

## Concept of Relative Permeability

$$\mu_r = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

where

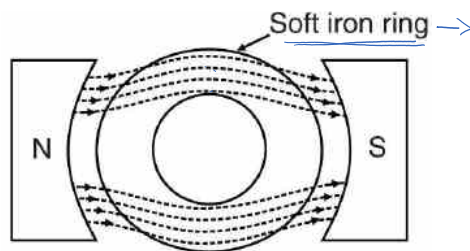
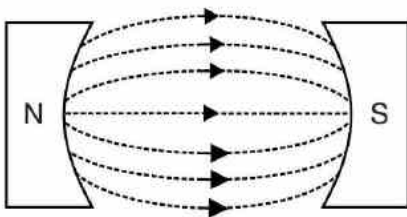
- $\mu_r$  is the relative permeability
- $\mu$  is the permeability of a substance (absolute)
- $\mu_0$  is the permeability of a vacuum (absolute)

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m} \rightarrow \text{Air / Free space / Vacuum}$$

$$\mu_r \approx 8000 \rightarrow (\text{soft iron} \rightarrow \text{pure iron})$$

$$\mu_r \approx 50000 \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Core material} \rightarrow 22\% \text{ iron} \\ 78\% \text{ Nickel} \end{array} \right)$$

(An alloy known as permalloy)



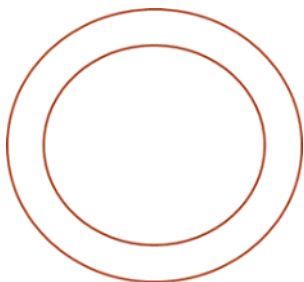
Due to high relative permeability of magnetic materials (e.g. iron, steel, and other magnetic alloys) they are widely used for the cores of all electromagnetic equipment.

### Illustration 1 - Magnetic Circuits

A ring made of ferromagnetic material has 500 mm<sup>2</sup> as cross-sectional area and 400 mm as mean circumference. A coil of 600 turns is wound uniformly around it. Calculate:

- The reluctance of the ring
- The current required to produce a flux density of 1.6 T in the ring

Take  $\mu_r$  of the ferromagnetic material as 800 for flux density of 1.6 T



(a)

(b)

$$S = \frac{l}{A \mu_0 \mu_r} = \frac{400 \times 10^{-3}}{500 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-3} \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times 800}$$

$$= 795774.72 \text{ AT/Wb}$$

$$\phi = \frac{mmf}{\text{Reluctance}} = \frac{NI}{S} \text{ or } B \cdot A = \frac{NI}{S} \text{ or } I = \frac{B A S}{N}$$

$$I = \frac{1.6 \times 500 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-3} \times 795774.72}{600} = 1.061 \text{ A}$$