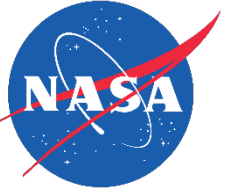


NASA-STD-8739.11 Tutorial

Section M1, Magnetics

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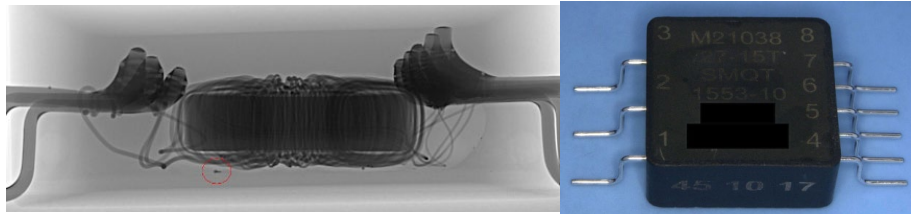


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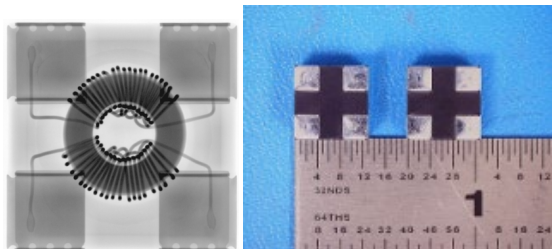
AEC	Automotive Electronics Council	MEAL	Mission Environment, Application, and Lifetime
COTS	Commercial-Off-The-Shelf	MIL-SPEC	Military Specification
Cpk	Process Capability Index	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
CM	Common Mode (Choke)	NEPP	NASA Electronic Parts & Packaging (Program)
DLA	Defense Logistics Agency	NESC	NASA Engineering & Safety Center
DoD	Department of Defense	PCB	Printed Circuit Board
DPPM	Defective Parts Per Million	PPAP	Production Part Approval Process
EEEE	Electrical, Electronic, Electromechanical, Electro-Optical	PSW	Part Submission Warrant
EOL	End-Of-Line	QML	Qualified Manufacturers List
ETW	Electronics Technology Workshop	QPL	Qualified Product List
FIT	Failure-In-Time	RF	Radio Frequency
FMEA	Failure Mode and Effects Analysis	RHA	Radiation Hardness Assurance
GSFC	Goddard Space Flight Center	SMA	Safety and Mission Assurance
IL	In-Line	SMD	Standard Microcircuit Drawing
ILPM	Industry Leading Parts Manufacturer	SME	Subject Matter Expert
JEDEC	Joint Electron Device Engineering Council	SPC	Statistical Process Control

Covered Part Types

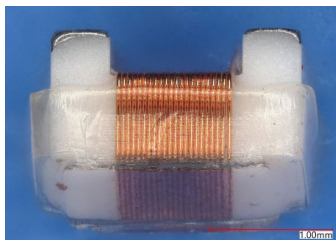
- Magnetics includes simple or RF inductors & transformers including small power transformers, common mode chokes, signal transformers



MIL-PRF-21038 low power pulse, often used for 1553 bus



Surface mount common mode choke



RF (Radio Frequency) Surface Mount Inductor

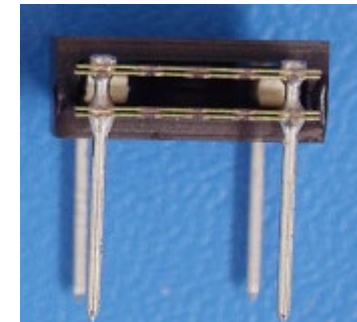
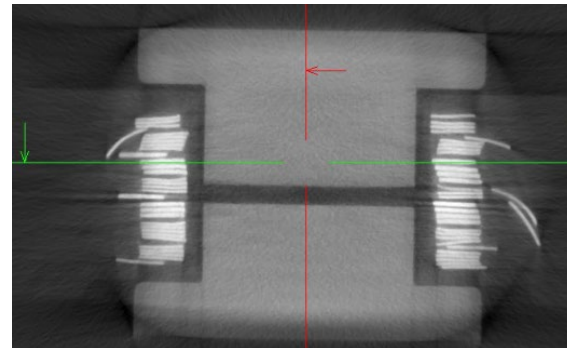
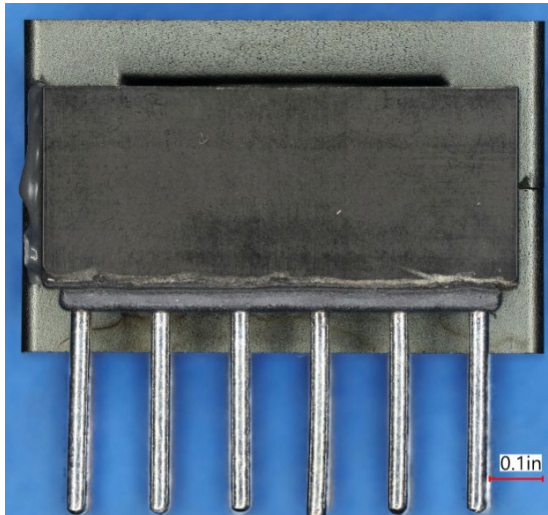


Classic toroid power inductor, for Space

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NOT Covered: Planar Inductors & Transformers

Inductors & transformers that have windings which are conducting layers in a Printed Circuit Board (PCB) or stacks of PCBs, as opposed to the wire used in standard transformer construction.



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Key Considerations

- Wire insulation, for leakage, temperature and space tolerance
- Device properties are affected by wire insulation (“heavy” is preferred for reliability, but affects device size and closeness to “ideal” parts)
- Derating is by temperature: environment temperature + device temperature rise, given the electrical usage. Call your Thermal Engineer!
- Many magnetics are still of standard construction and made with machine-assist, or are simply hand-made, so older referenced documents still apply (e.g. MIL-PRF-27 & MIL-STD-981)

Major Changes from EEE-INST-002

Organization of the requirements and testing tables:

WAS, in INST-002: Part Types are on the Left margin, each part type shows the

Assurance Level for that part type in the same row.

Part Type	Procurement Specification	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Custom Magnetic Devices 2/	MIL-STD-981	Class S	Class S, B	Class S, B
Inductors/Coils				
RF Fixed Coils	MIL-PRF-39010 9/	R 3/	R, P	R, P
RF Fixed and Variable Coils	MIL-PRF-15305 9/	4/	5/	X
RF Fixed and Variable Chip Coils	MIL-PRF-83446 9/	4/	X	X
Inductors, Power, Audio, Charging, and Saturable	MIL-PRF-27 8/ 9/		T, M 7/	T, M 7/
All Coil and Inductor Types	SCD 9/	4/	4/	4/
All Coils and Inductor Types	Commercial 9/		4/	4/
Transformers				
RF Fixed and Variable	6/ 9/	4/	4/	4/
Lower Power Pulse	MIL-PRF-21038 8/ 9/	T 4/	T, M	T, M
Transformers Power, Audio, Charging, and Saturable	MIL-PRF-27 8/ 9/	T 7/	T, M 7/	T, M 7/
All Transformer Types	SCD 9/	4/	4/	4/
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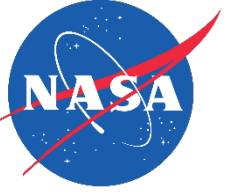
NOW, in 8739.11 :

All the part types requirements are listed for *each* assurance level.

Here, only **Level 1** requirements are listed for all the covered part types on a single ‘page’.

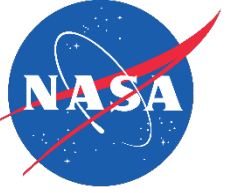
Levels 2 & 3 are similarly on their own ‘page’.

Assurance Level	Part Type and Description	Specification	Use As Is Class	Product Level	Screening	LAT	DPA
Level 1	Inductors/Coils						
	RF Fixed Molded Coils	MIL-PRF-39010	B, F	S			X
	RF Fixed Coil Surface Mount	MIL-PRF-39010	B, F	S			X
	RF Fixed Molded Coils	MIL-PRF-15305	B, C	K			X
	RF Variable Molded Coils	MIL-PRF-15305	B, C	V			X
	RF Fixed and Variable Chip Coils	MIL-PRF-83446	M	T, with F,G tolerance			X
	Audio, Power, and High-Power Pulse	MIL-PRF-27	S, V, T, U	T			X
	All Other Inductor Types	Automotive, Commercial, SCD			X	X	X
	Transformer						
	RF Fixed Intermediate Frequency and Discriminator	MIL-T-55631	B, C	Grade 1			X
Low Power Pulse	MIL-PRF-21038	M	T			X	
Audio, Power, and High-Power Pulse	MIL-PRF-27	S, V, T, U	T			X	
All Other Transformer Types	Automotive, Commercial, SCD			X	X	X	
Level 2	Inductors/Coils						
	RF Fixed Molded Coils	MIL-PRF-39010	A, B, F	R, S			X
	RF Fixed Coil Surface Mount	MIL-PRF-39010	A, B, F	R, S			X
	RF Fixed Molded Coils	MIL-PRF-15305	A, B, C	K			X
	RF Variable Molded Coils	MIL-PRF-15305	A, B, C	V			X
	RF Fixed and Variable Chip Coils	MIL-PRF-83446	M	T, with K, J, H, F, G tolerance			X
Audio, Power, and High-Power Pulse	MIL-PRF-27	R, S, V, T, U	M, T			X	



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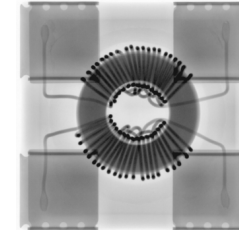


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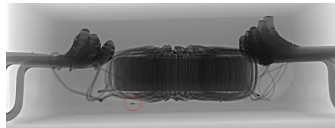
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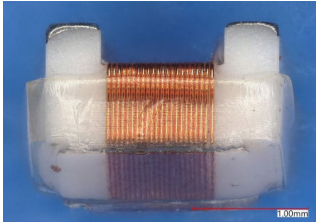
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