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Magnetism 101

What causes Moving or spinning electrons magnetism? Unbalanced spins of electrons

Ferro-

Strongest type of magnetism



4 elements (Fe, Ni, Co, Gd) Some naturally-occurring minerals (Fe_3O_4)

Some man-made compounds of rare-earth minerals

Domains Ferromagnetic materials spontaneously self-align into small uniformly magnetic regions. But the magnetic orientation of each region is random. Under the influence of an external magnetic field, the domains become uniformly oriented and give the material a strong magnetic signature.



Domains Before Magnetization



Domains After Magnetization

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Magnetism 101					
Magnetic Fields					
Field strength (H Flux density (B)) ørsted gauss tesla				
Examples:	MRI instrument Rare earth magnet Refrigerator magnet Earth's magnetic field	70,000 10,000 50 0.5	gauss gauss gauss 5 gauss		
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	Mag	netism 101		
Permeability (µ)	Ability to create a	and maintain a magnetic field	d	
	Relative permeal	pility (μ/μ_0) – compared to a	vacuum	
	μ/μ_0 Examples:	Air, Teflon, Cu, Al, Au, Pd	1	
		Austenitic stainless steel	1	
		Tungsten	7	
		Martensitic stainless steel	50 - 900	
		Tool steel	100	
		Nickel	600	
		Ferritic stainless steel	1,000 – 1,800	
		Iron	5,000	
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Magnetism	101
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Soft Magnets

ts The domains can quickly align, and quickly go back to an unaligned orientation in response to an external magnetic field.

Used in: Transformers

Recording heads

Magnetic shielding

Magnetometers



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Just Like Robin Williams













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Magnetic Sensors through the Ages

1000s Loadstones (Fe₃O₄) used as a compass
1800s First use of magnetometers for iron ore exploration
1900s Hall-effect sensors used in computer keyboards
2000s Cell phones and wearables



Magnetometer from 1890



Hall Effect Sensor



Wearables



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MEMS magnetometer

MEMS devices

Small and low costVery sensitive (0.1 gauss)2 billion will be shipped in 2016



Kionix KMX62 3mm x 3mm, 16 pads, 0.5mm pitch Combined magnetometer & accelerometer



A high frequency pulse is sent down a soft magnet core (Fe & Co alloy), inducing a voltage in surrounding sense coils. The measured voltage in the coils is conditioned by the presence of a nearby magnetic field.



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Test	Soc	ket	Mater	ials

Non-magnetic

Magnetic

Plungers	Steel	BeCu, Palladium alloys
Barrels	Nickel	Copper alloys (Brass, Bronze)
Springs	Music Wire (steel alloy)	BeCu
	Tungsten	Bronze
	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
Stampings	Stainless Steel	BeCu
Plating	Nickel	Nickel
		Gold, Pd, and PdCo
Elastomers	Using Ni or Fe particles	Using Ag particles
Socket bodies	Stainless Steel	Stainless Steel
	Music Wire (steel alloy)	Aluminum, Plastics, Air



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Nickel and Stainless Steel			
N	lagnetic	Non-magnetic	
Nickel	Pure nickel	Most nickel alloys	
	Electroless Ni plating (low P)	Electroless Ni plating (high P)	
	Electrolytic Ni plating		
Stainless	Work-hardened Austenitic	Austenitic - not work-hardened	
Steel	Martensitic (400 series)	Special blends (NAS 604PH)	
	Ferritic		
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Nickel and Magnetism



Are nickels (and other coins) magnetic ?



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Stainless Steel and Magnetism

The magnetic permeability of austenitic stainless steels increases when cold worked. (Measured at 200 ørsted.)

The cold working scale on the horizontal axis can also be expressed in units of ultimate tensile strength.

Examples of cold working:

Fabrication to get a high tensile strength Fabrication of a compression spring Stamping and bending





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Contact Materials (Spring Pins)

Plungers	BeCu Palladium Alloys	Non-Magnetic 非磁性 Pitch 0.50 mm	
Barrels	Copper alloys 18K Au alloy	0010 0010 0000 000000	
Springs	BeCu NAS 604PH	TSPECFICATIONS (dependent intel 1/2006) SPECFICATIONS (dependent intel 1/2006) Sector 1/2006) Sector 1/2006 Sector 1/2006	
Plating	No nickel Au (hardened with Co) Palladium	<u> </u>	
Permeability	Target $(\mu/\mu_0) = 1.0$		
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Relative permeability and pin-related flux density of a non-magnetic spring pin in response to an external magnetic field:

External Field: Flux density of pin: Relative permeability of pin: 0 – 10,000 ørsted +0.015 to -0.050 gauss 1.000018 Max (at 510 ørsted)

Magnetic Characteristic







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Contact Materials (Elastomers)

Some elastomers are constructed with non-magnetic materials. Elastomers use silicone or silicone/polyimide based materials as their primary media. The contacts are made from non-magnetic silver (Ag).



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Manual Test Sockets

Non-Magnetic socket with silicone elastomer and Kapton hardware



Non-magnetic socket with spring probes and standard hardware





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Automated Test System

Tester and handler for magnetometer and accelerometer







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Multi-cavity socket

Multi-cavity Handler-friendly Capable of clamping in device when subjected to G forces Relative permeability = 1.0 Magnetic coils included to introduce known magnetic fields





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Testing magnetic sensors is a growth opportunity for test professionals and test equipment companies.

Testing any kind of sensor will challenge you to learn something new.

Magnetic sensors can be tested with conventional methods if you use the right materials.

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