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# Survey of packing modes

# Ferrite cores

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We can supply the packaging according to customer requirement.



#### 1 General information

Our product packaging modes ensure maximum protection against damage during transportation. Moreover, our packing materials are selected with environmental considerations in mind. They are marked with the appropriate recycling symbols.

Because of the large variety of types and sizes, we use five basic kinds of packing, which are described in points 2 and 3 below:

- Blister tape
- Tray
- Container
- Reel
- Magazine

The packing units are based on the following system:

# 1.1 Packing unit (PU)

Usually, a packing unit is a collection of a number of basic packages. The size of the packing unit is stated for the particular components in their data sheets. When ordering, please state complete packing units if possible. We reserve the right to round the ordered quantity accordingly.

# 1.2 Dispatch unit

A number of packing units are combined to form a dispatch unit. Standard dispatch units for large quantities are a Europallet or pallet carton. For small quantities, folding corrugated cardboard boxes are used in standard sizes. In the case of small quantities a dispatch unit may also include packages with other components.

#### 1.3 Barcode label

On the product packing label (standard label) we include bar-code information in addition to plain text. In addition to benefits relating to the internal flow of goods, this provides above all a more rapid and error-free means of identification checking for the customer.

### 2 Modes of packing

### 2.1 Blister tape

Blister packing was specially devised for handling by automatic systems but has also proved to be very good for conventional handling, especially where small quantities are concerned. See point 3.2 for a detailed description and a list of the core types that can be supplied in this type of packing.

# 2.2 Tray (pallet)

# 2.2.1 Standard tray

The polystyrene tray (basic package) is the standard packing for most types of core. The area of  $200 \text{ mm} \times 300 \text{ mm}$  corresponds to the module dimensions of DIN 55 510 and is based on the area of the  $800 \text{ mm} \times 1200 \text{ mm}$  Europallet. Depending on the overall height of the trays and the numbers contained, several trays will be stacked to form a packing unit and provided with a corrugated cardboard cover. For the protection of the cores the entire stack is also shrink-wrapped in polyethylene film.

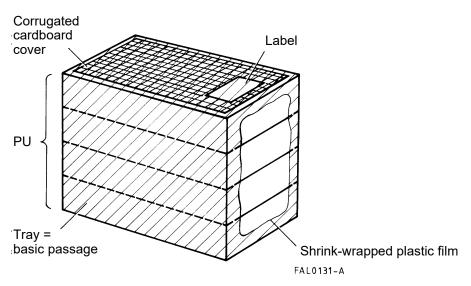
Each core is enclosed in a separate compartment. When P cores and similar types are packed in sets, the halves of the core pairs are packed so that their pole faces are opposite one another. As a rule their association is identified by markings in the polystyrene (recessed webs, thinner webs). In the case of P  $3.3 \times 2.6$  and P  $4.6 \times 4.1$  cores the halves of a set are not located in a single tray but in different trays of a packing unit.

#### 2.2.2 Block packing

For E and U core we prefer block packing in trays with the dimensions  $200 \text{ mm} \times 300 \text{ mm}$ . The symmetry, position, length and spacing of the blocks are always the same. The height of the tray is dependent on the size of the core. For the makeup of a packing unit see point 2.2.1.

Block packing can be supplied in boxes of corrugated cardboard (special packing unit!) on request. Block packing permits highly rationalized handling and is designed for automatic processing.

# Packing unit for standard or block packing





#### 2.3 Container

### 2.3.1 Bag

Small ferrite parts are packed in flat polyethylene vacuum bags. The number per bag depends on the volume of the parts. Generally four bags in a corrugated cardboard box form a packing unit.

Small accessories (clamps, pinless and SMD coil formers) are also packed in this way. The size of the bag depends on the volume of the parts (packing unit).

#### **2.3.2** Boxes

Coated ring cores of medium size are packed in cardboard boxes with cardboard or polyethylene foam inlays. The number per box depends on the volume of the cores.

Accessories (large mounting assemblies, clamps, washers packed on reels etc.) are packed in boxes of cardboard or corrugated cardboard.

## 2.4 Packing for coil formers

For coil formers we use different packing types depending on size, pin type and packing equipment. So we use polystyrene boards for some PTH coil formers like RM types. For most of the other PTH coil formers and some SMD coil formers we use cardboard boxes as bulk packaging. Coil formers without pins are mainly packed in plastic bags. For some SMD coil formers we also use blister tray packaging.

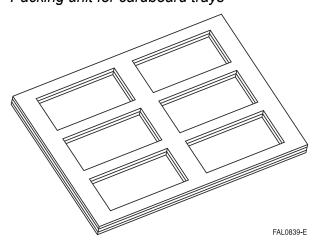
#### 2.5 Cardboard tray

Cardboard trays are a new ecological packing system, stacked in a cardboard box or in a plastic bag.

#### Advantages:

- Environmentally friendly solution with easy-to-recycle materials.
- Good removing cores from tray.

## Packing unit for cardboard trays



### 2.6 Cardboard tray with vacuum bag

There is used a cardboard tray without slots for individual cores. The tray with cores is placed in vacuum bag, which protects the cores during a transport. The package is suitable for smaller cores that are not too high. The cores are not oriented on the tray.



# 3 Delivery modes for automatic processing

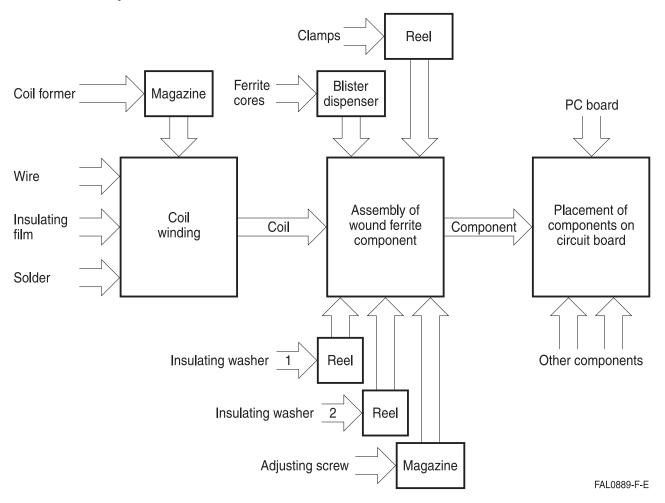
# 3.1 General information on inductor production

The inductor parts described in the following can be handled by automatic manufacturing systems. In addition to automatic winding machines – which can be combined with wrapping, fluxing and soldering stations – flexible, high-performance automatic assembly lines are available. Design and packing of the individual parts (ferrite cores, coil formers, clamps, insulating washers and adjusting screws) have been optimized for automatic processing and permit easy feeding to the various stations of production lines.

We supply RM cores up to RM 10 (P and EP cores on request) blister-taped in dispenser boxes. By inserting a plate-shaped resilient insulating washer between core and coil former, gluing can be dispensed with.

We also provide consulting services with examples of implementations to customers planning to introduce automatic production lines.

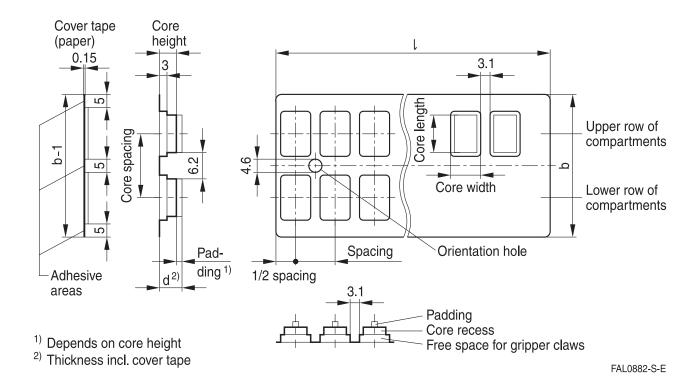
### **Production sequence**





### 3.2 Cores in blister tape (strips)

The cores are packed in sets ready for assembly, i.e. a stamped core with the base upwards and an unstamped core (possibly with a threaded sleeve) with the pole face upwards. The blister tapes have a hole at one end for orientation purposes (see also illustration). The tapes are sealed with a paper cover. Looking at a tape with the hole on the left and the paper cover on top, then after removing the paper cover the stamped cores will be in the upper row and the unstamped cores of the sets in the lower row.



The blister compartments always comprise the following function spaces: a free space for the gripper claws, the recess in which the core rests and the padding.

The free space enables the cores to be removed by mechanical grippers. On the reverse side of the blister, these free spaces lead to a regular grid arrangement with a spacing of 6.2 mm and 3.1 mm. The blisters should be guided and stopped at these intervals. A hanging arrangement is to be preferred, because this avoids problems arising in case the blister height or padding thickness varies.

The core recess centers the core in the blister compartment.

The padding serves as protection during transport and as spacing to achieve correct filling of the dispenser pack. The shape and position of the padding may vary, depending on the production method used. All padding dimensions given must therefore be considered to be subject to change at any time.

Several blister tapes are combined in a box with a perforated tear-off cover (dispenser pack) to form a packing unit. The tapes are packed so that the orientation hole appears in the dispenser opening. The box is shrink-wrapped in polyethylene film.



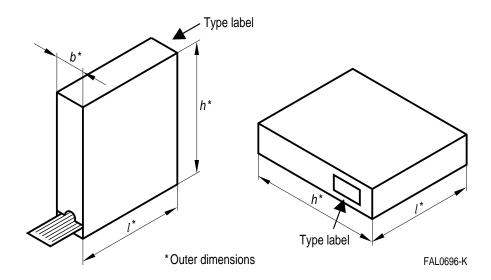
The following table lists the core types which are available in blister tape:

Туре	Dimensions of blister tape $I \times b \times d$	Spacing	Spacing upper/ lower row	Dimensions of dispenser pack I × b × h	Sets/ tape	Tapes/ box	Sets/ box	Approx. net weight
	mm	mm	mm	mm				g
RM cores								
RM 4	340 × 60 × 6.6	17.0	27.5	349 × 63 × 203	20	30	600	1000
RM 4 LP	$340 \times 60 \times 5.0$	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	40	800	
RM 5	340 × 60 × 8.0	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	25	500	1550
RM 6	$340 \times 60 \times 8.0$	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	25	500	2550
R 6	$340 \times 60 \times 8.0$	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	25	500	2550
RM 7	$295 \times 82 \times 9.4$	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	25	400	1925
RM 8	295 × 82 × 11.8	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	20	200	2600
RM 10	295 × 82 × 11.8	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	20	200	4600
RM 10 LP	$295\times82\times9.4$	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	25	250	
EP cores (d	on request)							
EP 7	340 × 60 × 5.0	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	40	800	1260
EP 10	340 × 60 × 8.0	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	25	500	1375
EP 13	340 × 60 × 8.0	17.0	27.5	$349\times63\times203$	20	25	500	2550
EP 17	295 × 82 × 11.8	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	20	200	2220
EP 20	$295\times82\times11.8$	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	20	200	5640
P cores (or	request)							
P 9 × 5	340 × 60 × 4.0	17.0	27.5	349 × 63 × 203	20	50	1000	800
P 11 × 7	$340 \times 60 \times 4.0$	17.0	27.5	349 × 63 × 203	20	50	1000	1700
P 14 × 8	295 × 82 × 5.9	29.5	38.5	301 × 85 × 240	10	40	400	1280
P 18 × 11	295 × 82 × 9.4	29.5	38.5	301 × 85 × 240	10	25	250	1500
P 22 × 13	295 × 82 × 9.4	29.5	38.5	$301\times85\times240$	10	25	250	3250

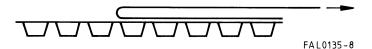
For ordering codes refer to the individual data sheets.

Dimensions are nominal; tolerances given in design drawings.

# 3.3 Dispenser pack



To open a blister tape manually, peel back the paper cover tape smoothly but not too quickly, along the axis of the tape as shown in the following illustration.

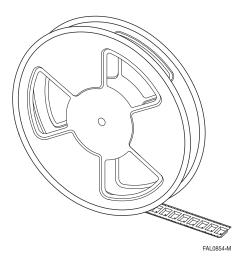


When opening a blister tape automatically, it is advisable not to completely remove the paper cover. Rather, the cover paper should be divided up by means of 4 longitudinal cuts so that the mating surfaces remain on the blister (cf. blister tape illustration). The paper strips produced above the two rows of compartments can then be easily lifted. This avoids malfunctions resulting from fluctuations in the adhesive properties of the paper sealing tape.



# 3.4 Cores in blister tape (reeled)

Small and low profile cores can also be supplied taped an reeled as per IEC 60286-3, optionally in conductive or non-conductive tapes. The cores are oriented for automatic feeding. The tapes are sealed with a transparent cover tape and wound on 330-mm polystyrol reels. Each reel is identified with a barcode label and a release label.



The following table lists the core types which are available in tape on reel.

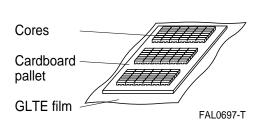
Туре	Width of blister tape (reeled) mm	Reel diameter	Pieces / Blister tape	Pieces / cardboard box
ELP cores				
ELP 18/4/10	32	"13"	1000	2000
ELP 22/6/16	32	"13"	325	650
ER cores				
ER 11/2.5/6	24	"13"	1800	3600
ER 14.5/3/7	24	"13"	1400	2800
ER 18/3/10	32	"13"	1000	2000
ER 23/5/13	44	"13"	800	1600
I cores				
I 22/2.5/16	44	"13"	325	650
I 22/2/13	44	"13"	1600	3200

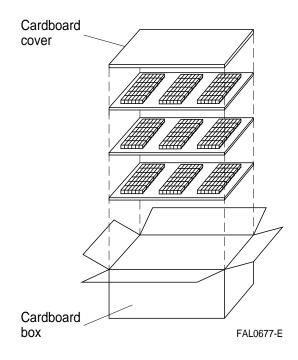


# 3.5 Skin packing

Skin packing is a new and very compact packing method.

Several cores are placed on a cardboard pallet and sealed in GLTE film by heat shrinking. The various pallets are then stacked in a cardboard box.





# Advantages

- Environmentally friendly solution with easy-to-recycle materials
- Suitable for all cores larger than E 30
- Good protection of mating surface
- Film can be peeled back very easily
- Code numbers printed on cores can be read through transparent film



## **Cautions and warnings**

#### Mechanical stress and mounting

Ferrite cores have to meet mechanical requirements during assembling and for a growing number of applications. Since ferrites are ceramic materials one has to be aware of the special behavior under mechanical load.

As valid for any ceramic material, ferrite cores are brittle and sensitive to any shock, fast temperature changing or tensile load. Especially high cooling rates under ultrasonic cleaning and high static or cyclic loads can cause cracks or failure of the ferrite cores.

For detailed information see data book, chapter "General - Definitions, 8.1".

# Effects of core combination on A<sub>I</sub> value

Stresses in the core affect not only the mechanical but also the magnetic properties. It is apparent that the initial permeability is dependent on the stress state of the core. The higher the stresses are in the core, the lower is the value for the initial permeability. Thus the embedding medium should have the greatest possible elasticity.

For detailed information see data book, chapter "General - Definitions, 8.1".

### Heating up

Ferrites can run hot during operation at higher flux densities and higher frequencies.

#### NiZn-materials

The magnetic properties of NiZn-materials can change irreversible in high magnetic fields.

#### **Ferrite Accessories**

Our ferrite accessories have been designed and evaluated only in combination with our ferrite cores. We explicitly point out that our ferrite accessories or our ferrite cores may not be compatible with those of other manufacturers. Any such combination requires prior testing by the customer and will be at the customer's own risk.

We assume no warranty or reliability for the combination of our ferrite accessories with cores and other accessories from any other manufacturer.

#### Processing remarks

The start of the winding process should be soft. Else the flanges may be destroyed.

- Too strong winding forces may blast the flanges or squeeze the tube that the cores can not be mounted any more.
- Too long soldering time at high temperature (>300 °C) may effect coplanarity or pin arrangement.
- Not following the processing notes for soldering of the J-leg terminals may cause solderability
  problems at the transformer because of pollution with Sn oxyde of the tin bath or burned insulation of the wire. For detailed information see chapter "Processing notes", section 2.2.
- The dimensions of the hole arrangement have fixed values and should be understood as a recommendation for drilling the printed circuit board. For dimensioning the pins, the group of holes can only be seen under certain conditions, as they fit into the given hole arrangement. To avoid problems when mounting the transformer, the manufacturing tolerances for positioning the customers' drilling process must be considered by increasing the hole diameter.



### **Cautions and warnings**

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# Symbols and terms

Symbol	Meaning	Unit
A	Cross section of coil	mm <sup>2</sup>
$A_{e}$	Effective magnetic cross section	mm <sup>2</sup>
AL	Inductance factor; $A_L = L/N^2$	nH
$A_{L1}$	Minimum inductance at defined high saturation ( $\triangleq \mu_a$ )	nH
A <sub>min</sub>	Minimum core cross section	mm <sup>2</sup>
$A_N$	Winding cross section	mm <sup>2</sup>
$A_R$	Resistance factor; $A_R = R_{Cu}/N^2$	$\mu\Omega = 10^{-6} \Omega$
В	RMS value of magnetic flux density	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
$\DeltaB$	Flux density deviation	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
Ê	Peak value of magnetic flux density	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
ΔÂ	Peak value of flux density deviation	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
$B_DC$	DC magnetic flux density	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
B <sub>R</sub>	Remanent flux density	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
$B_S$	Saturation magnetization	Vs/m <sup>2</sup> , mT
$C_0$	Winding capacitance	F = As/V
CDF	Core distortion factor	mm <sup>-4.5</sup>
DF	Relative disaccommodation coefficient DF = $d/\mu_i$	
d	Disaccommodation coefficient	
$E_a$	Activation energy	J
f	Frequency	s−1, Hz
f <sub>cutoff</sub>	Cut-off frequency	s−1, Hz
f <sub>max</sub>	Upper frequency limit	s−1, Hz
f <sub>min</sub>	Lower frequency limit	s−1, Hz
f <sub>r</sub>	Resonance frequency	s−1, Hz
f <sub>Cu</sub>	Copper filling factor	
g	Air gap	mm
Н	RMS value of magnetic field strength	A/m
Ĥ	Peak value of magnetic field strength	A/m
$H_{DC}$	DC field strength	A/m
H <sub>c</sub>	Coercive field strength	A/m
h	Hysteresis coefficient of material	10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/A
$h/\mu_i^2$	Relative hysteresis coefficient	10 <sup>-6</sup> cm/A
1	RMS value of current	Α
$I_{DC}$	Direct current	Α
Î	Peak value of current	Α
J	Polarization	Vs/m <sup>2</sup>
k	Boltzmann constant	J/K
k <sub>3</sub>	Third harmonic distortion	
k <sub>3c</sub>	Circuit third harmonic distortion	
L	Inductance	H = Vs/A



# Symbols and terms

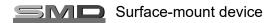
Symbol	Meaning	Unit
ΔL/L	Relative inductance change	Н
$L_0$	Inductance of coil without core	Н
L <sub>H</sub>	Main inductance	Н
$L_p$	Parallel inductance	Н
L <sub>rev</sub>	Reversible inductance	Н
L <sub>s</sub>	Series inductance	Н
l <sub>e</sub>	Effective magnetic path length	mm
I <sub>N</sub>	Average length of turn	mm
N	Number of turns	
$P_{Cu}$	Copper (winding) losses	W
P <sub>trans</sub>	Transferrable power	W
$P_V$	Relative core losses	mW/g
PF	Performance factor	
Q	Quality factor (Q = $\omega L/R_s$ = 1/tan $\delta_L$ )	
R	Resistance	Ω
$R_{Cu}$	Copper (winding) resistance (f = 0)	Ω
$R_h$	Hysteresis loss resistance of a core	Ω
$\Delta R_h$	R <sub>h</sub> change	Ω
$R_i$	Internal resistance	Ω
$R_p$	Parallel loss resistance of a core	Ω
R <sub>s</sub>	Series loss resistance of a core	Ω
$R_{th}$	Thermal resistance	K/W
$R_V$	Effective loss resistance of a core	Ω
S	Total air gap	mm
T	Temperature	°C
$\DeltaT$	Temperature difference	K
$T_{C}$	Curie temperature	°C
t	Time	s
$t_{v}$	Pulse duty factor	
tan δ	Loss factor	
tan $\delta_{L}$	Loss factor of coil	
tan $\delta_r$	(Residual) loss factor at H $\rightarrow$ 0	
tan $\delta_e$	Relative loss factor	
tan $\delta_h$	Hysteresis loss factor	
tan δ/μ <sub>i</sub>	Relative loss factor of material at $H \rightarrow 0$	
U	RMS value of voltage	V
Û	Peak value of voltage	V
$V_e$	Effective magnetic volume	mm <sup>3</sup>
Z	Complex impedance	Ω
$Z_{n}$	Normalized impedance $ Z _n =  Z  / N^2 \times \varepsilon (I_e / A_e)$	Ω/mm



# Symbols and terms

Symbol	Meaning	Unit
α	Temperature coefficient (TK)	1/K
$\alpha_{F}$	Relative temperature coefficient of material	1/K
$\alpha_{e}$	Temperature coefficient of effective permeability	1/K
r	Relative permittivity	
Þ	Magnetic flux	Vs
1	Efficiency of a transformer	
Ів	Hysteresis material constant	mT-1
li	Hysteresis core constant	$A^{-1}H^{-1/2}$
'S	Magnetostriction at saturation magnetization	
,	Relative complex permeability	
0	Magnetic field constant	Vs/Am
а	Relative amplitude permeability	
арр	Relative apparent permeability	
е	Relative effective permeability	
i	Relative initial permeability	
p <b>'</b>	Relative real (inductive) component of $\overline{\mu}$ (for parallel components)	
p"	Relative imaginary (loss) component of $\overline{\mu}$ (for parallel components)	
r	Relative permeability	
rev	Relative reversible permeability	
S	Relative real (inductive) component of $\overline{\mu}$ (for series components)	
s"	Relative imaginary (loss) component of $\overline{\mu}$ (for series components)	
tot	Relative total permeability	
	derived from the static magnetization curve	
	Resistivity	$\Omega$ m $^{-1}$
I/A	Magnetic form factor	mm <sup>-1</sup>
Cu	DC time constant $\tau_{Cu} = L/R_{Cu} = A_L/A_R$	S
)	Angular frequency; $\omega$ = 2 $\Pi$ f	s <sup>-1</sup>

All dimensions are given in mm.





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