Current goes out and comes back through the suppression device.

Current travels only one way through the suppression device.

# Common Mode Chokes

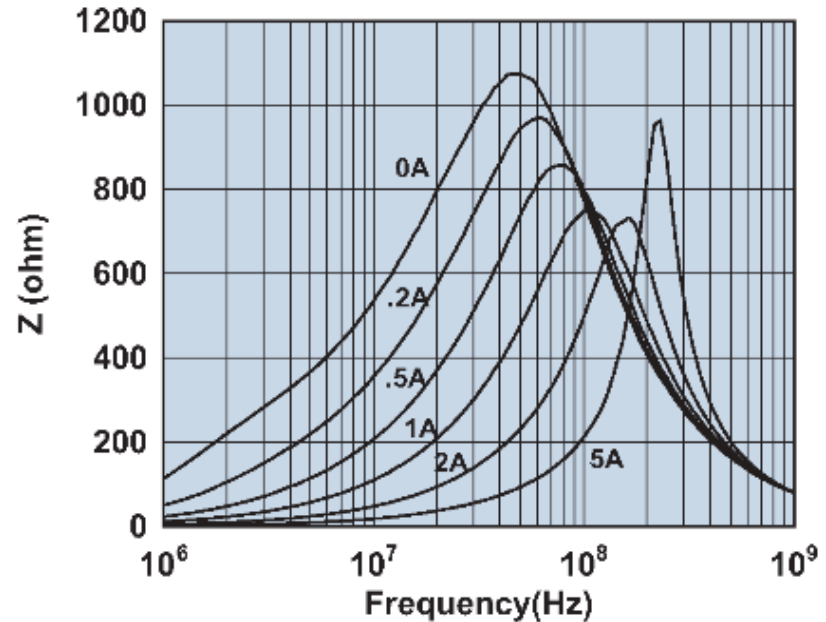
Equal and Opposite  
magnetic fields  
within the core  
cancel the effect of  
DC Bias



- No impedance to signals passing through the core.
- Provide impedance to leakage currents only.

# Differential Mode Applications

- Provides Impedance to all signals passing through the device.
- Subject to DC Bias Conditions



Impedance vs. frequency with dc bias.

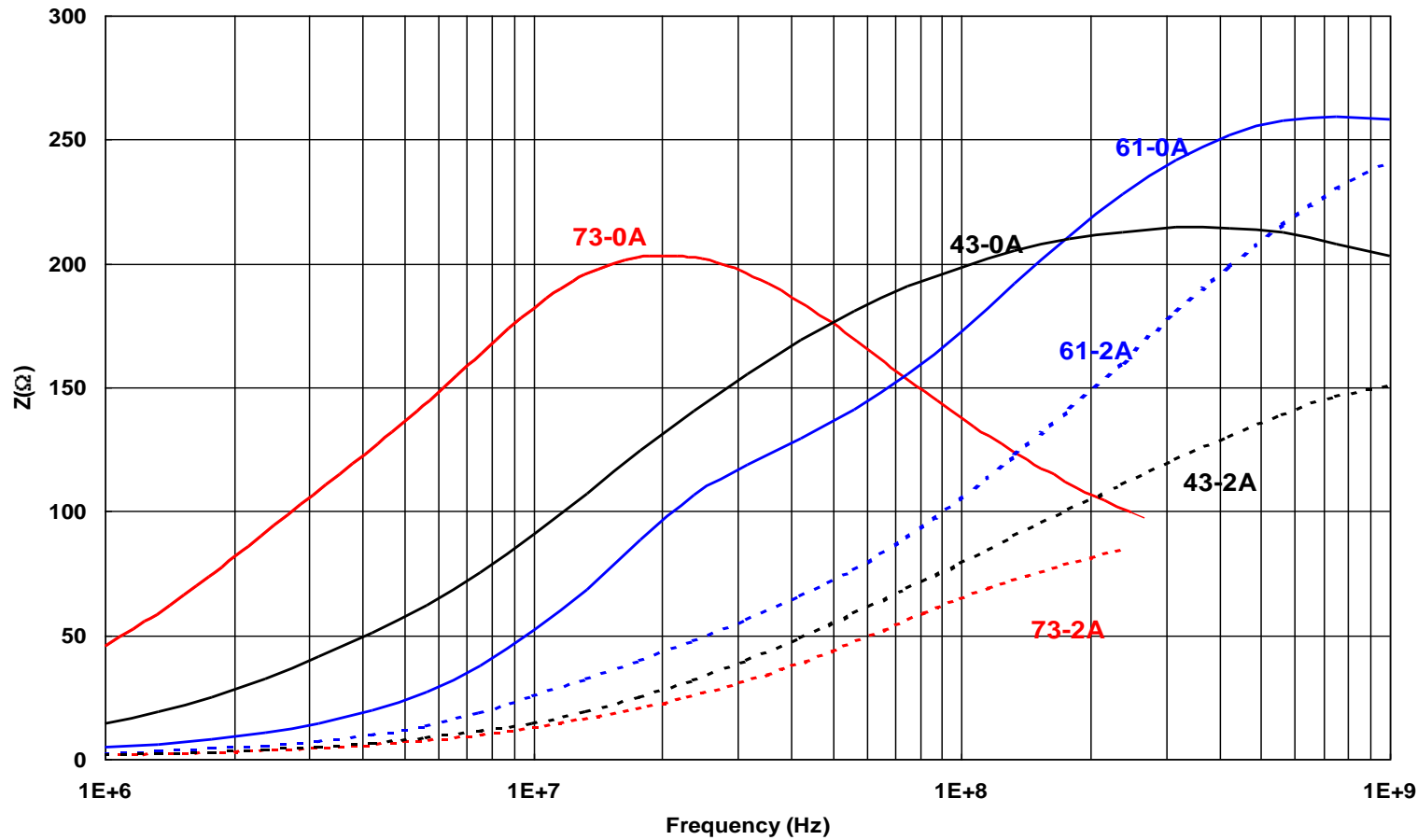
Magnetic components change properties in the presence of a static field.



# Material Comparison w/ DC Bias



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IMPEDANCE vs. FREQUENCY WITH DC BIAS



# Suppression Components

- Beads (rings, Toroids)
- PC Beads – Through Hole
- Wound Beads
- Multi-Aperture Cores
- SM Beads – Differential and Common Mode
- Chip Beads
- Solid and Snap-Its Cable Core Suppression

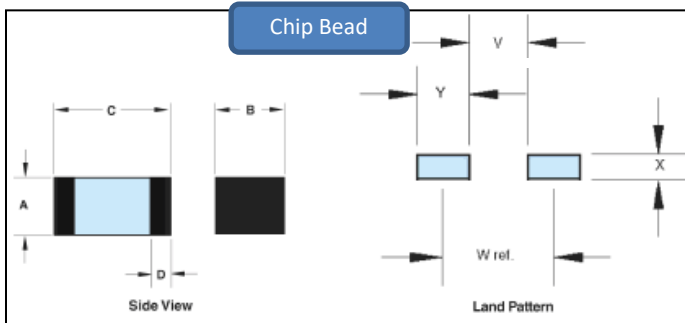
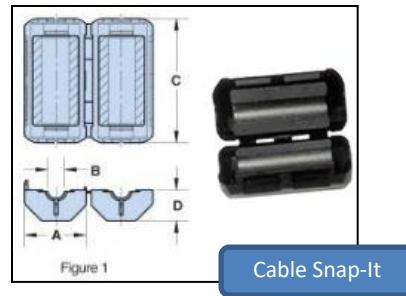
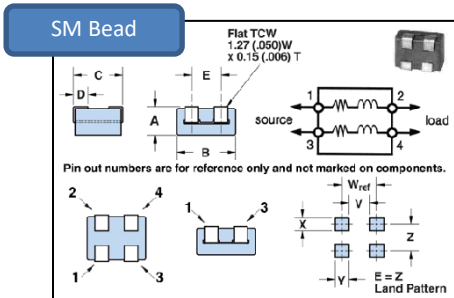
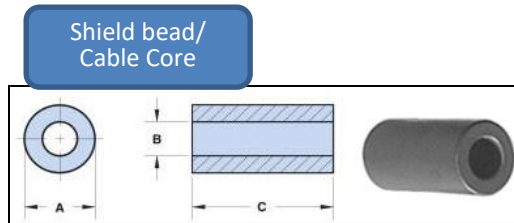
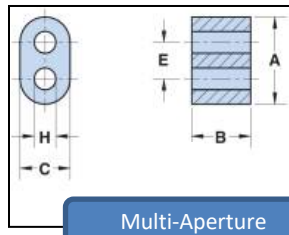
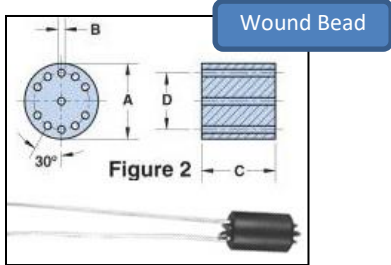


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# Selecting the Correct Ferrite Product

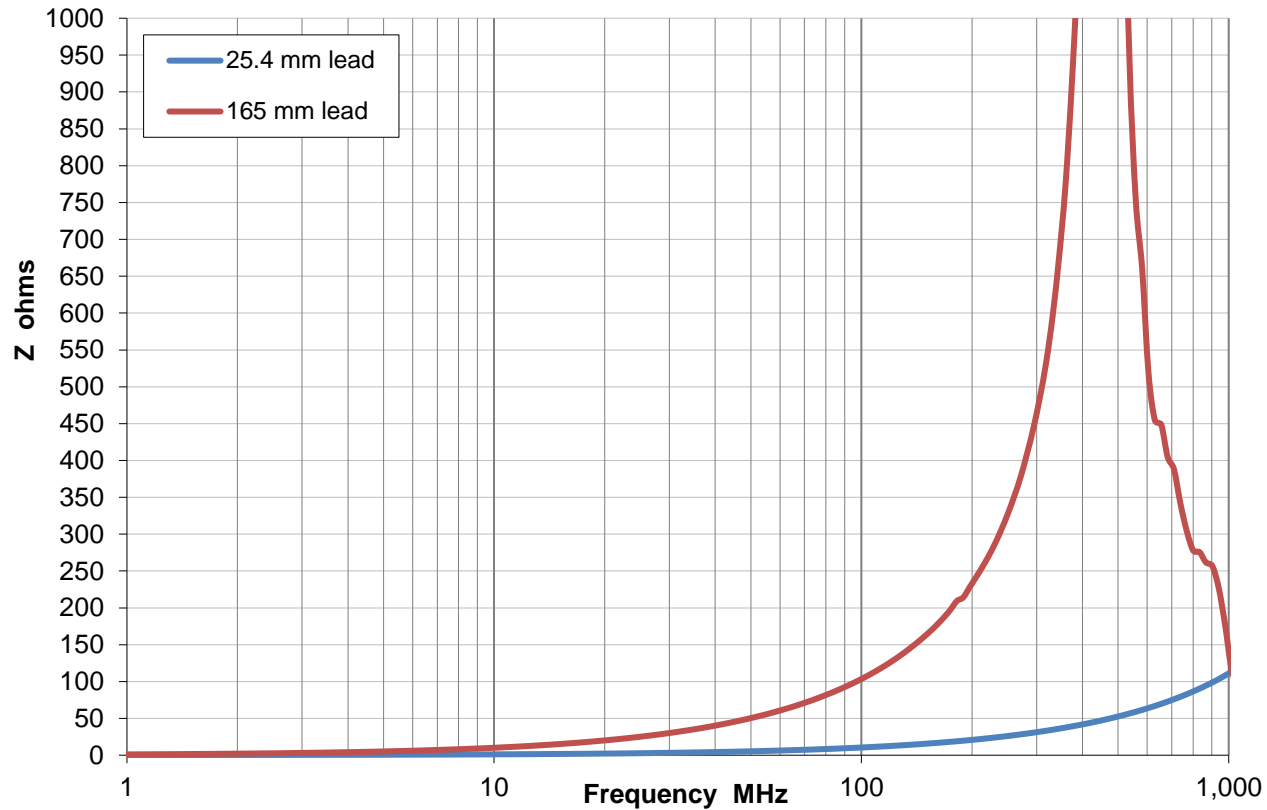


- *Know the source and mode*
  - *Differential or Common Mode*
- Know / Estimate the frequencies of concern
  - Best Material Selection
- *How much attenuation is required?*
  - Requires impedance of the source and load
- DC Currents
- Suitable form of product
  - Cable, bead, PC mount, etc.

# Beware the fine print

- Long test lead means
  - Unrepeatable test results
  - More contribution of the test lead to overall impedance

**Impedance of Test Lead**  
**WL= 25.4mm and WL=165mm**



25.4mm



165 mm

# Cable Suppression Cores

- What frequency is targeted?
  - 75 Material – 100kHz to 30MHz
  - 31 Material – 1Mhz to 300MHz
  - 43/44/46 Materials: Broad Band 25-300MHz
  - 61 Material: High Frequency 200-1000MHz
- Cable Size



**Try and See:  
Engineering Kits**



# Engineering Kits

- 75 Material Snap-Its
  - Low Frequency Problems
- 31 Material Snap-Its
  - Low to Broad Band Problems
- 43 Material Snap-Its
  - Broad-Band Problems
- 46 Material Snap-Its
  - Economical Broad-Band
- 61 Material Snap-Its
  - High Frequency Problems
- **31 & 61 Snap-Its -**  
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# What's New - Fair-Rite 80 Material

Property	Unit	Symbol	Value
Initial Permeability @ B < 10 gauss		$\mu_i$	600
Flux Density @ 25°C.	gauss	<b>B<sub>max</sub></b>	4700
@ Field Strength	oersted	<b>H</b>	5
Residual Flux Density	gauss	<b>B<sub>r</sub></b>	500
Coercive Force	oersted	<b>H<sub>c</sub></b>	0.4
Loss Factor @ Frequency	10 <sup>-6</sup> MHz	<b>tan δ/μ<sub>i</sub></b>	10 1.0
Curie Temperature	°C	<b>T<sub>c</sub></b>	> 300
Resistivity	Ω - cm	<b>ρ</b>	200

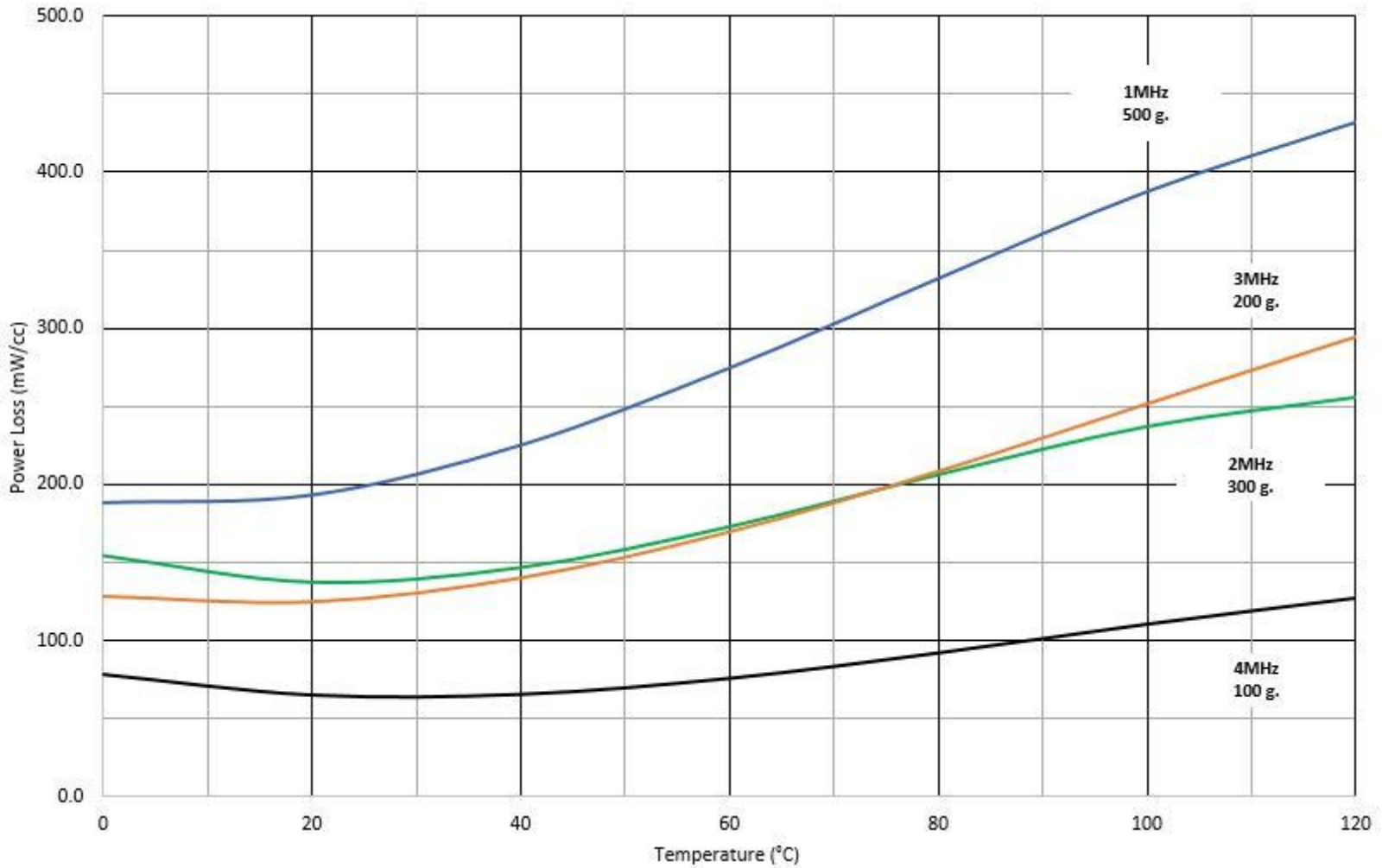
Optimal Frequency  
Range: 1 – 4 MHz

Stable temperature  
response operating  
up to 5 MHz.



# 80 Material

80 Material Power Loss vs. Temperature



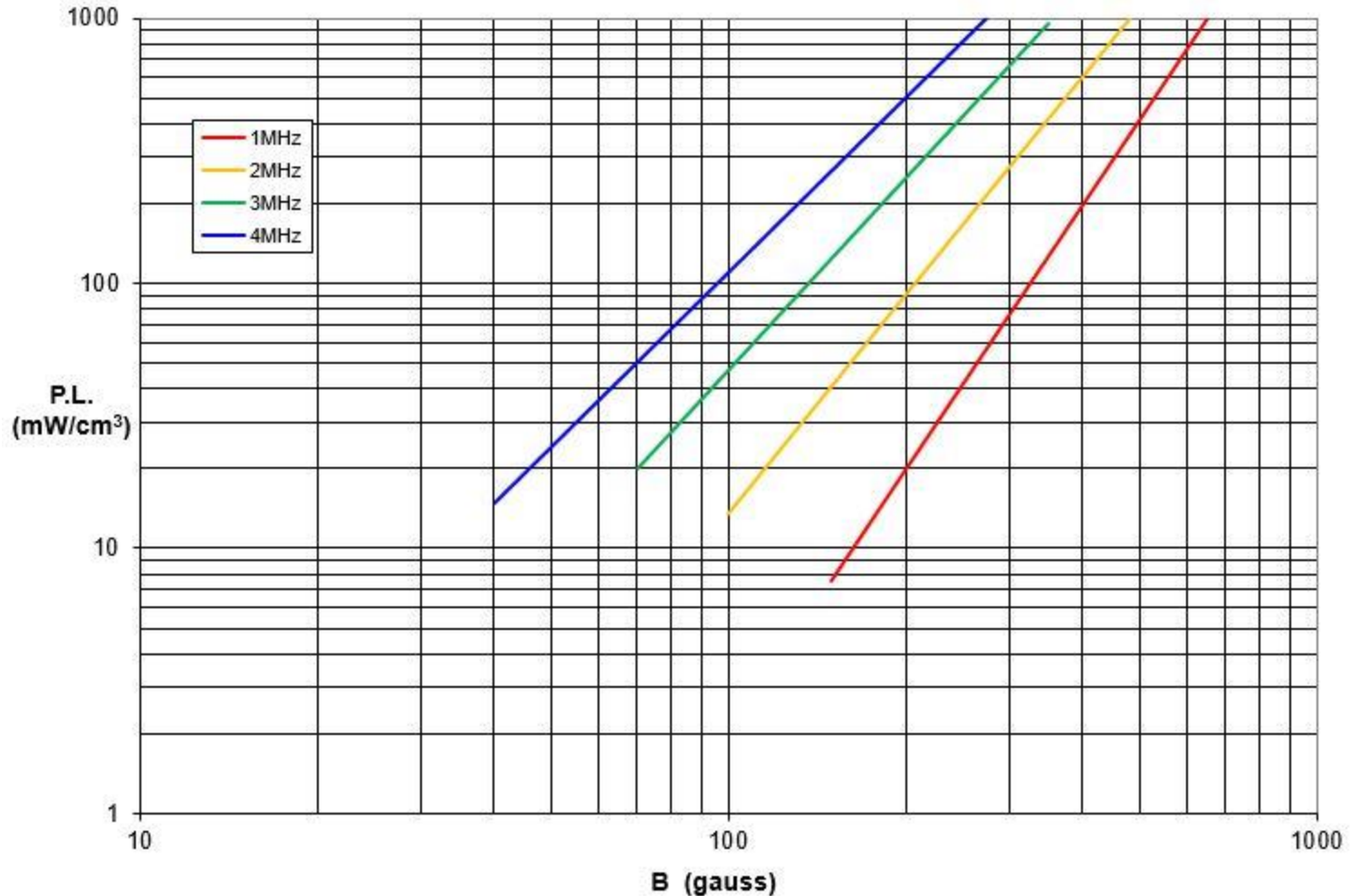
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# 80 Material

80 Material Power Loss vs Flux Density at 100°C



# Summary

1. EMI Suppression devices add real impedance to the signal line absorbing energy thus providing frequency-selective selective attenuation.
2. Critical frequencies drive the selection of the suppression material.
3. DC Currents can affect performance of EMI Suppression Devices.

# Additional Information Resources

- Fair-Rite Products Catalog – 17<sup>th</sup> Edition (18<sup>th</sup> Edition coming soon!)
  - How to choose Ferrite Components for EMI Suppression Applications
- Web Site: [www.Fair-Rite.com](http://www.Fair-Rite.com)
  - Low Frequency EMI Suppression
  - Specifying Ferrites for EMI suppression
  - How to choose Ferrite Components for EMI Suppression
  - Flexible Ferrite Sheets
  - **Ask The Advisor and Technical Forums**

