

UNIT - VI - ENGINEERING MATERIALS

Dielectric Materials:

→ The dielectric material is an insulating material in which all the electrons are tightly bound to the nucleus of the atom. There is no free e^- available for the conduction of current, Therefore, the electrical conductivity of such materials is very low. The σ of ideal dielectric is 0.

on the basis of band theory, the forbidden gap (Eg) is very large. materials such as glass, Polymers are dielectric in nature.

The basic diff. b/w dielectric & insulators is that dielectric can store charge.

When the E.F is applied, the +ve & -ve charge separating and polarisation occurs, ϵ of internal E.F, such materials opposes the applied E.F.

Dielectric constant

The dielectric constant of a material is the ratio of the capacitance of a given capacitor filled with dielectric material to the capacitance of same capacitor in free space or vacuum.

In other words it is the ratio of permittivity of a medium to permittivity of free space.

denoted by symbol k

$$k = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = \epsilon_r$$

where ϵ is the permittivity of medium,
 ϵ_0 " " " " of free space,
 ϵ_r " " " " relative permittivity.

In basic terms the dielectric constant is the measure of the ability of any material that how easily it will get polarized.

Magnetic Materials.

→ The M.M are the substance that exhibits magnetic properties either naturally or in the presence of applied magnetic field. All materials get magnetised in the presence of applied magnetic field.

Such materials have domains, that are the regions where the magnetic moments of individuals atoms or group of atoms align in a particular dir., resulting in net magnetic field.

Important Parameters of magnetic materials.

- Magnetic susceptibility (χ_m), it is the measure of how much a material will get magnetised in the presence of applied M.F. It is given as

$$\chi_m = \frac{I}{H}$$

I = Intensity of Magnetisation

H = Intensity of applied field.

- Permeability. The permeability of a material is the capability of magnetic lines of force to penetrate the materials, it is denoted by symbol (μ), & it is given as $B = \mu H$

$$\text{or } \mu = \frac{B}{H}$$

B = Magnetic flux density.

The relative permeability is given as $\mu_r = \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$

μ = Permeability of medium

μ_0 = Per " of free space.

Relationship between Magnetic susceptibility & Relative permeability

$$\mu_r = 1 + \chi_m$$

classification of Magnetic materials.

on the basis of magnetic properties diff. materials are classified as

1. Diamagnetic materials.
2. Paramagnetic materials.
3. Ferromagnetic materials.

1. Diamagnetic materials

- Diamagnetism occurs in those materials in which individual atoms do not have any ^{net} magnetic moment, as their orbital & spin moment add vectorially to become zero.
- on placing such materials in external magnetic field, they will get repelled.
- Such properties are found in the materials whose outermost shell has even no. of electrons.
- Since, the e^- have spins opposite to each other, the net magnetic moment will be zero.
- Such types of materials are Type I superconductors as they exhibit perfect conductivity & perfect diamagnetism when cooled at very low temp.

for ex, Zinc - copper - bismuth.

* Magnetisation is independent on temperature

2. Paramagnetic materials

→ Paramagnetism occurs in those materials in which the outermost orbit has an odd no. of electrons. Such materials are highly attracted by the magnet. Initially the dipole moments are randomly oriented. When such materials are kept in M.F, the magnetic moments get aligned in the direction of applied field. Such materials have +ve susceptibility & the permeability greater than 1.

*** The Magnetisation decreases with increase in temperature because of thermal motion which disturbs the magnetic moment. For ex. Aluminium, chromium etc.

3. Ferromagnetic materials

→ " occurs in such materials in which the atoms have permanent dipole moments. The strong interaction b/w neighbouring atomic dipole moments keep them align even in the absence of magnetic field.

→ The magnetic susceptibility is always +ve & the value of permeability is of few thousands.

The magnetisation varies inversely with temp.
For example - Iron.

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Super conductive materials

→ When certain materials are cooled below a particular temperature then their electrical Resistivity suddenly drops to zero, & also act as pure diamagnetic materials, such materials are known as super-conductive materials.

Properties :-

- (i) $\rho = 0$ (Electrical ^{Resistivity} ~~conductivity~~)
- (ii) $\chi_m = -1$
- (iii) $\mu_r = 0$
- (iv) $B = 0$

Meissner Effect

→ When super-conductors are ~~cooled~~ ^{cooled} below its critical temperature in the presence of applied M.F then it expelled out the Magnetic flux, then act like a pure diamagnetic material, this is known as Meissner effect.

TYPE - I SUPER CONDUCTORS

Such materials strictly follow Meissner effect which means, the transition of normal state to superconductive state will be sudden

TYPE - II SUPER CONDUCTORS

→ such materials do not follow Meissner effect strictly which means it will take some time to shift from normal state to super - conductive state.