

# Design of Magnetic Cores Lm and Lr

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## Inputs and claculated parameters

V\_In\_min 360.0 V\_In\_max 400.0 Vo\_nom 48.0 Power 1200.0  
V\_In\_nom 380.0 Vo\_min 42.0 Vo\_max 54.0 f\_nom 100000.0

Lnc	3.000	Lm_uH	65.392	Ioe_rms	7.636	Re_110	22.637
Qec	0.550	fsw_min	60170.000	Ios_rms	30.545	Cr	0.0
Cr_nF	116.209	fsw_max	156220.000	Ir_rms	10.354	Lr	0.000022
n	4.000	Im_rms	6.992	L_second_uH	4.087	Lm	0.000065
Lr_uH	21.797	Io	25.000	Re_nom	24.901		

## Transformer design

### Transformer parameters

<b>n</b>	4.000
<b>Lm_uH</b>	65.392
<b>fsw_min</b>	60170.000
<b>fsw_max</b>	156220.000
<b>Ir_rms</b>	10.354
<b>Im_rms</b>	6.992
<b>loe_rms</b>	7.636
<b>los_rms</b>	30.545
<b>L_second_uH</b>	4.087
<b>Al_uH</b>	4.087

### Bpeak formula

$$B_{peak} = \frac{L_m \cdot I_{m_{peak}}}{N_p \cdot A_e} = \frac{L_m \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot I_{m_{rms}}}{N_p \cdot A_e}$$

Where

- **A\_e** = effective core area (in m<sup>2</sup>)
- **N\_p** = primary turns

The **Al** value:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Al_{nH} &= 1 \times 10^3 \cdot \frac{Lm_{uH}}{(n)^2} \\
 &= 1 \times 10^3 \cdot \frac{65.392}{(4.000)^2} \\
 &= 4087.000 \text{ (nH/turn squared)}
 \end{aligned}$$

We can reduce  $A_L$  by adding an air gap, below the formula of air gap length

$$A'_L = \frac{A_L}{1 + \mu_r \frac{L_g}{L_e}}$$

$$l_g = \frac{L_e}{\mu_r} \left( \frac{A_L}{A'_L} - 1 \right)$$

Where

- $A'_L$  : the corrected inductance factor (in nH or  $\mu$ H), after introducing the air gap
- $A_L$  : the initial inductance factor provided by the core manufacturer (in nH or  $\mu$ H)
- $l_g$  : the air gap length (in mm)
- $L_e$  : the effective magnetic path length of the core (in mm)

## Core ELP 64/10/50 with I 64/5/50

### Inputs data

$\mu_r$ : relative permeability (material property)  $\mu_e$ : effective permeability (assembly/shape property)

core = (ELP 64/10/50 with I 64/5/50)

$Al_{nH} = 14000$  (nH)

$A_e = 519$  (mm<sup>2</sup>)

$A_{e_{min}} = 518$  (mm<sup>2</sup>)

$l_e = 69.700$  (mm)

$\mu_r = 1450$  (N87)

$B_{sat} = 300$  (mT @ 250A/m 10kHz 100°C)

K1 = 835 (@ 25°C, 0.10 mm < s < 2.00 mm)

K2 = -0.790 (@ 25°C, 0.10 mm < s < 2.00 mm)

$\mu_0 = 4 \cdot \pi \cdot 1 \times 10^{-7} = 4 \cdot 3.142 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-7} = 0.000$  (H m<sup>-1</sup>)

### The air gap

$$Lm_{nH} = Lm_{uH} \cdot 1 \times 10^3 = 65.392 \cdot 1 \times 10^3 = 65392.000 \text{ (nH)}$$

$$Al_{nH} = 14000 \text{ (nH)}$$

$$Al_{Target} = \frac{Lm_{nH}}{(n)^2} = \frac{65392.000}{(4.000)^2} = 4087.000 \text{ (nH)}$$

$$\mu_{eTarget} = \mu_r \cdot \frac{Al_{Target}}{Al_{nH}} = 1450 \cdot \frac{4087.000}{14000} = 423.296$$

### Simified formula of air gap

See the formula above

$$\begin{aligned} l_g &= 1 \times 10^3 \cdot \left( \frac{\mu_0 \cdot (n)^2 \cdot A_e \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}}{Lm} - l_e \cdot \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{\mu_r} \right) \\ &= 1 \times 10^3 \cdot \left( \frac{0.000 \cdot (4.000)^2 \cdot 519 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}}{0.000} - 69.700 \cdot \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{1450} \right) \\ &= 0.112 \text{ (mm)} \end{aligned}$$

### TDK formula of air gap using K1 and K2

#### a) Air gap and $A_L$ value

The typical  $A_L$  value tabulated in the individual data sheets refers to a core set comprising a gapped core with dimension „g“ and an ungapped core with „g“ approx. 0.

By inserting the core-specific constants K1 and K2, a nominal  $A_L$  value can be calculated for the materials N27 and N87 within the relevant quoted air-gap validity range:

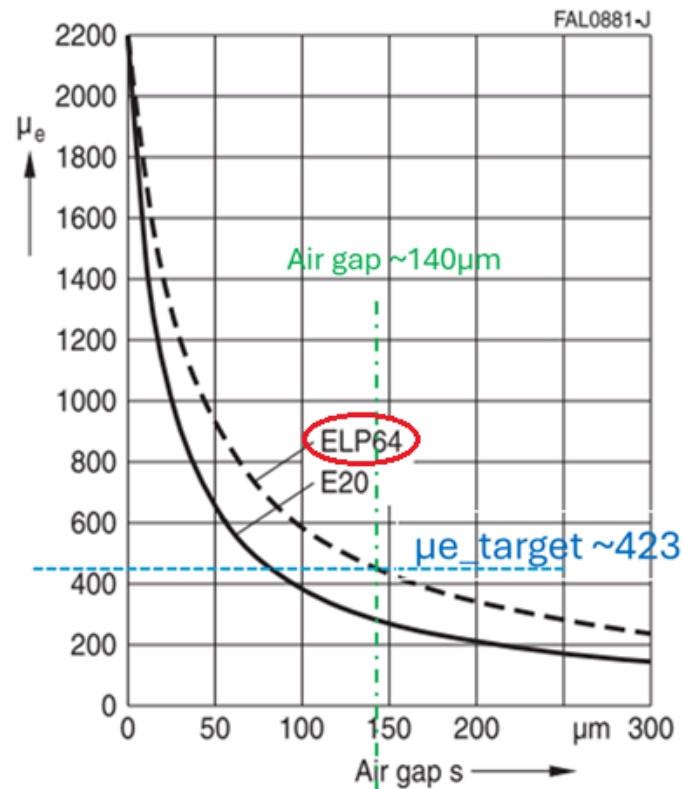
$$s = \left( \frac{A_L}{K1} \right)^{\frac{1}{K2}} \quad \begin{array}{l} s = [\text{mm}] \\ A_L = [\text{nH}] \end{array}$$

**Figure 1:** The empirical air-gap formula using the coefficients K1 and K2 from the TDK datasheet

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$$\begin{aligned} s_{mm} &= \left( \frac{Al_{Target}}{K1} \right)^{\left( \frac{1}{K2} \right)} \\ &= \left( \frac{4087.000}{835} \right)^{\left( \frac{1}{-0.790} \right)} \\ &= 0.134 \text{ (mm airgap)} \end{aligned}$$

### TDK air gap curve



**Figure 26**  
Relationship between permeability  $\mu_e$  and air gap  $s$  for an E 20/10/11 N87 and ELP 64/10/50 N87 ferrite core

**Figure 2:** The empirical air-gap formula using the coefficients K1 and K2 from the TDK datasheet

See page 2 [2].

$$l_{g_{curve}} = 0.140 \text{ (mm)}$$

### Air gap using the tree methods

$$s_{mm} = 0.134 \text{ (mm using TDK formula K1, K2)}$$

$$l_g = 0.112 \text{ (mm using the simple formula)}$$

$$l_{g_{curve}} = 0.140 \text{ (mm using TDK graph)}$$

The three results are close to each other; we will prefer the TDK formula using K1 and K2 if these coefficients are provided in the datasheet.

## The Bpeak and Bsat

### Reluctance formulas

$$\mu_e = \frac{l_e + l_g}{l_g + \frac{l_e}{\mu_r}} = \frac{69.700 + 0.112}{0.112 + \frac{69.700}{1450}} = 437.476$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{core} &= l_e \cdot \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_r \cdot A_e \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 69.700 \cdot \frac{1 \times 10^{-3}}{0.000 \cdot 1450 \cdot 519 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 73703.405 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{gap} &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{l_g}{\mu_0 \cdot A_e \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{0.112}{0.000 \cdot 519 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 170974.843 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{tot} &= R_{core} + R_{gap} \\ &= 73703.405 + 170974.843 \\ &= 244678.248 \text{ (At/Wb, using Rcore, Rgap)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{tot2} &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{l_g + l_e}{\mu_0 \cdot \mu_e \cdot A_e \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{0.112 + 69.700}{0.000 \cdot 437.476 \cdot 519 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 244678.248 \text{ (At/Wb, using } \mu_e) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{msat} &= B_{sat} \cdot 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot A_e \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{R_{core} + R_{gap}}{n} \\ &= 300 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot 519 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6} \cdot \frac{73703.405 + 170974.843}{4.000} \\ &= 9.524 \text{ (A)} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{mpeak} = \sqrt{2} \cdot I_{rms} = \sqrt{2} \cdot 6.992 = 9.888 \text{ (A)}$$

$I_{mpeak} > I_{msat}$ ! let's double-check our hypothesis and margins.

## Verification of the Hypothesis

Vf = 0.200 (drop voltage in the mos)

efficiency = 0.950 (Hypothesis, efficiency= 95\%)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{loss} &= \frac{1 - \text{efficiency}}{3} \\
 &= \frac{1 - 0.950}{3} \\
 &= 0.017 \quad (\text{Hypothesis: Joule loss} = 1/3 \text{ of total losses})
 \end{aligned}$$

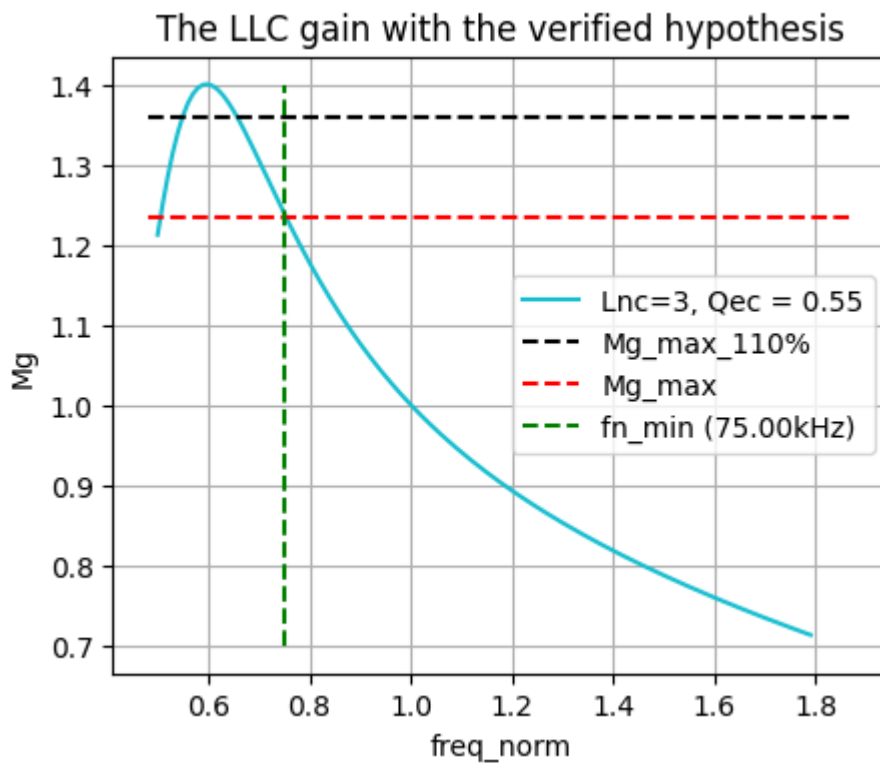
$$I_{o_{nom}} = \frac{\text{Power}}{V_{o_{nom}}} = \frac{1200.000}{48.000} = 25.000 \text{ (A)}$$

$$V_{loss} = \frac{\frac{\text{Power} \cdot \text{loss}}{\text{efficiency}}}{I_{o_{nom}}} = \frac{\frac{1200.000 \cdot 0.017}{0.950}}{25.000} = 0.842 \text{ (v)}$$

$$\text{margin} = 0.010$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Mg_{max} &= n \cdot \frac{V_{o_{max}} \cdot (1 + \text{margin}) + V_f + V_{loss}}{\frac{V_{In_{min}}}{2}} \\
 &= 4.000 \cdot \frac{54.000 \cdot (1 + 0.010) + 0.200 + 0.842}{\frac{360.000}{2}} \\
 &= 1.235
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Mg_{max_{110}} = Mg_{max} \cdot \left( \frac{110}{100} \right) = 1.235 \cdot \left( \frac{110}{100} \right) = 1.359$$



$$f_{min2} = 75000.000$$

$$\omega_{min} = 471238.898$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{rms2} &= 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot n \cdot \frac{V_{o_{nom}}}{\pi \cdot L_m \cdot \omega_{min}} \\ &= 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot 4.000 \cdot \frac{48.000}{3.142 \cdot 0.000 \cdot 471238.898} \\ &= 5.610 \text{ (Arms)} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{peak2} = \sqrt{2} \cdot I_{rms2} = \sqrt{2} \cdot 5.610 = 7.933 \text{ (A)}$$

$$I_{satMargin} = 100 \cdot \frac{I_{sat} - I_{peak2}}{I_{sat}} = 100 \cdot \frac{9.524 - 7.933}{9.524} = 16.704 \text{ (\%)}$$

We can calculate also  $B_{peak2}$  using  $I_{rms2}$

$$B_{sat} = 300 \text{ (mT)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{peak2} &= 1 \times 10^3 \cdot L_m \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{I_{rms2}}{n \cdot A_{e_{min}} \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 1 \times 10^3 \cdot 0.000 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{5.610}{4.000 \cdot 518 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 250.369 \text{ (mT} < B_s = 300\text{mT OK)} \end{aligned}$$

We calculate the margin for  $B_{peak2}$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{satMargin} &= 100 \cdot \frac{B_{sat} - B_{peak2}}{B_{sat}} \\ &= 100 \cdot \frac{300 - 250.369}{300} \\ &= 16.544 \text{ (\%)} \end{aligned}$$

The calculation  $I_{m,sat}/I_{m,peak}$  and  $B_{peak}/B_{sat}$  are equivalent, see the result below

$$I_{satMargin} = 16.704 \text{ (\%)}$$

$$B_{satMargin} = 16.544 \text{ (\%)}$$

## Other cores

Let's apply the same formula to other cores, using the datasheet information shown below.



	core	Aemin(mm2)	Le(mm)	Ve(mm3)	Bsat mT	Loss (W/set)	K1	K2	μe	Al(nH)	price by set
0	E64/10/50-3C95	519.0	79.9	40700	330.0	20.0	NaN	NaN	NaN	17000	11.05
1	ELP 43/10/28 with I 43/4/28 N87	217.0	50.8	11430	350.0	7.8	390.0	-0.784	1480.0	850	2.61
2	ELP 64/10/50 with I 64/5/50 N87	512.0	69.7	36200	300.0	4.8	835.0	-0.790	1450.0	14000	NaN
3	ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N95	518.0	79.9	41500	320.0	5.1	NaN	NaN	1880.0	15500	14.52
4	ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N87	518.0	79.9	41500	300.0	5.5	820.0	-0.767	1490.0	12500	11.27
5	E64/10/50 + PLT64/50/5 3C95	519.0	69.7	35500	330.0	17.0	NaN	NaN	NaN	18500	NaN
6	ER64/13/51-3C92 3C95	507.0	93.0	52600	330.0	25.0	NaN	NaN	NaN	17100	19.62
7	E100/60/28 N87	690.0	274.0	201390	300.0	4.7	NaN	NaN	1930.0	6500	17.40
8	ELP 102/20/38 with ELP 102/20/38 N87	524.5	147.6	79410	300.0	11.0	NaN	NaN	1790.0	8200	12.88
9	ELP 102/20/38 with ELP 102/20/38 N97	524.5	147.6	79410	300.0	9.7	NaN	NaN	1855.0	8500	14.07
10	ELP 102/20/38 with I 102/7/38 N97	534.2	121.2	67745	300.0	8.0	NaN	NaN	1740.0	9600	NaN
11	E 80/38/20 N95	388.0	184.0	71800	330.0	8.0	NaN	NaN	1680.0	4500	4.33

The table below shows the calculated saturation current and air gap of each core.

	core	Im_sat	I_g
0	E64/10/50-3C95	NaN	NaN
1	ELP 43/10/28 with I 43/4/28 N87	4.645828	0.032397
2	ELP 64/10/50 with I 64/5/50 N87	9.395645	0.109357
3	ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N95	10.139467	0.116770
4	ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N87	9.505750	0.105646
5	E64/10/50 + PLT64/50/5 3C95	NaN	NaN
6	ER64/13/51-3C92 3C95	NaN	NaN
7	E100/60/28 N87	12.662099	0.070187
8	ELP 102/20/38 with ELP 102/20/38 N87	9.625031	0.078811
9	ELP 102/20/38 with ELP 102/20/38 N97	9.625031	0.081700
10	ELP 102/20/38 with I 102/7/38 N97	9.803034	0.094596
11	E 80/38/20 N95	7.832151	0.009775

And the peak current is:

$$I_{m_{peak2}} = 7.933 \text{ (A)}$$

Below are the cores where the peak current is lower than the saturation current.

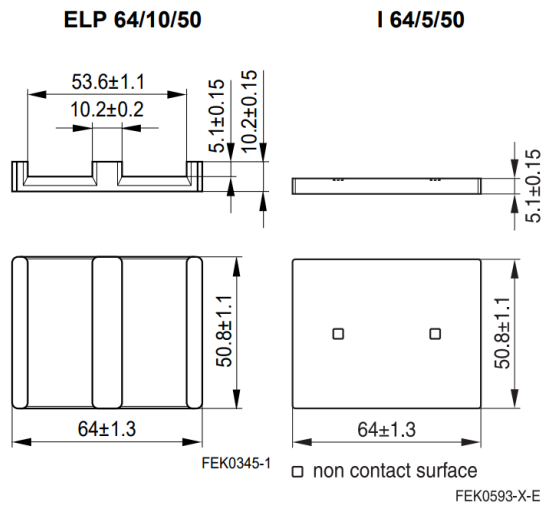
	core	Im_sat	I_g	I_sat_Margin %
2	ELP 64/10/50 with I 64/5/50 N87	9.395645	0.109357	15.565680
4	ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N87	9.505750	0.105646	16.543684
9	ELP 102/20/38 with ELP 102/20/38 N97	9.625031	0.081700	17.577938
8	ELP 102/20/38 with ELP 102/20/38 N87	9.625031	0.078811	17.577938
10	ELP 102/20/38 with I 102/7/38 N97	9.803034	0.094596	19.074557
3	ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N95	10.139467	0.116770	21.759704
7	E100/60/28 N87	12.662099	0.070187	37.347287

E100/60/28 N87 is not a planar core for pcb transformer.

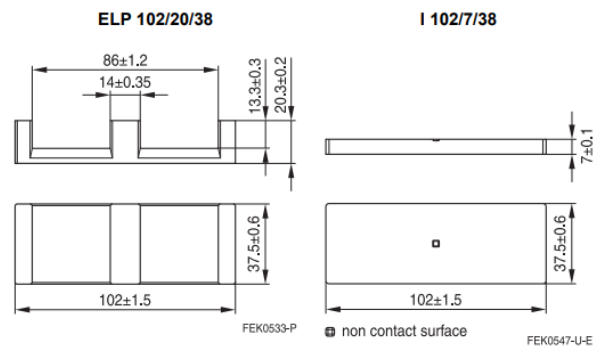
so the choice will be between : ELP 64/10/50 with ELP 64/10/50 N95 and ELP 102/20/38 with I 102/7/38 N97

## Choice of the transformer core ELP 64 vs ELP 102

Below the 2D of cores ELP 64 and ELP 102



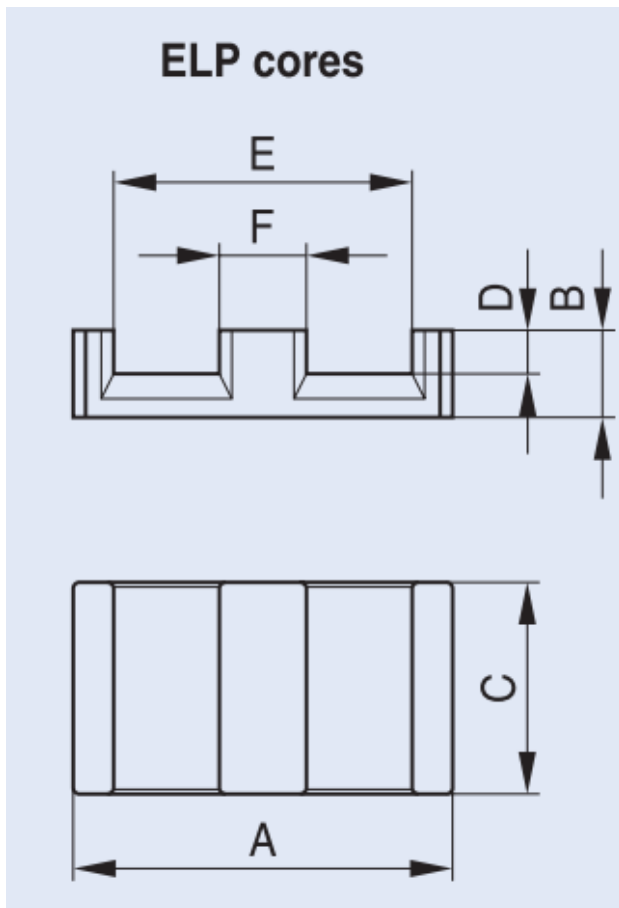
**Figure 3:** ELP 64/10/50 TDK core



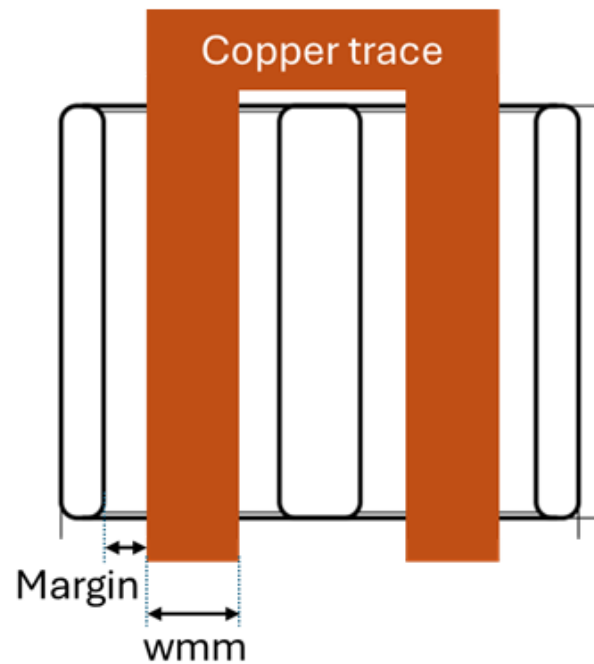
**Figure 4:** ELP 102/20/38 TDK core

Below some dimensions of ELP 102 and ELP 64 and a figure show the PCB trace and the margin of a PCB layer

	core	E	F	Margin
0	ELP 102	86.0	14.0	4
1	ELP 64	53.6	10.2	4



**Figure 5:** ELP set, TDK, some mechanical dimensions



**Figure 6:** ELP PCB trace (one PCB layer)

See page 2 [\[4\]](#).

We will use the below formula to calculate the maximum allowed current for pcb trace

$$I = k\Delta T^{0.44} A^{0.725}$$

Where  $I$  = current in amperes,  $A$  = cross section in sq. mils, and  $\Delta T$  = temperature rise in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $k$  is a constant such that:

$k = 0.048$  for outer layers

$k = 0.024$  for inner layers

**Figure 7:** ELP set, TDK, some mechanical dimensions

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In general, PCB copper is specified in ounces (oz). This can be converted to thickness using a simple formulas as below:

$$M_{density} = 2 \text{ (oz/ft}^2\text{, PCB layer surface mass density)}$$

$$M_{density2} = M_{density} \cdot 28.3495 = 2 \cdot 28.3495 = 56.699 \text{ (g/ft}^2\text{ (1 oz = 28.3495 g))}$$

$$M_{density3} = \frac{M_{density2}}{(30.48)^2} = \frac{56.699}{(30.48)^2} = 0.061 \text{ (g/cm}^2\text{ (1ft = 30,48 cm))}$$

$$\text{Thickness}_{cm} = \frac{M_{density3}}{8.96} = \frac{0.061}{8.96} = 0.007 \text{ (cm, copper density 8,96 g/cm}^3\text{)}$$

$$\text{Thickness}_{um} = \text{Thickness}_{cm} \cdot 1 \times 10^4 = 0.007 \cdot 1 \times 10^4 = 68.114$$


The following table summarizes all results for ELP 102 compared to ELP 64, for both outer and inner layers (Copper layer of 2 oz/ft<sup>2</sup>), and delta Temp = 30°C

	core	E	F	Margin	kind	wmm	Current
0	ELP 102	86.0	14.0	4	outer	28.0	71.787917
1	ELP 102	86.0	14.0	4	inner	28.0	35.893959
2	ELP 64	53.6	10.2	4	outer	13.7	42.754732
3	ELP 64	53.6	10.2	4	inner	13.7	21.377366

The ELP 102 allows higher current due to its larger width, so we will choose this core. To minimize core losses, we will adopt N97 or N95 material.

Below is an example of an ELP/I 102 pair; the transformer cost will be around 24€.

**B66297G0000X197**



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**Mouser No:** 871-B66297GX197

**Mfr. No:** B66297G0000X197

**Mfr.:** [EPCOS / TDK](#)

**Customer No:**

**Description:** Ferrite Cores & Accessories  
ELP102/20.3/37.5 N97 8500 + 25-25%

**Datasheet:** [B66297G0000X197 Datasheet \(PDF\)](#)

**ECAD Model:**

**In Stock: 927**

**Stock:** 927 Can Dispatch Immediately

**Factory Lead Time:** 19 Weeks [?](#)



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1	12,22 €	12,22 €
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**Figure 8:** Mouser, TDK, I 102/7/38 N97, B66297G0000X197

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**Mouser No:** 871-B66297KX197

**Mfr. No:** B66297K0000X197

**Mfr.:** [EPCOS / TDK](#)

**Customer No:**

**Description:** Ferrite Cores & Accessories  
I102/7/37.5 N97 9600 + 25- 25%

**Datasheet:** [B66297K0000X197 Datasheet \(PDF\)](#)

**ECAD Model:** Build or request PCB Symbol, Footprint or Model for B66297K0000X197

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**Figure 9:** Mouser, TDK, I 102/7/38 N97, B66297K0000X197

**\*\*Below the datasheet of each studied core\*\***

```
dfcores = pd.read_csv("FerriteCores.csv",sep=";")
dfcores = pd.read_csv("03_data/FerriteCores.csv",sep=";")
names = dfcores["core"].values
i = 0
for x in dfcores['link to the datasheet '].dropna().drop_duplicates().values:
    print(names[i])
    i=i+1
    print(x)
```

## Lr design

### The input data

$$L_{r_{uH}} = 21.797 \text{ (}\mu\text{H)}$$

$$I_{r_{rms}} = 10.354 \text{ (Arms)}$$

### Relationship Between Inductance Ratio and Number of Turns

	Nb	AI_nH
0	1.0	21797.000000
1	2.0	5449.250000
2	3.0	2421.888889
3	4.0	1362.312500
4	5.0	871.880000
5	6.0	605.472222
6	7.0	444.836735
7	8.0	340.578125
8	9.0	269.098765

## 4 turns, one turns by layer

### alculation Using the ELP 58/11/38 Core

### Datasheet information

$$\text{core} = \text{ELP58/11/38 with I58/4/38N87}$$

$$A_{\text{emin}} = 308 \text{ (mm}^2\text{: datasheet)}$$

$$Al_{nH0} = 8400 \text{ (nH: datasheet)}$$

$$L_e = 67.700 \text{ (mm: datasheet)}$$

$$K1 = 591 \text{ (datasheet)}$$

$$K2 = -0.685 \text{ (datasheet)}$$

$$B_{\text{sat}} = 300 \text{ (mT: datasheet)}$$

$$\mu_e = 1540$$

$$n = 4 \text{ (turns: 4 layers pcb)}$$

### $B_{\text{peak}}$ and the margin

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\text{peak}} &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot L_{r_{uH}} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{I_{r_{ms}}}{n \cdot A_{\text{emin}} \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 1 \times 10^{-3} \cdot 21.797 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{10.354}{4 \cdot 308 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 259.065 \text{ (mT)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{\text{margin}} &= 100 \cdot \frac{B_{\text{sat}} - B_{\text{peak}}}{B_{\text{sat}}} \\ &= 100 \cdot \frac{300 - 259.065}{300} \\ &= 13.645 \text{ (\%)} \end{aligned}$$

### The Air Gap Calculated Using the TDK Factors $K_1$ , $K_2$ , and the Simple Formula

TDK empirical formula using  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$

$$Al_{nH} = 1 \times 10^3 \cdot \frac{L_{r_{uH}}}{(n)^2} = 1 \times 10^3 \cdot \frac{21.797}{(4)^2} = 1362.312 \text{ (nH/turn squared)}$$

$$s_{mm} = \left( \frac{Al_{nH}}{K1} \right)^{\left( \frac{1}{K2} \right)} = \left( \frac{1362.312}{591} \right)^{\left( \frac{1}{-0.685} \right)} = 0.295 \text{ (mm airgap)}$$

Simple formula

$$lg_{mm} = L_e \cdot \frac{\frac{Al_{nH0}}{Al_{nH}} - 1}{\mu_e} = 67.700 \cdot \frac{\frac{8400}{1362.312} - 1}{1540} = 0.227 \text{ (mm)}$$

We use the TDK empirical formula

## Gap error effect

One case calculation

$$s_{nom} = 0.295 \text{ (mm)}$$

$$\text{error} = 10 \text{ (\%)}$$

$$s_{min} = s_{nom} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\text{error}}{100}\right) = 0.295 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{10}{100}\right) = 0.266$$

$$s_{max} = s_{nom} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{\text{error}}{100}\right) = 0.295 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{10}{100}\right) = 0.325$$

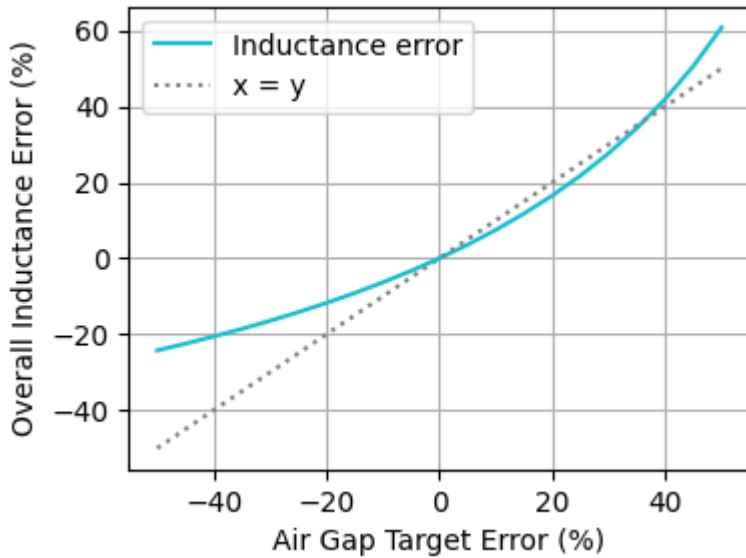
$$Al_{max} = (s_{min})^{K2} \cdot K1 = (0.266)^{-0.685} \cdot 591 = 1464.268$$

$$Al_{min} = (s_{max})^{K2} \cdot K1 = (0.325)^{-0.685} \cdot 591 = 1276.212$$

$$Al_{errorP} = 100 \cdot \frac{Al_{max} - Al_{nH}}{Al_{nH}} = 100 \cdot \frac{1464.268 - 1362.312}{1362.312} = 7.484 \text{ (\% of error of nH)}$$

$$Al_{errorN} = 100 \cdot \frac{Al_{min} - Al_{nH}}{Al_{nH}} = 100 \cdot \frac{1276.212 - 1362.312}{1362.312} = -6.320 \text{ (\% of error of nH)}$$

Curve of air gap error impact for range [-50%, 50%]



The cores listed below are verified, but only the 'ELP 58/11/38' yields a  $B_{peak}$  below 300 mT.



	core	Ae_min(mm2)	B_peak(mT)
0	ELP 22/6/16 with ELP 22/6/16	78.3	1019.056152
1	ELP 32/6/20 with ELP 32/6/20	128	623.375732
2	ELP 38/8/25 with ELP 38/8/25	192	415.583832
3	ELP 43/10/28 with ELP 43/10/28	217	367.705536
4	ELP 58/11/38 with ELP 58/11/38	308	259.065247

## More than 4 turns

Below the B\_peak of each core, with number of turns : (same formulas as above)

core	ELP 22/6/16 with ELP 22/6/16	ELP 32/6/20 with ELP 32/6/20	ELP 38/8/25 with ELP 38/8/25	ELP 43/10/28 with ELP 43/10/28	ELP 58/11/38 with ELP 58/11/38
<b>Ae_min(mm2)</b>	78.3	128	192	217	308
<b>B_peak n=1</b>	4076.224609	2493.50293	1662.335327	1470.822144	1036.260986
<b>B_peak n=2</b>	2038.112305	1246.751465	831.167664	735.411072	518.130493
<b>B_peak n=3</b>	1358.741455	831.167664	554.111755	490.274017	345.420349
<b>B_peak n=4</b>	1019.056152	623.375732	415.583832	367.705536	259.065247
<b>B_peak n=5</b>	815.244873	498.700623	332.467072	294.164429	207.252197
<b>B_peak n=6</b>	679.370728	415.583832	277.055878	245.137009	172.710175
<b>B_peak n=7</b>	582.317749	356.214722	237.476486	210.117432	148.037292
<b>B_peak n=8</b>	509.528076	311.687866	207.791916	183.852768	129.532623

The cases with B\_peak < B\_sat

core	ELP 38/8/25 with ELP 38/8/25	ELP 43/10/28 with ELP 43/10/28	ELP 58/11/38 with ELP 58/11/38
<b>n</b>			
4	NaN	NaN	259.065247
5	NaN	294.164429	207.252197
6	277.055878	245.137009	172.710175
7	237.476486	210.117432	148.037292
8	207.791916	183.852768	129.532623

Remind the relationship Between Inductance Ratio and Number of Turns

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Nb</b>	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0
<b>Al_nH</b>	21797.0	5449.0	2422.0	1362.0	872.0	605.0	445.0	341.0	269.0

Case of turns number = 7

$$N = 7$$

$$Al_{nH} = 340$$

$$Al_{nom} = 355 \text{ (ELP43/10/28, Gapped, see below)}$$

<b>ELP 43/10/28</b>
<b>Core (with clamp recess)</b> <b>B66291</b>

#### Core set EELP 43

#### Combination: ELP 43/10/28 with ELP 43/10/28

- To IEC 63093-9
- Delivery mode: single units

#### Magnetic characteristics (per set)

$$\Sigma l/A = 0.274 \text{ mm}^{-1}$$

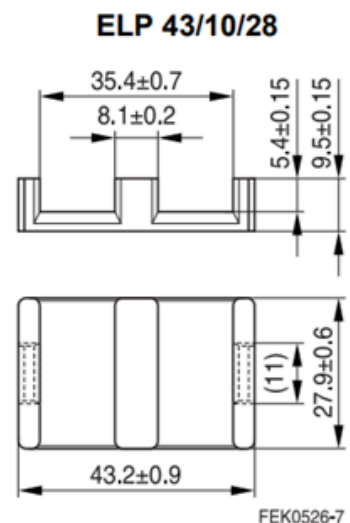
$$l_e = 61.6 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_e = 225 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$A_{min} = 217 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$V_e = 13748 \text{ mm}^3$$

**Approx. weight 70 g/set**





#### Gapped ( $A_L$ values/air gaps examples)

Material	g mm	$A_L$ value approx. nH	$\mu_e$	Ordering code
N87	0.1 ±0.02	2225	470	B66291G0100X187
	1.0 ±0.05	355	75	B66291G1000X187

**Figure 10:** TDK, ELP43/10/28 datasheet screenshot

Below a core set that meet our calculation in mouser:

B66291G1000X187

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Mouser No:

871-B66291G1000X187

Mfr. No:

B66291G1000X187

Mfr.:

[EPCOS / TDK](#)


Customer No:

Customer No

Description:

Ferrite Cores & Accessories  
ELP43/10/28 N87 gap 1.0+-0.05 mm

Lifecycle:

 **New Product:** New from this manufacturer.

Datasheet:


[B66291G1000X187 Datasheet \(PDF\)](#)

Availability

Stock:

Non-Stocked

Factory Lead Time:

7 Weeks 

Enter Quantity:

Minimum: 1 Multiples: 1

Buy

Pricing (EUR)

Qty.	Unit Price	Ext. Price
1 ..	4,21 €	4,21 €
10 ....	2,88 €	28,80 €
25 ....	2,44 €	61,00 €

Figure 11: Mouser, TDK, ELP43/10/28 N87 gap 1.0+-0.05 mm, B66291G1000X187

### Max current of each layer

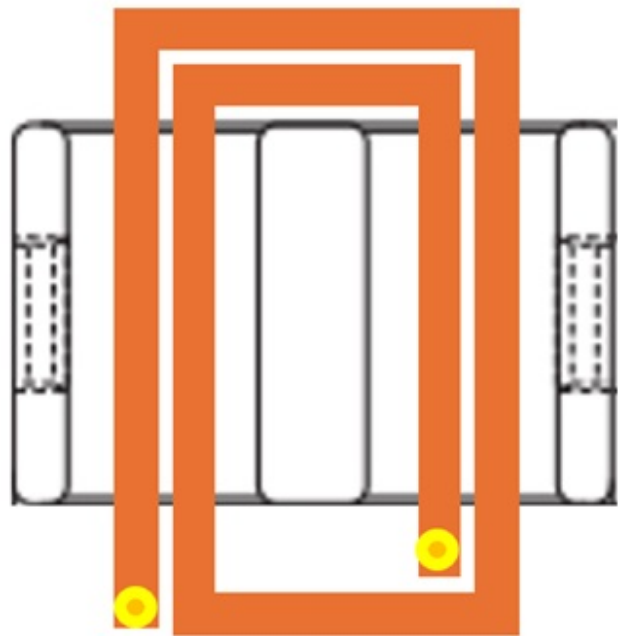


Figure 12: PCB copper trace proposition: 2 turns by layer

We will use the same formula as in the section **Choice of the transformer core ELP 64 vs ELP 102** . Using this, we can determine the current for the inner and outer layers.

From the datasheet:

	core	E	F	Margin
0	ELP 43	35.4	8.1	3

The following table summarizes all results for ELP 43, for both outer and inner layers (Copper layer of 2 oz/ft<sup>2</sup>), and delta Temp = 30°C

	core	E	F	Margin	kind	wmm	Current
0	ELP 43	35.4	8.1	3	outer	7.65	28.023109
1	ELP 43	35.4	8.1	3	inner	7.65	14.011555

Reminde the RMS max current of the **Lr**

$$I_{r_{ms}} = 10.354 \text{ (Arms} < \text{Imax inner layer)}$$

## Bill of Materials (BOM) of this transformer and Lr (Cores)

	Mouser No	Mfr. No	Number	component	remark
0	871-B66291G1000X187	B66291G1000X187	2	LLC resonant inductor	ELP43/10/28 N87 gap 1.0+-0.05 mm
1	871-B66297GX197	B66297G0000X197	1	LLC Transformer	ELP102/20.3/37.5 N97 8500 + 25-25%
2	871-B66297KX197	B66297K0000X197	1	LLC Transformer	I102/7/37.5 N97 9600 + 25- 25%

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