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# Solving Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) with Ferrites

- What are ferrites?
- How do ferrites help Suppress EMI?
- How to chose proper ferrite and component
  - Material Characteristics
  - Material and Core Selection
  - Frequency, bias, turns, temperature, size
- Q & A





## What Is A Ferrite?

Ferrite is a ceramic material formed by reacting metal oxides into a magnetic material.

- Soft magnetic material is one that can be both easily magnetized and demagnetized, so that it can store or transfer magnetic energy in alternating or other changing wave forms

**CHEMICAL COMPOSITION (metal oxides) + (iron oxide)**

**(MnO + ZnO) + (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) = Manganese - Zinc**

**(NiO + ZnO) + (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) = Nickel - Zinc**

**(MgO + ZnO) + (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) = Magnesium - Zinc**





## Definitions

- EMI – Electromagnetic Interference –  
Electromagnetic emissions from a device or system that interfere with the normal operation of another device or system.
- EMC – Electromagnetic Compatibility –  
The ability of a device or system to function without error in its intended electromagnetic environment.





# EMI Suppression

## Sources of EMI

- Digital System – Clock Pulses
- SMPS
- Oscillators
- Medical Equipment
- Microwave Equipment
- Radio & TV
- Frequency Converters
- Electronic Ballasts
- Switch Gear (contractors, relays)
- Household Appliances
- Power Supplies and Battery Chargers
- Motor Commutation
- Ignition Systems

## Victims (Susceptible)

- Radio & TV Receivers
- Modems
- Engine Control Modules
- Data transmission systems
- Medical Equipment
- Computer







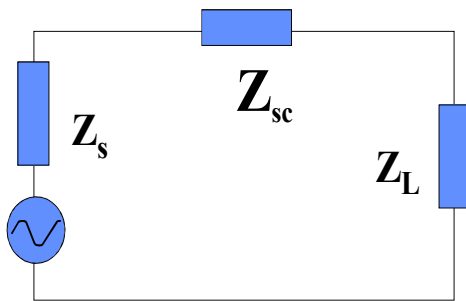
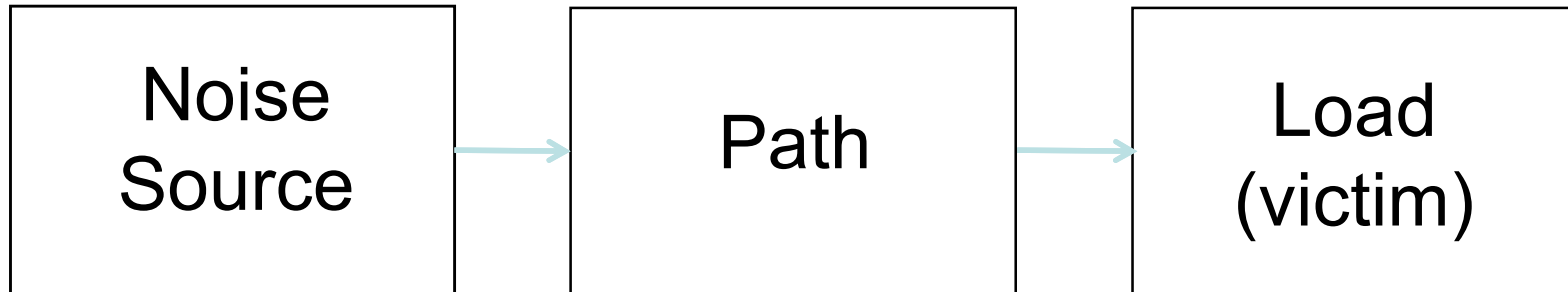
## Properties of Ferrites – EMI Suppression

- A frequency dependant impedance that provides attenuation.  
Formulations optimized for frequency bands
- Ferrites absorb EMI energy and dissipate as small amount of heat
- Powder compaction allows for a multitude of shapes
- High permeability concentrates magnetic field in core allowing for a dense overall package
- High resistivity provides electrical isolation between multiple lines and minimizes eddy current losses





## How Ferrites Are Used To Reduce Noise



$$\text{Attenuation} = 20 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{(Z_s + Z_{sc} + Z_L)}{(Z_s + Z_L)} \right] \text{ dB}$$

$Z_s$  = Source impedance

$Z_{sc}$  = Suppressor Core impedance

$Z_L$  = Load impedance





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## Magnetic Properties of Ferrite Materials

Property	Unit	Symbol	73	31	43	44	46*	61
Initial Permeability @ B <10 gauss		$\mu$	2500	1500	800	500	500	125
Flux Density @ Field Strength	gauss	B	3900	3400	2900	3000	3000	2350
	mT		390	340	290	300	300	235
	Oersted	H	5	5	10	10	10	15
	A/m		400	400	800	800	800	1200
Residual Flux Density	gauss	B <sub>r</sub>	1500	2500	1300	1100	1900	1200
	mT		150	250	130	110	190	120
Resistivity	$\Omega$ cm	$\rho$	$1 \times 10^9$	$3 \times 10^9$	$1 \times 10^9$	$1 \times 10^9$	$1 \times 10^9$	$1 \times 10^9$
Curie Temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	T <sub>c</sub>	>160	>130	>130	>160	>140	>300
Recommended Frequency Range	MHz							
Application Areas	Low flux density devices.		---	---	<10	---	---	<100
	EMI suppression.		<30	<500	20 - 250	20 - 250	20 - 250	>200
	Power magnetics.		---	---	---	---	---	---
	Special square loop ferrite.		---	---	---	---	---	---



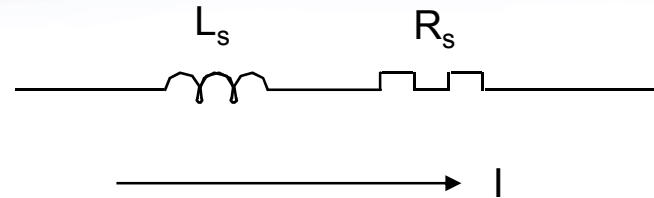


$$Z = R_s + j\omega L_s$$

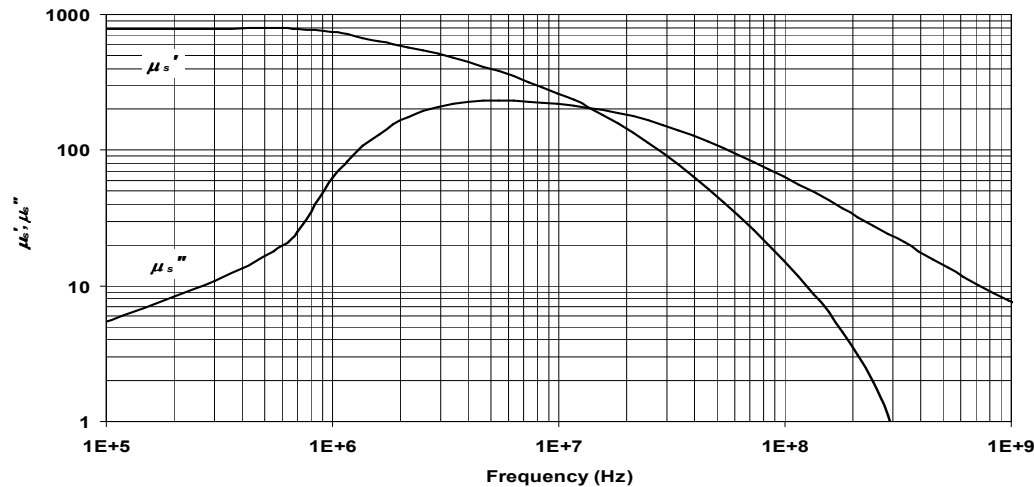
$$R_s = \omega L_0 \mu_s''$$

$$\omega L_s = \omega L_0 \mu_s' = X_L$$

$$L_0 = .0461 N^2 Ht \log_{10} \left( \frac{OD}{ID} \right) 10^{-8} [H]$$



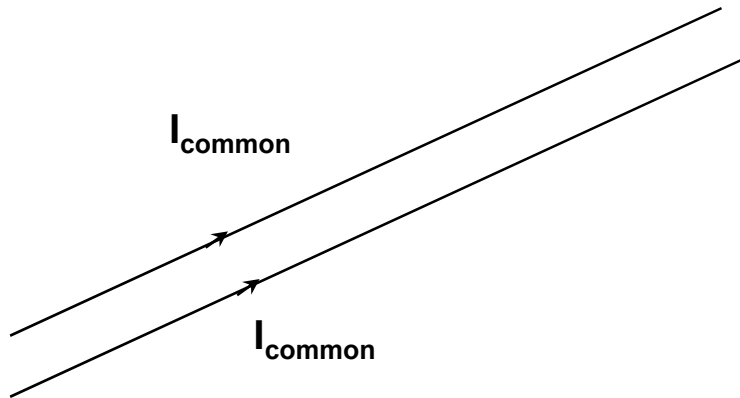
43 Material



[Dim - mm]

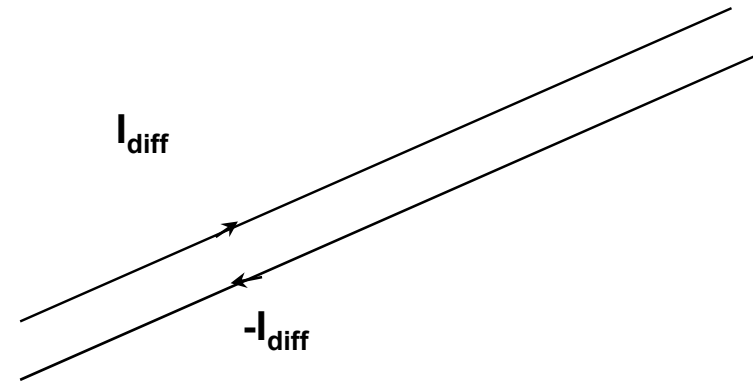


## Common-Mode vs Differential-Mode



### Common-Mode Currents

- Noise Currents in phase (same direction) in the conductor pair.
- Usually found where radiated noise attaches itself to the conductor.



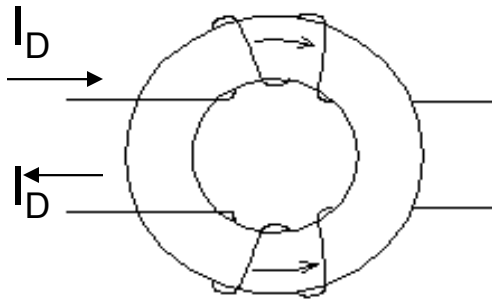
### Differential-Mode Currents

- Can be Functional (desired) currents or Noise currents or combination of both.





## Common-Mode Choke

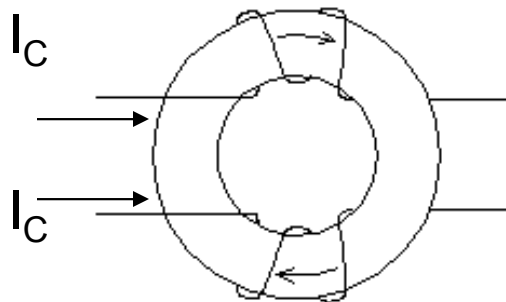


### Differential Mode (functional) Currents

Fluxes cancel – \* no inductance (impedance)

\* no effect on currents

\* core will not saturate with high  $I_D$  currents



### Common Mode Currents

Fluxes Add – \* inductance (impedance) in series with conductor

\* effectively blocking Common Mode currents

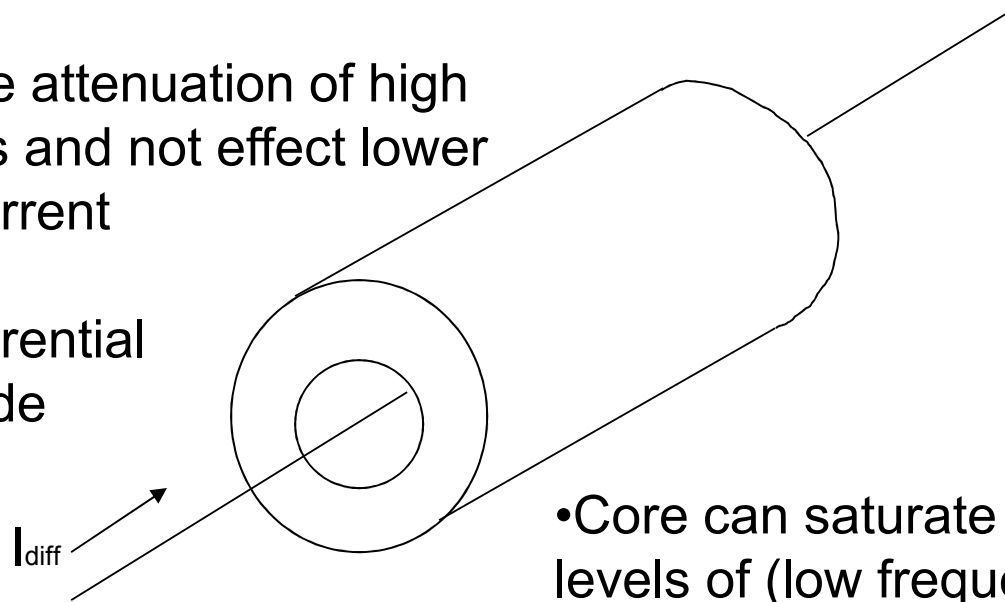




## Differential Mode Application

### Ferrite Bead

- Provide selective attenuation of high frequency signals and not effect lower freq functional current
- Affects both Differential and Common Mode signals



- Core can saturate at high levels of (low frequency) current







## $\mu_s'$ & $\mu_s''$ ARE AFFECTED BY:

- Frequency
- DC Bias
- Temperature

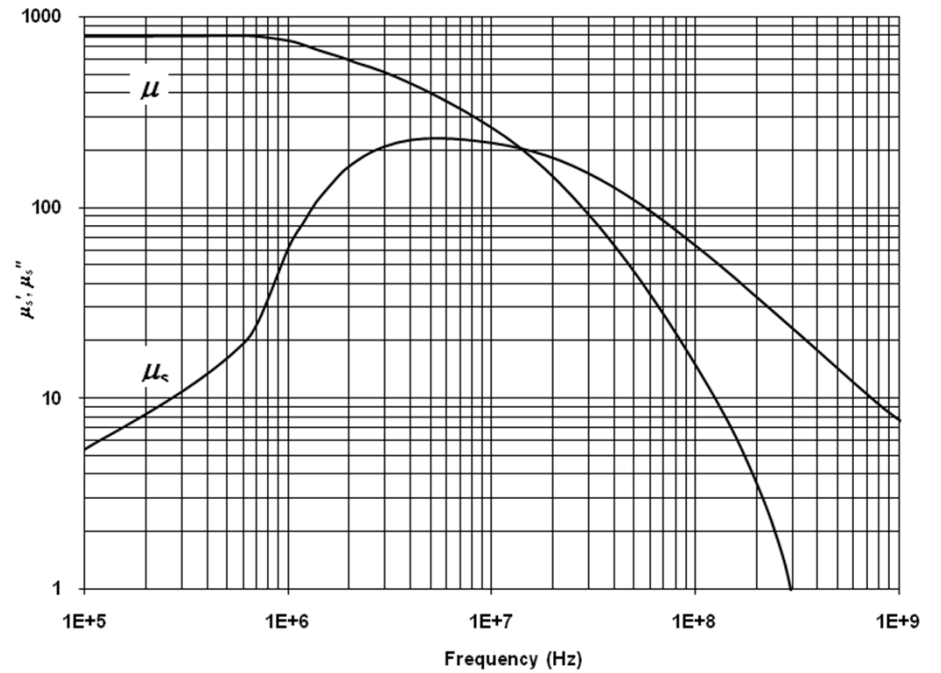
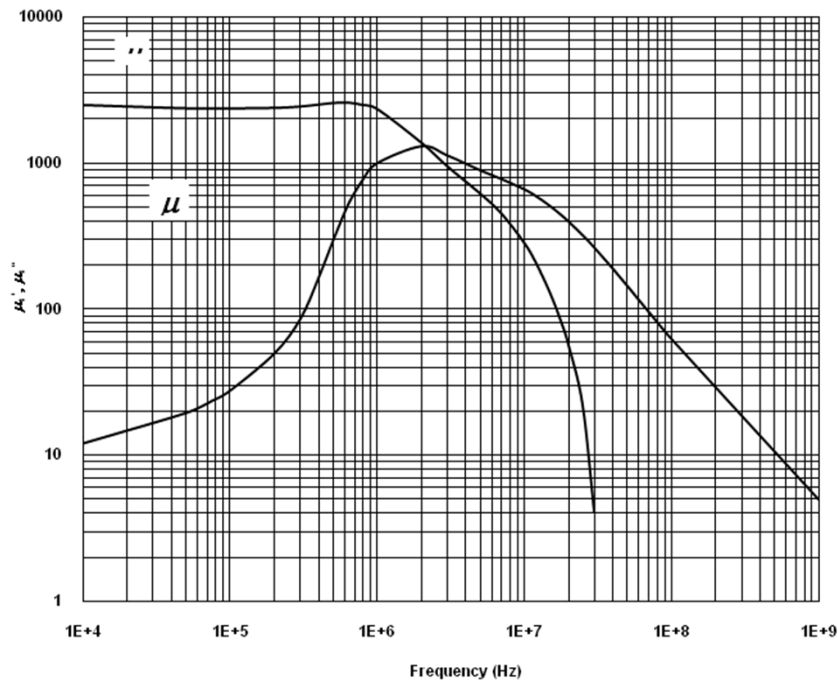




# Complex Permeability vs. Frequency

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2500  $\mu$  MnZn

43 Material  
800  $\mu$  NiZn

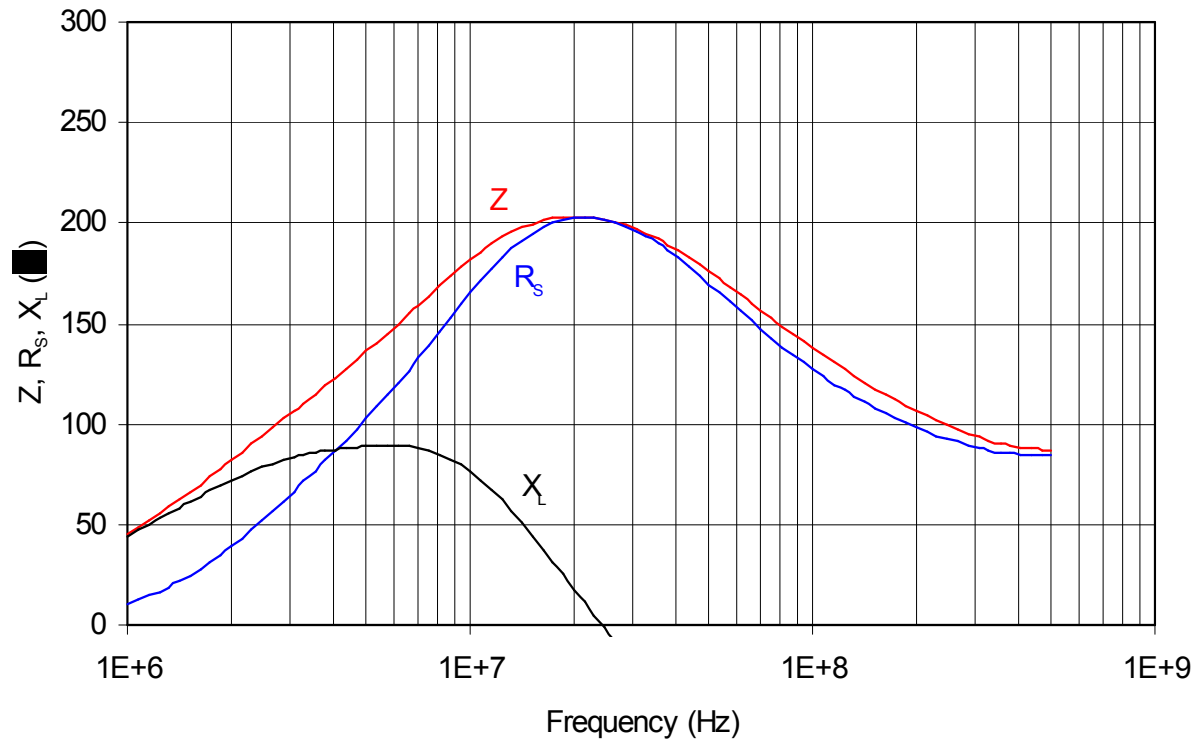




# Impedance vs. Frequency

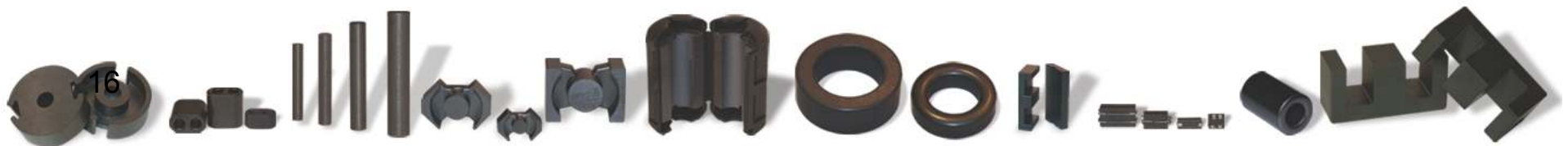
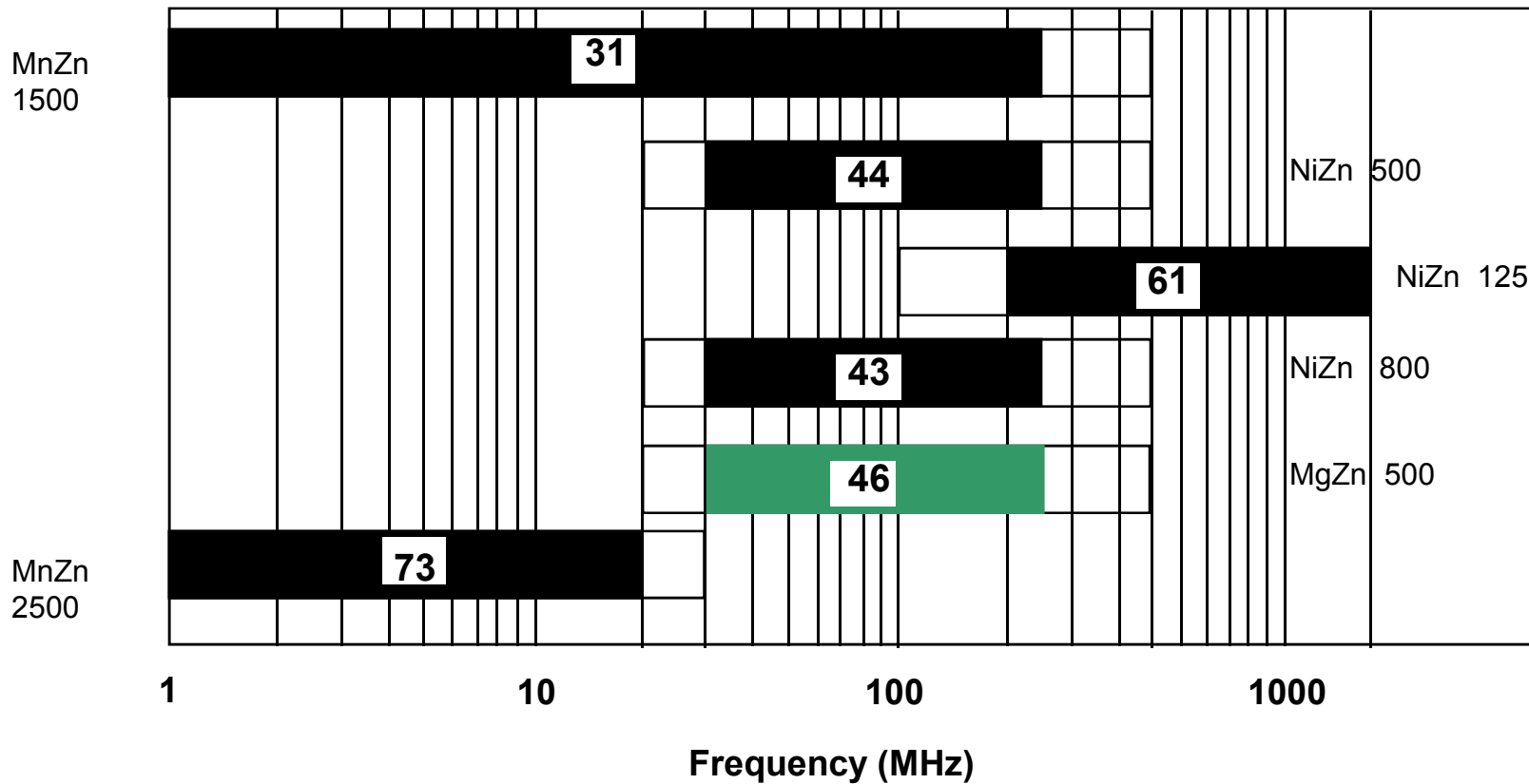
2773009112 Bead On Lead (1 turn)

73 mat'l 2500  $\mu$  MnZn





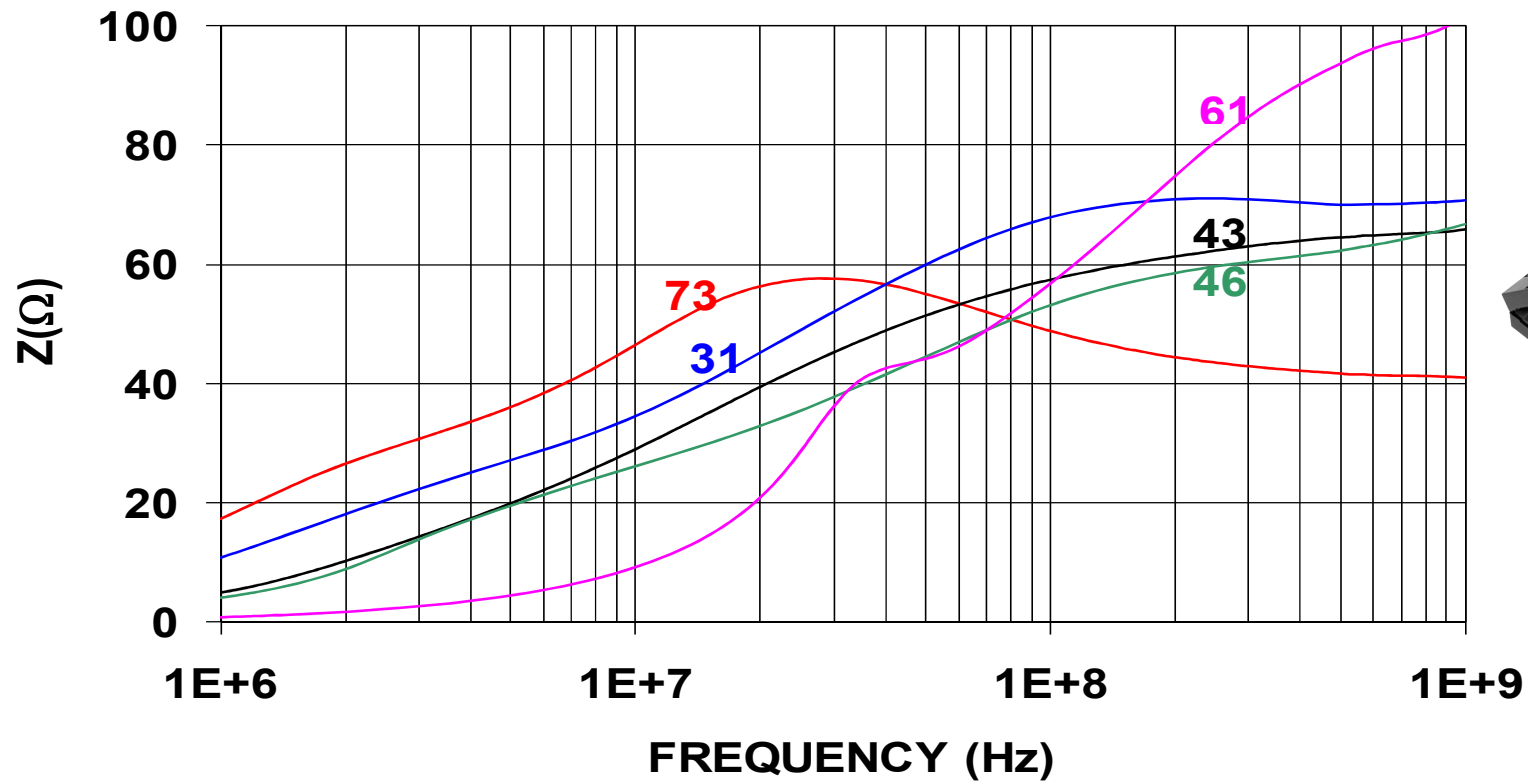
# Suppression Materials Comparison





# Material Comparison Impedance vs. Frequency

26--000301





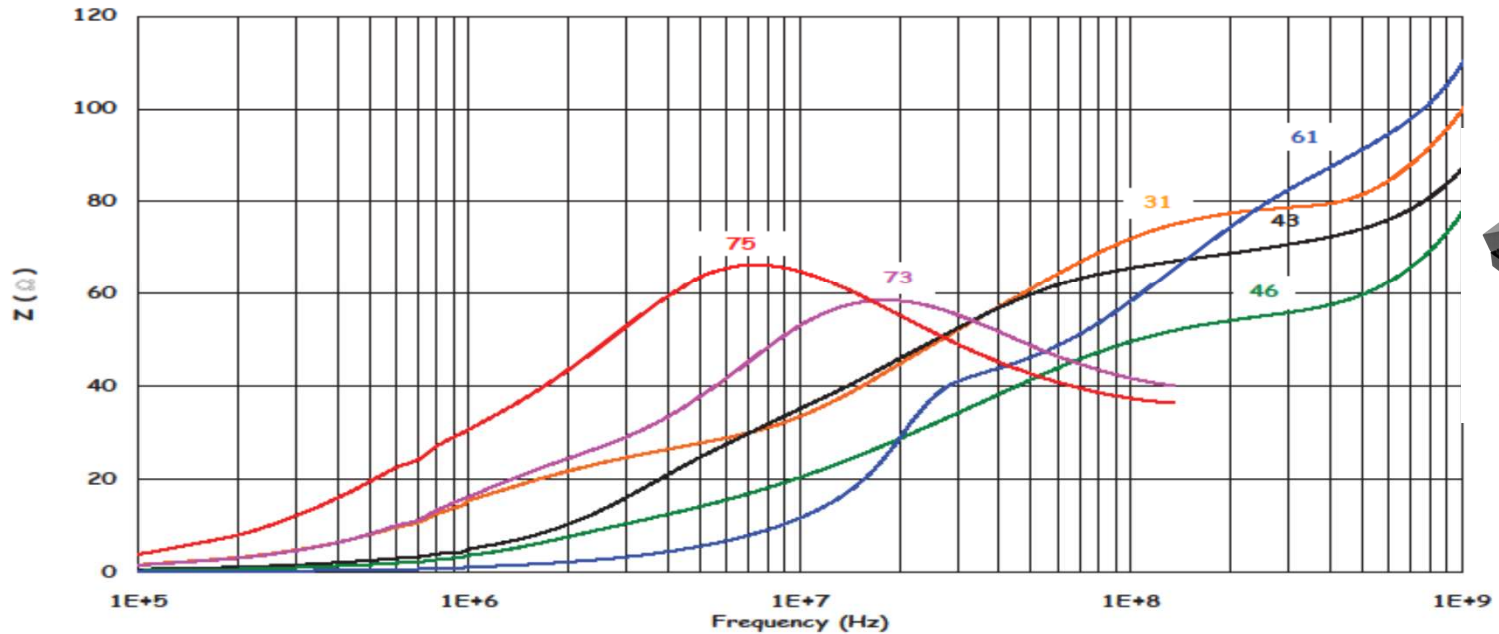


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26xx000301 Bead 3.5 mm x 1.3 mm x 6.0 mm



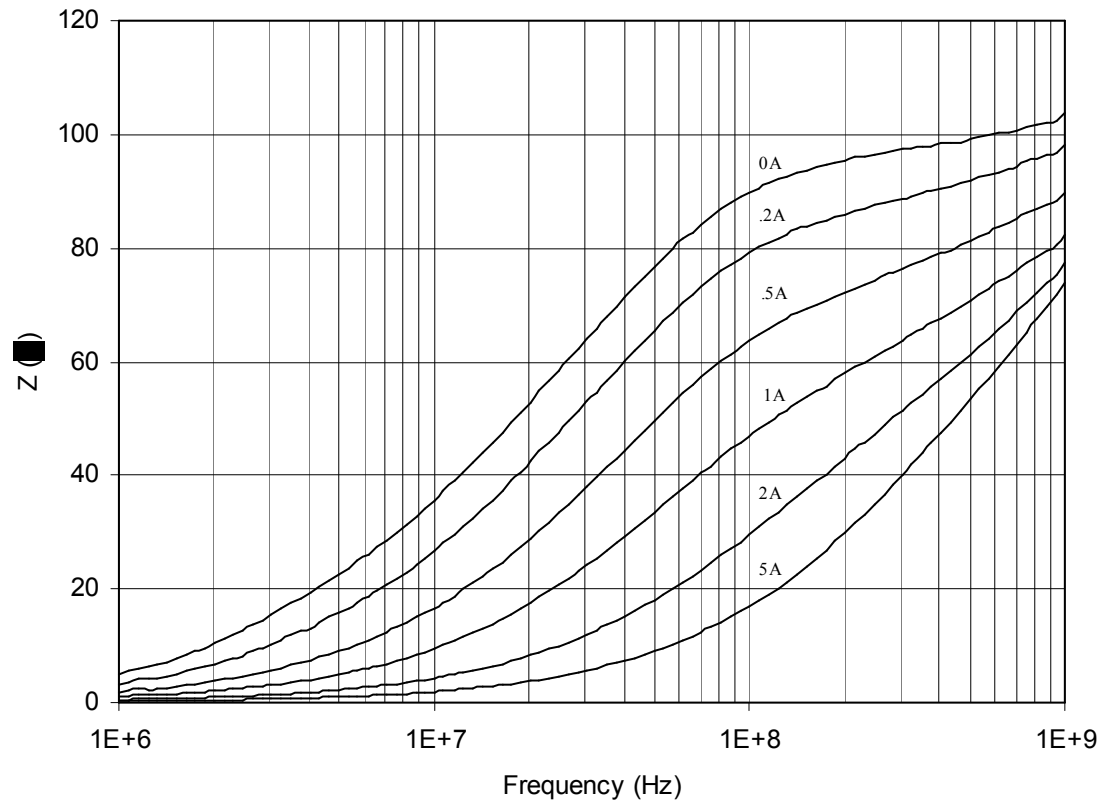
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# Impedance vs. Frequency with DC Bias

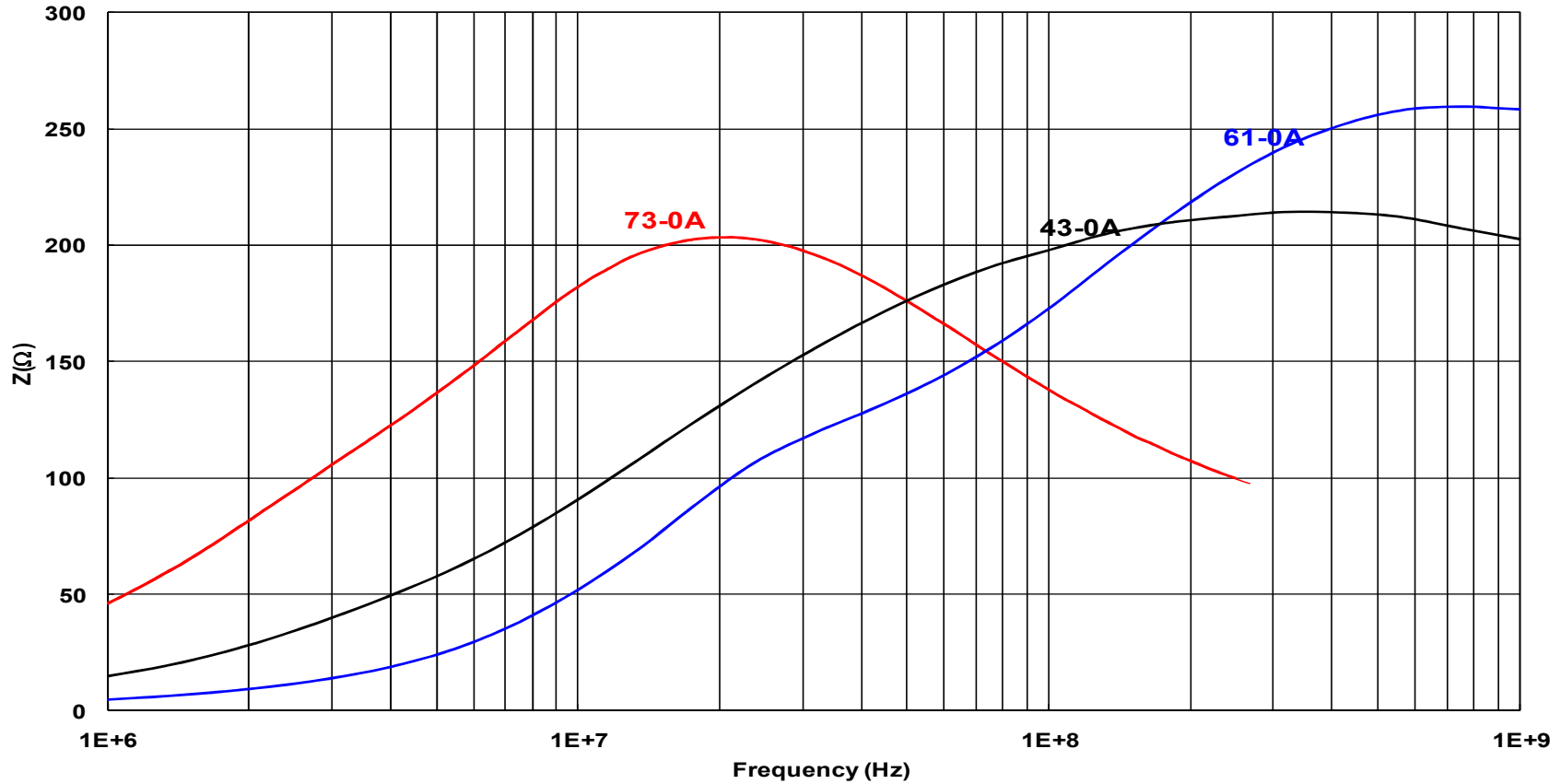
2743021447 Surface Mount Bead





# Material Comparison w/ DC Bias

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IMPEDANCE vs. FREQUENCY with No BIAS

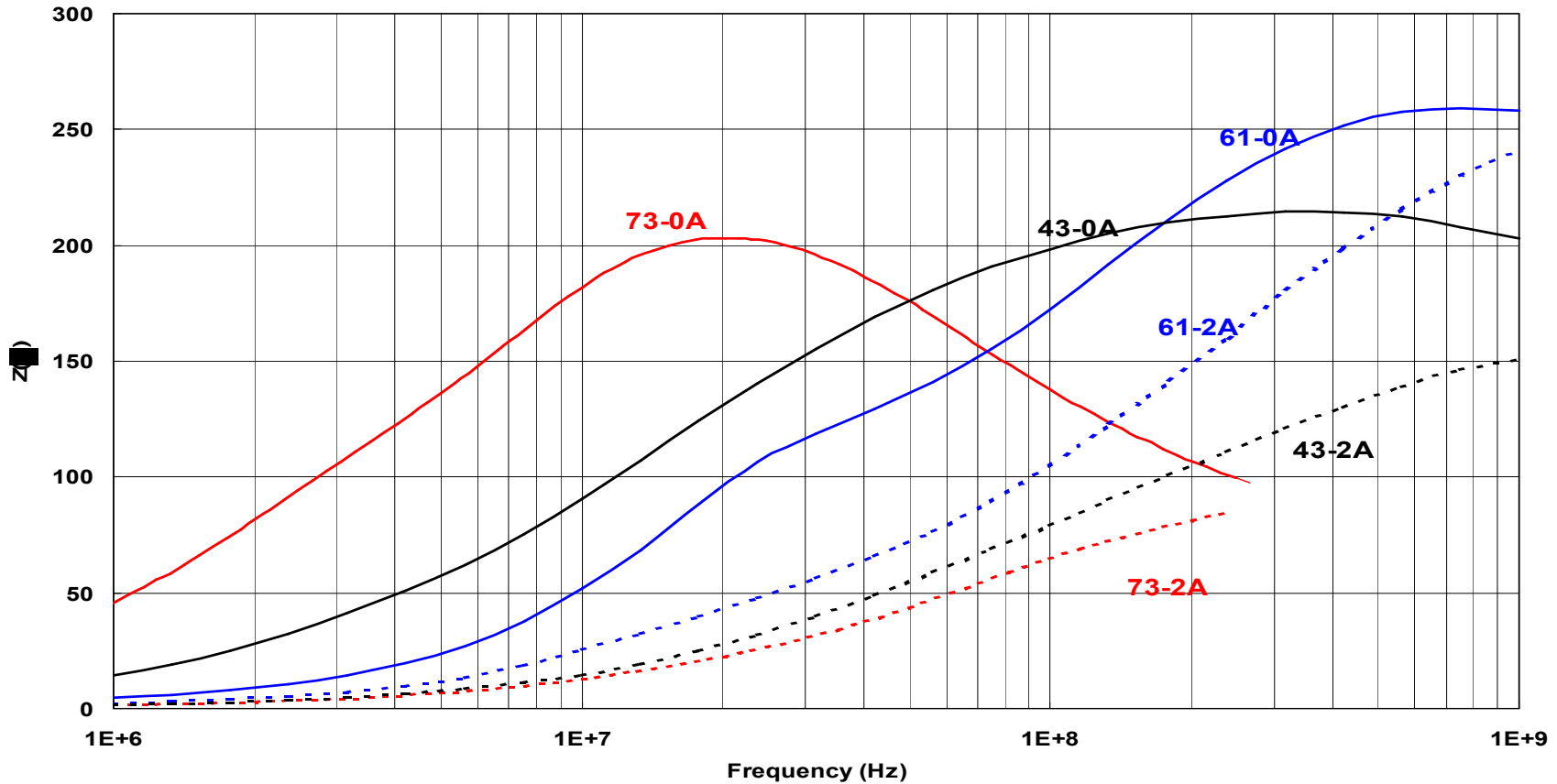


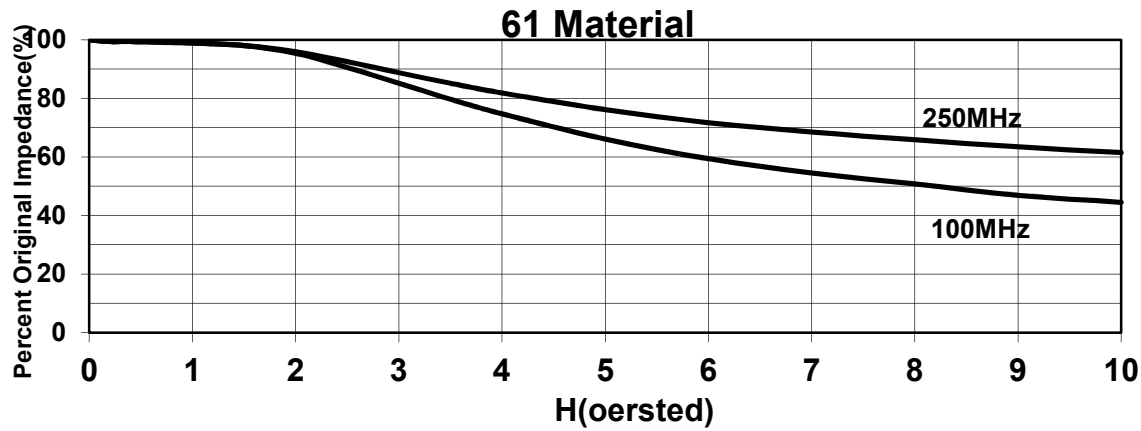
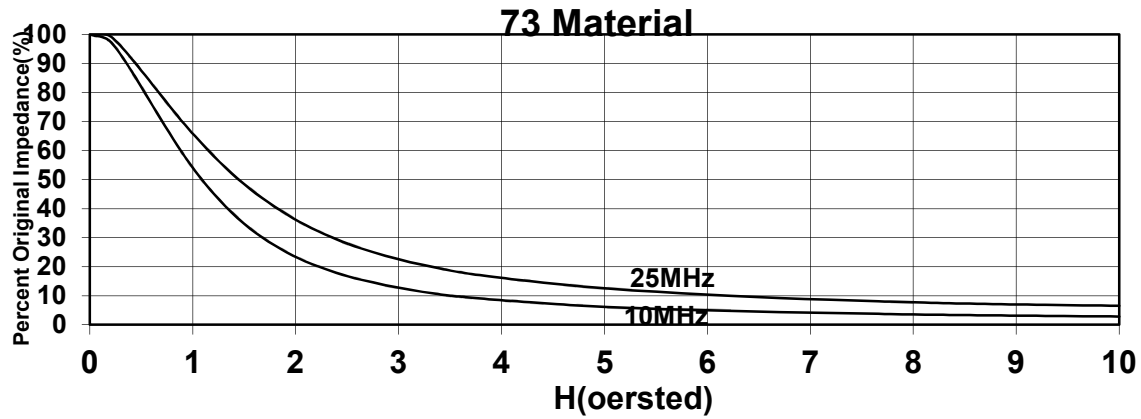


# Material Comparison w/ DC Bias

27--009112

IMPEDANCE vs. FREQUENCY WITH DC BIAS





$$H = (0.4 \pi N I) / l_e$$

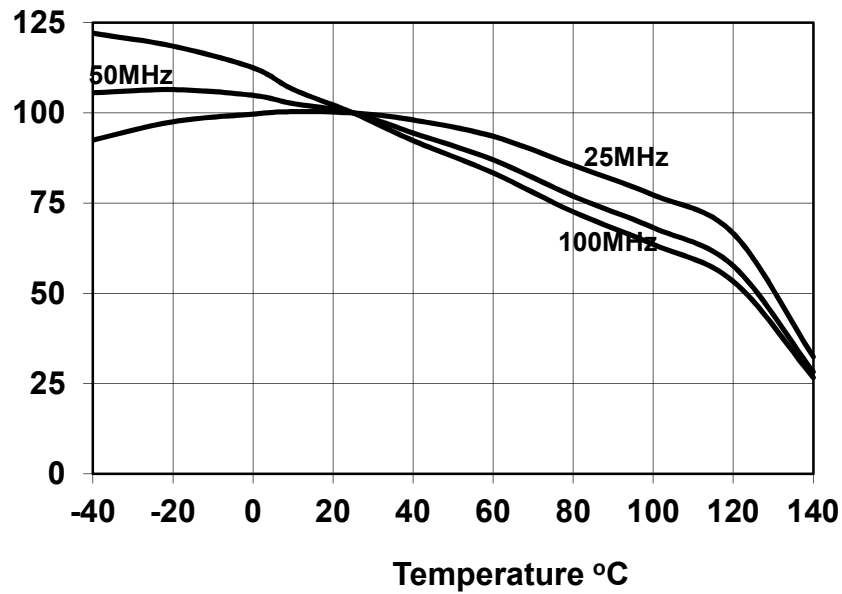




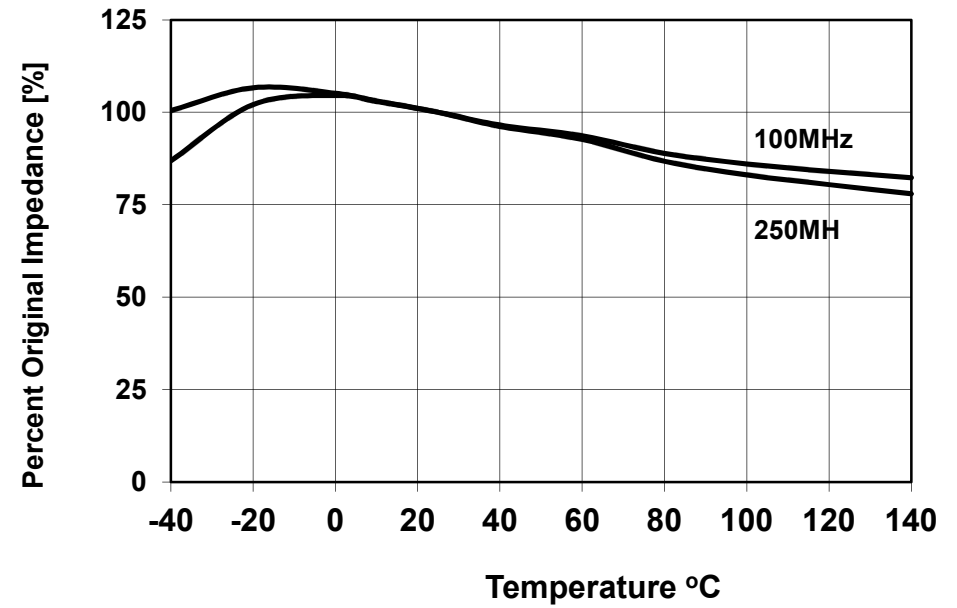


# Impedance vs. Temperature

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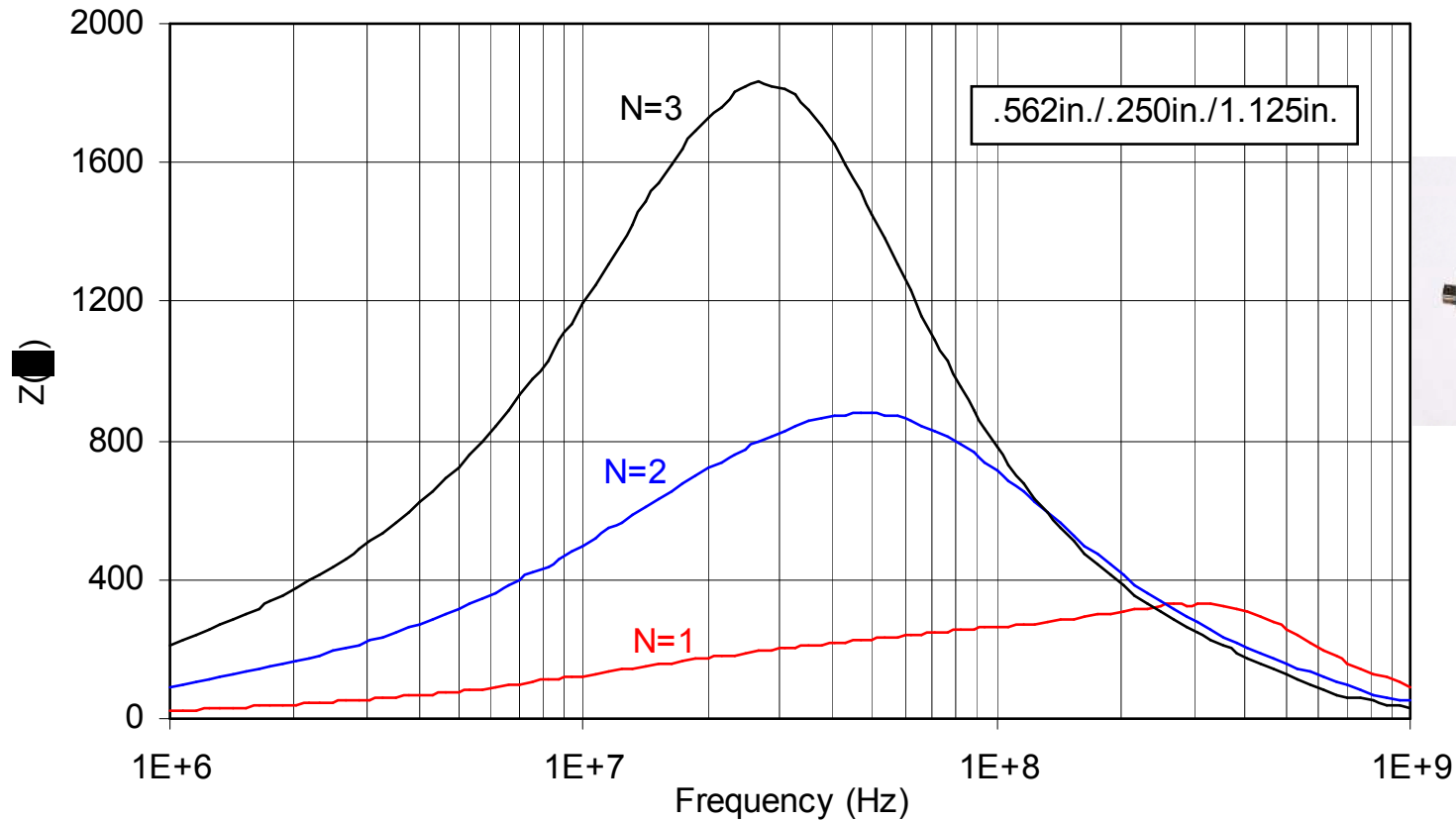
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# The Effect of Turns on Impedance

2643540002 Cable Bead





## Board Level – SMD ferrites

Chip Beads



Package sizes

0402, 0603, 1206, 1806, 1812

Y Std , Z High , H GHz

Impedance Rated at 100MHz

10Ω to 2000Ω

Current Rated 100mA to 6A

SM Beads



Package sizes

.184 x .120 up to .58 x .27 DM & CM

73(<50MHz), 43/44 (25-300MHz), 61 & 52 (250MHz-1GHz)

Impedance Rated at 1MHz to 1GHz

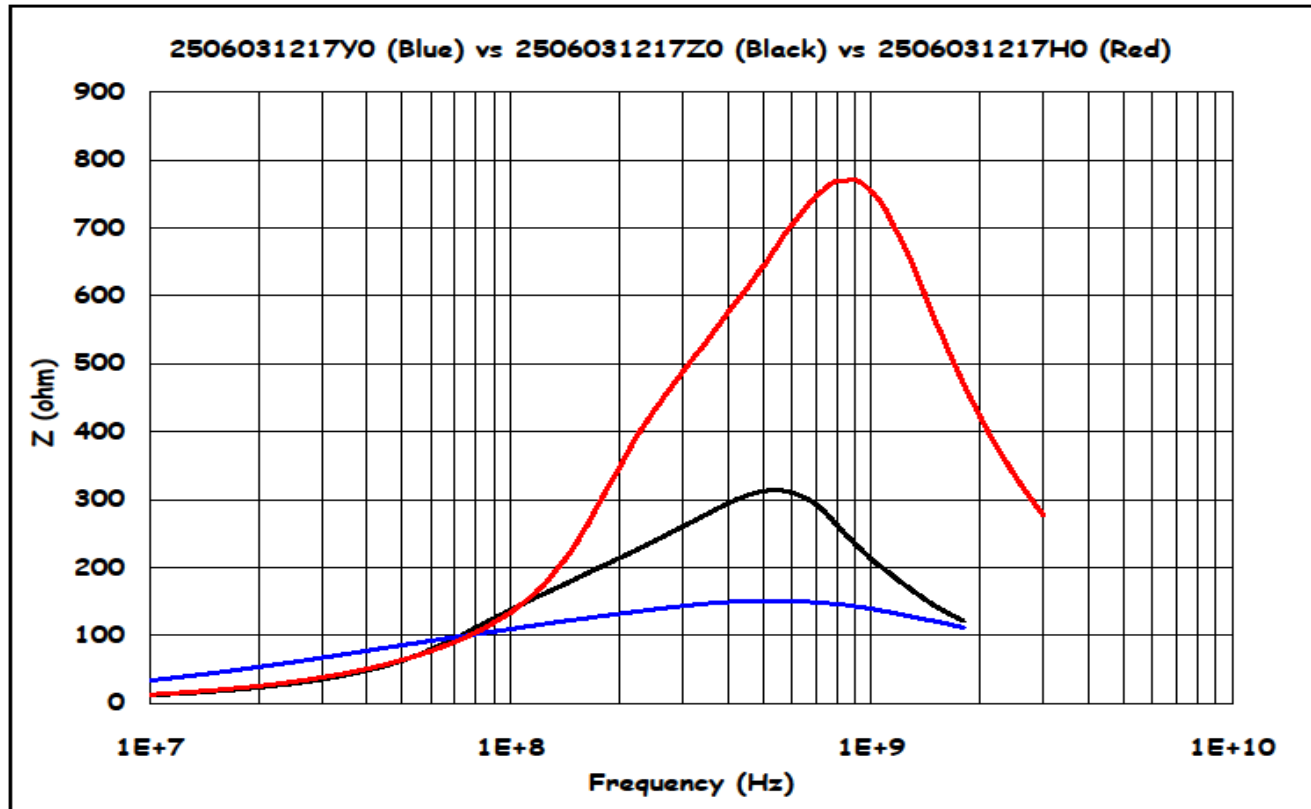
9Ω to 600Ω

Current Rated 5A (to 10A)



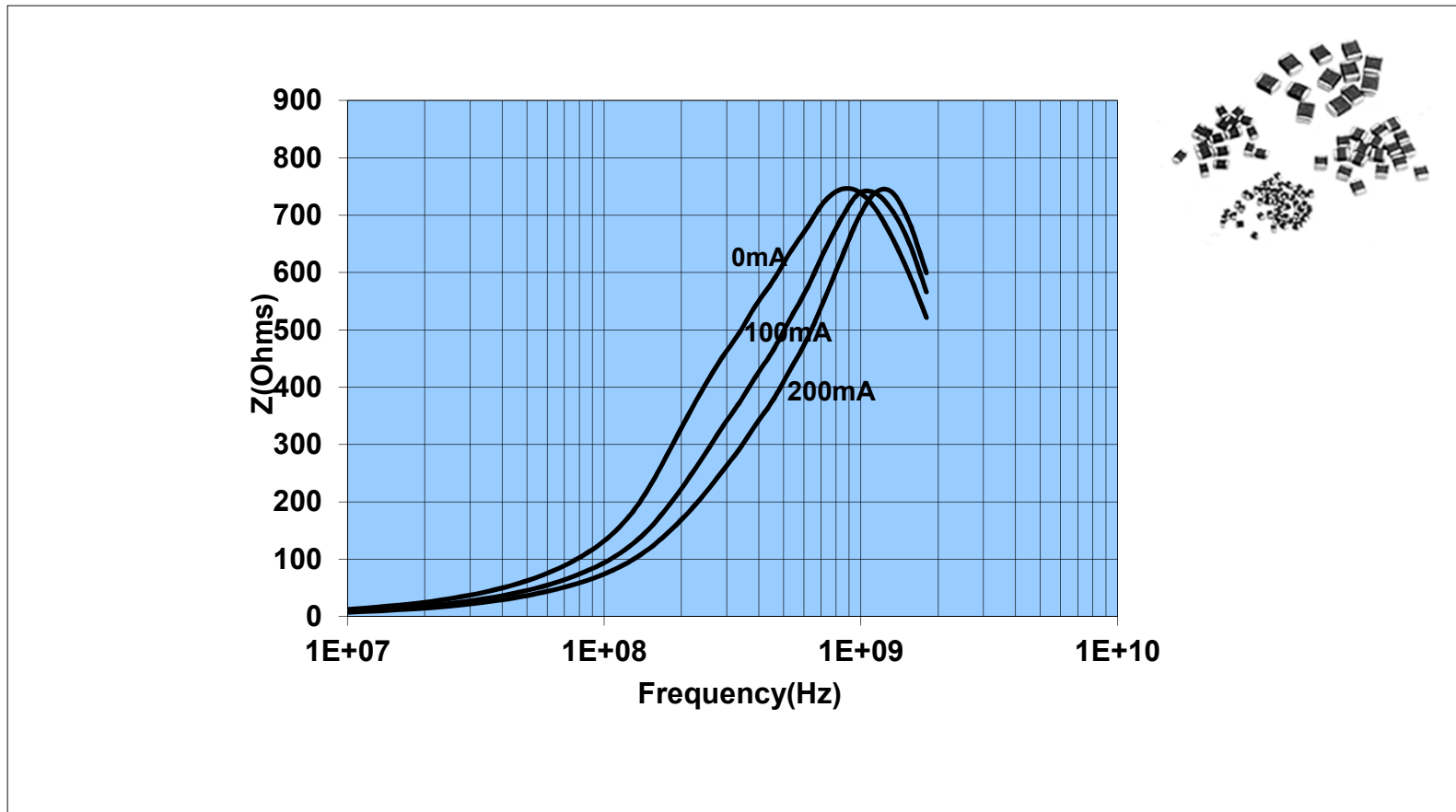


0603 size  $120\Omega$   $\pm 25\%$  Y Std speed vs Z High Speed vs H GHz Speed



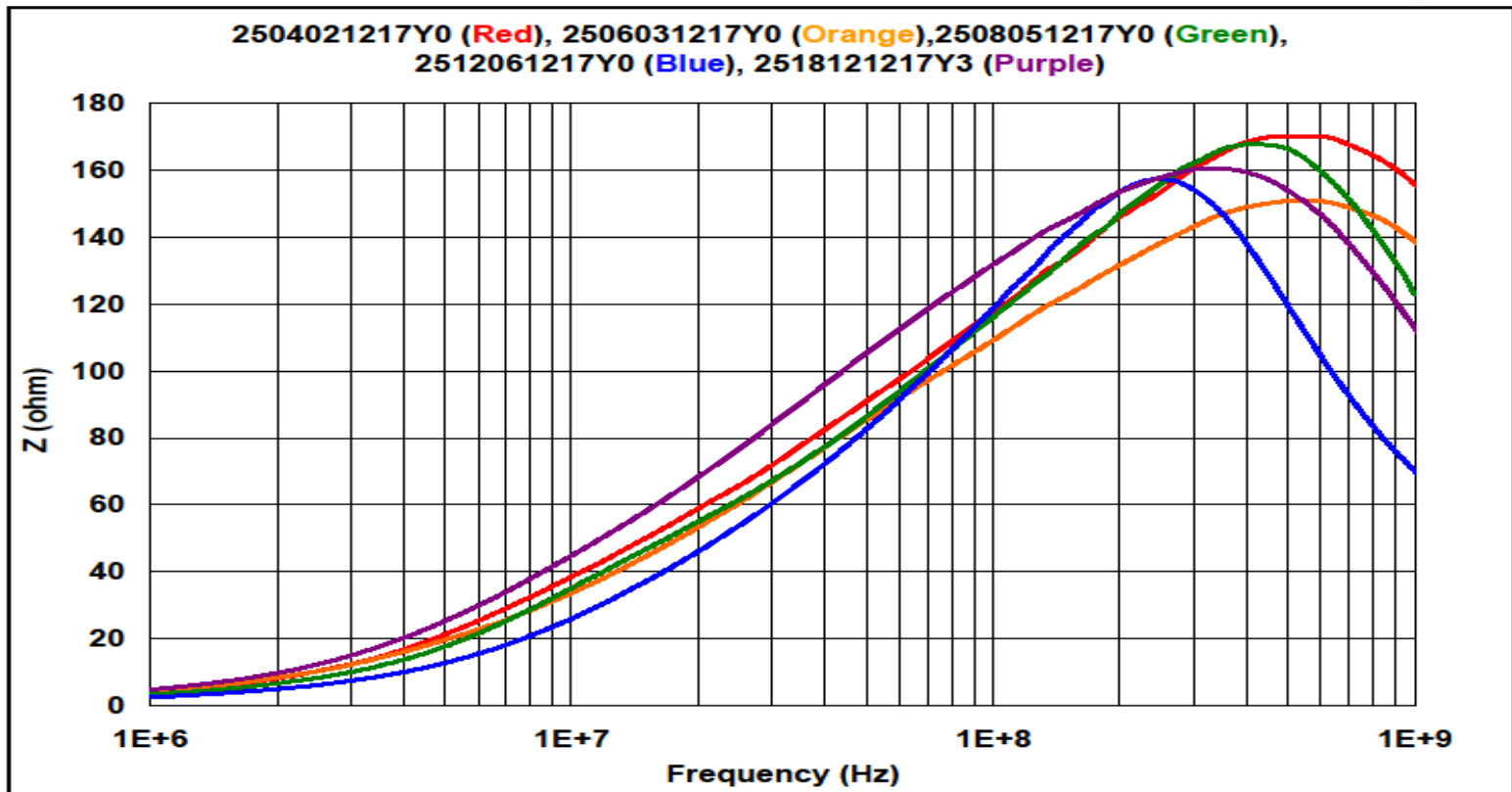


0603 size 120Ω H GHz speed 200mA Device





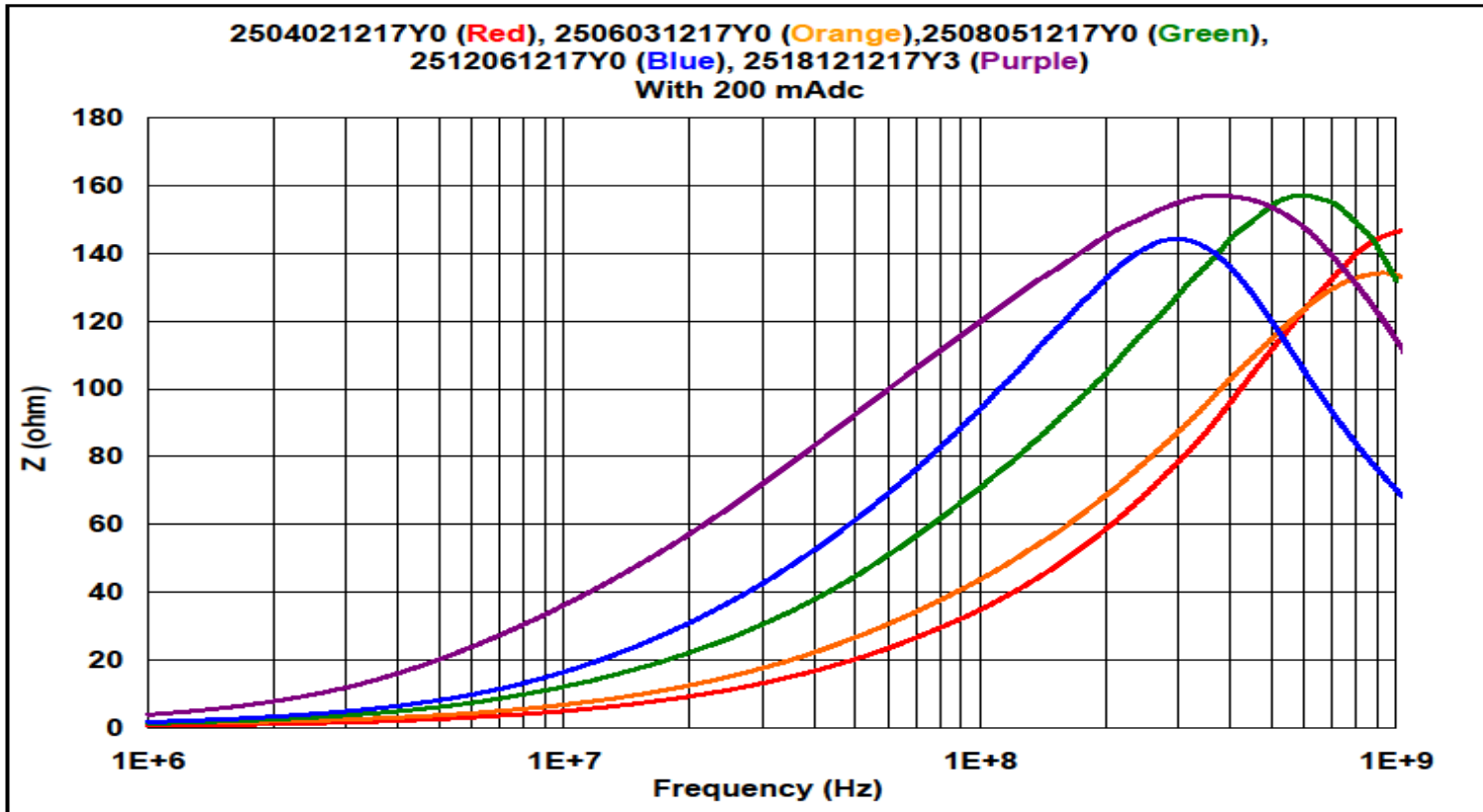
Size Matters all 120Ω 0402 to 1812 packages





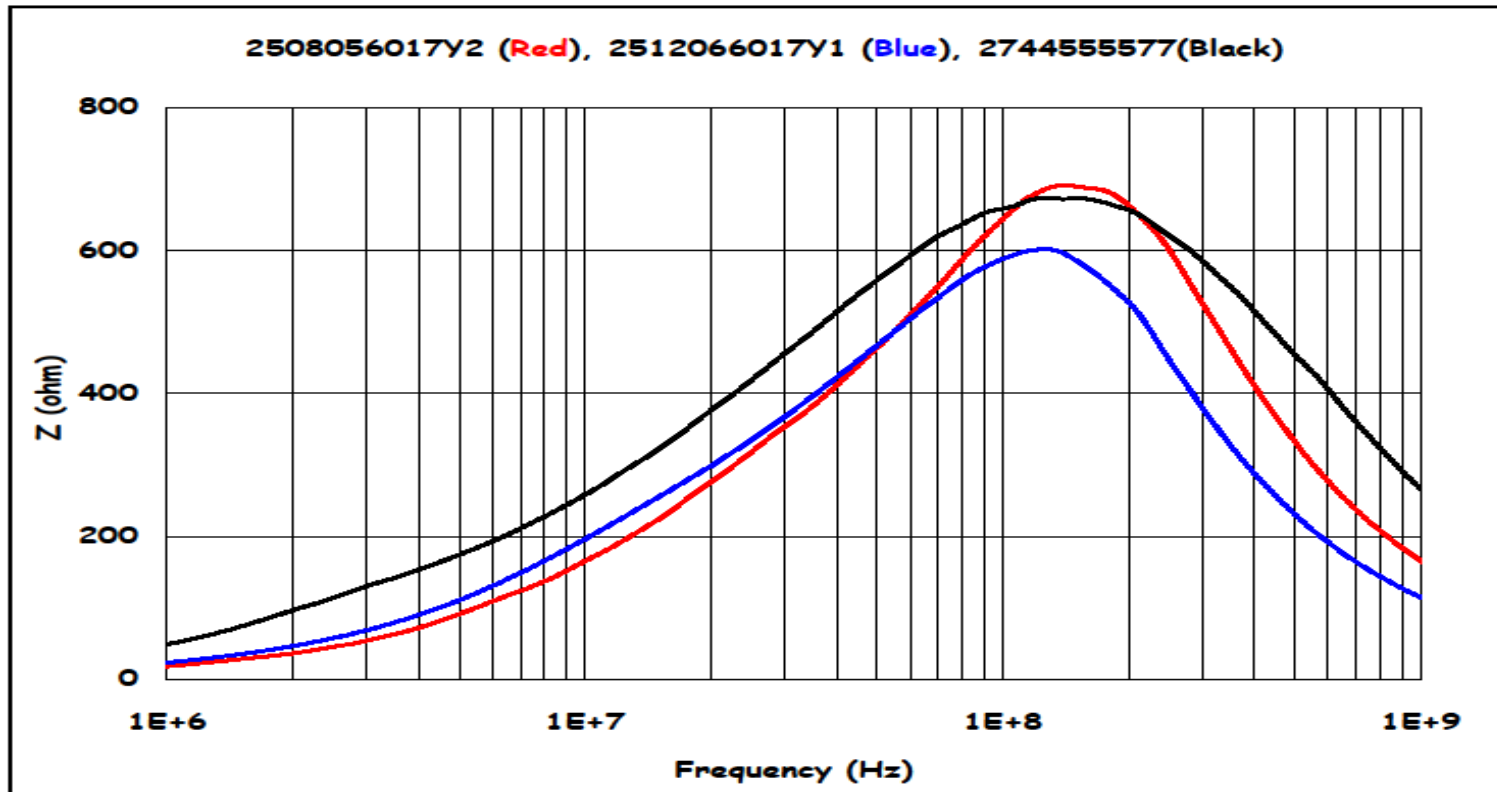


Size Matters all 120Ω 0402 to 1812 packages w/ bia



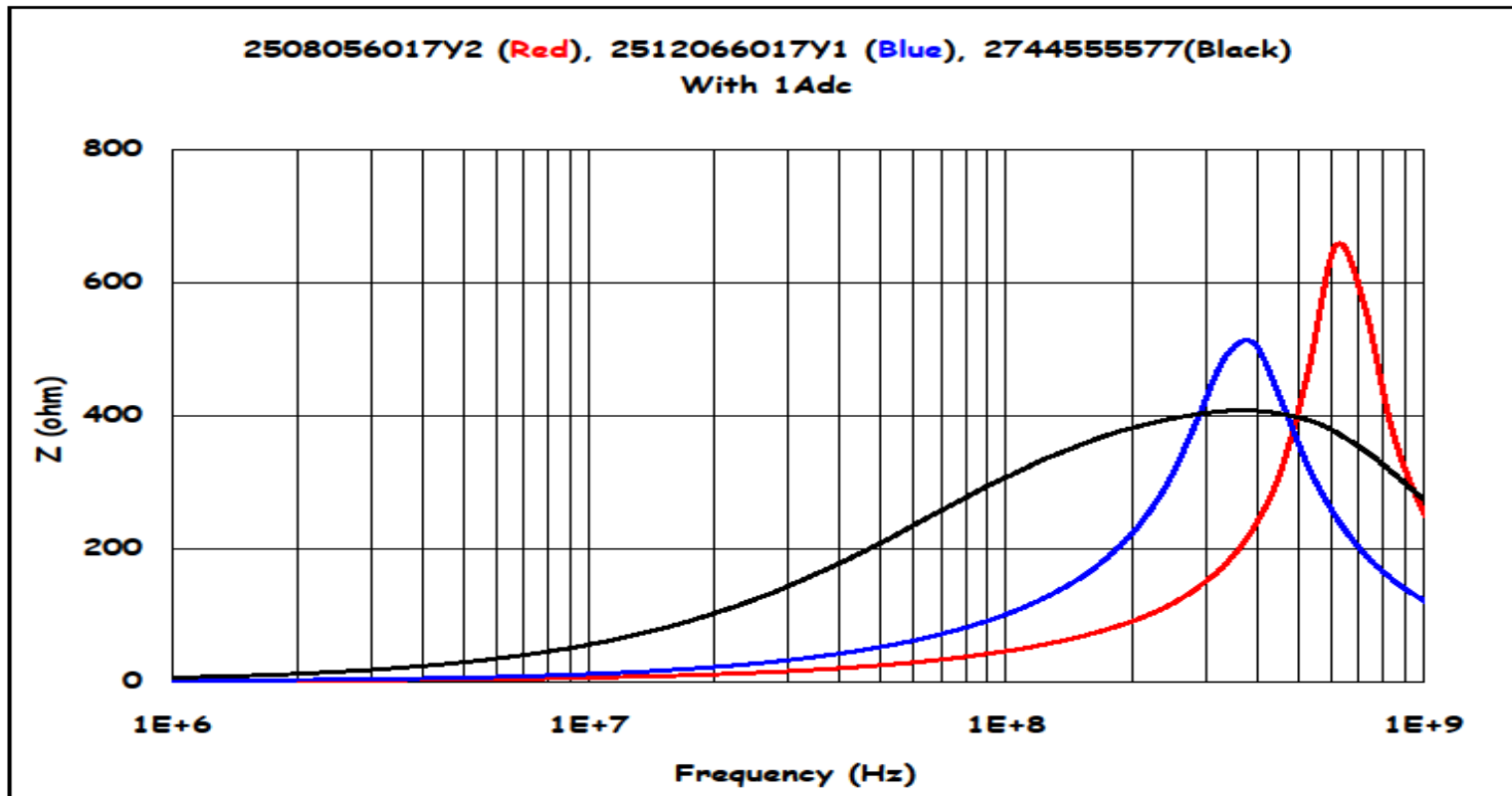


Chip Beads 0805 600Ω vs 1206 600Ω vs SM Bead .43" x .20" 600Ω





Chip Beads 0805 600Ω vs 1206 600Ω vs SM Bead .43 x .20 600Ω





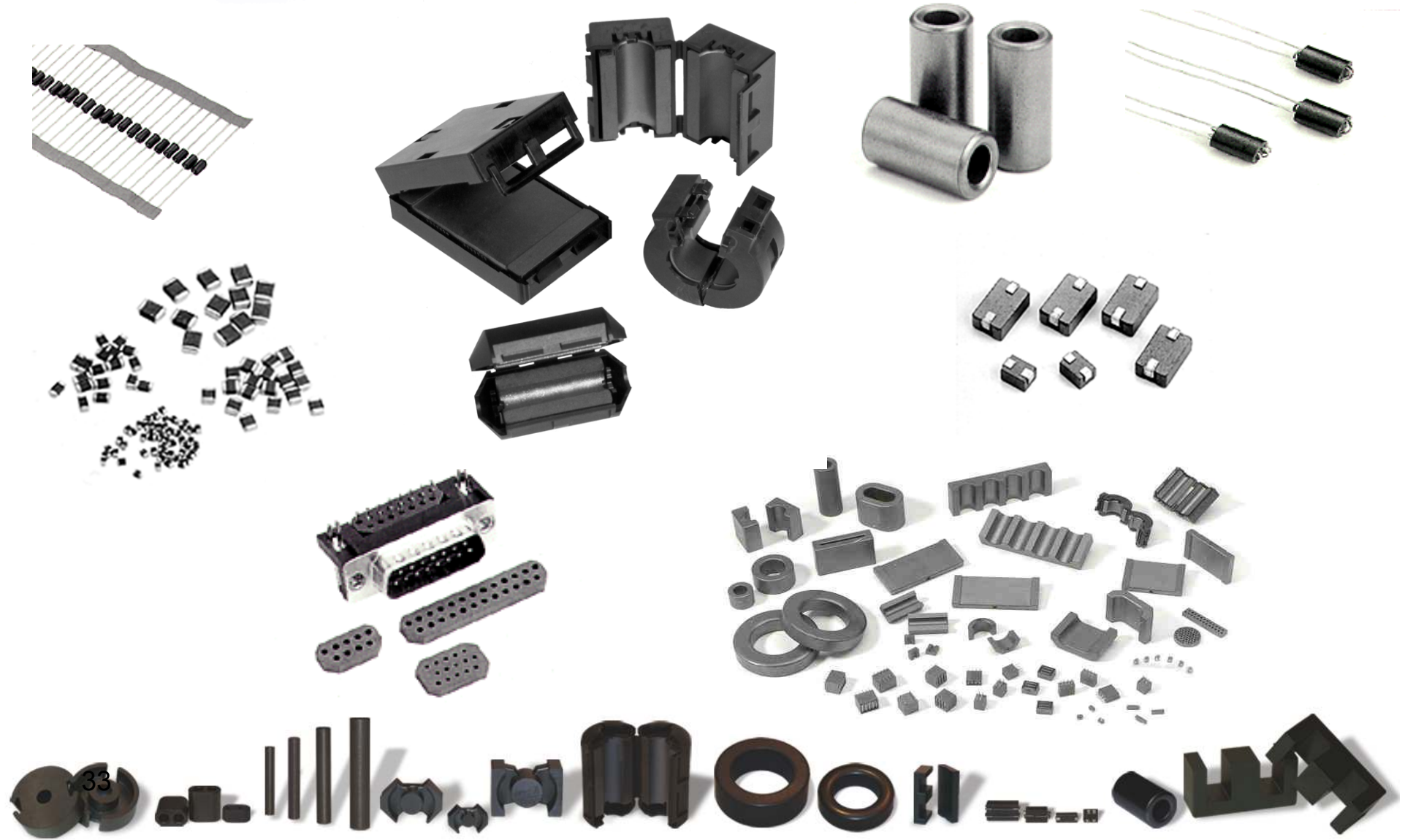
## Review - Desirable Material Properties For EMI Suppression

- High core loss ( $u''$ ) in the intended frequency range (magnetic losses)
  - Note: low eddy current loss (high resistivity)
- High permeability at the low frequency range (high  $u'$ )
- Resistance to dc-bias (i.e. high incremental permeability vs. H)
- Good thermal stability (Z vs. T)
- High Curie Temperature ( $T_c$ )





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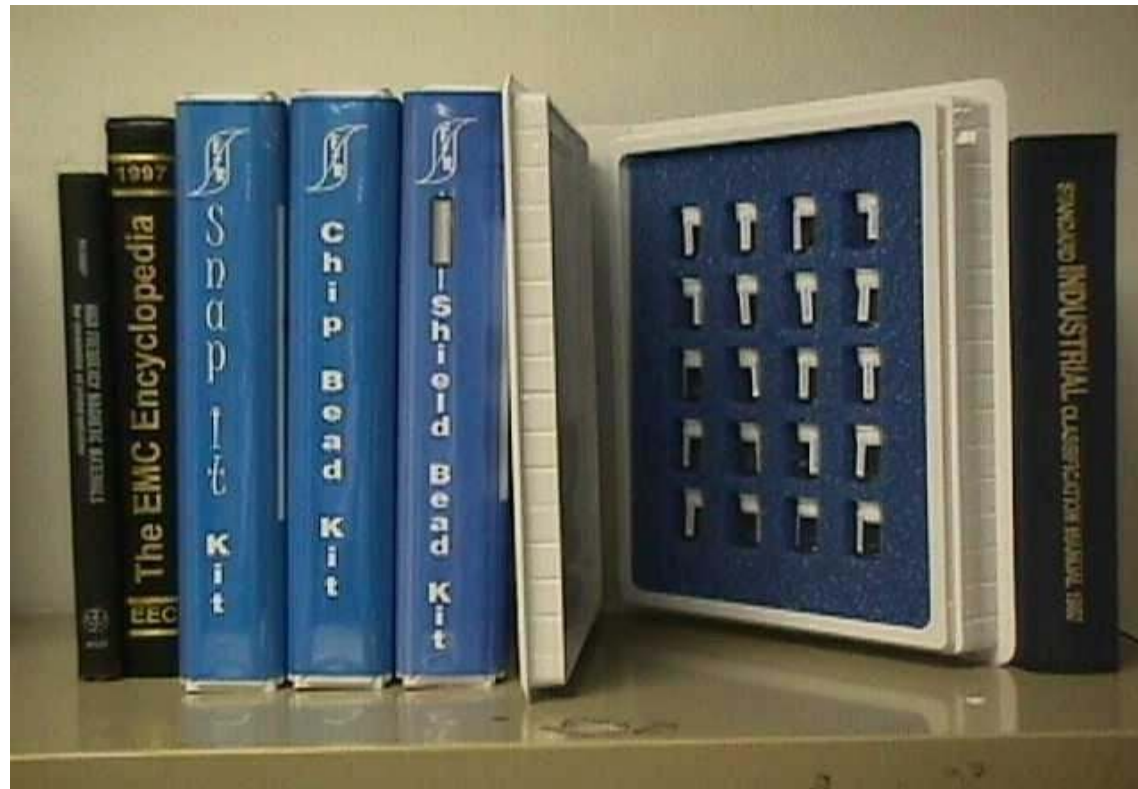






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## Engineering Evaluation - Bookshelf Kits





## Product Range – Power/Inductive Components

### Open Magnetic Circuit

- Rods
- Antenna/RFID Rods
- Bobbins

### Closed Magnetic Circuit

- Toroids
- Pot Core (P)
- PQ
- E
- EFD
- Planar EE, EI, ER
- ETD, EER
- EP
- U
- Custom shape / customer specification





## Power Applications

HF Ferrite Power Transformers and Inductors

Materials: 78, 98, 95, 97, 79

Core Shapes:

Pot (P), E, U, RM, EP, PQ EFD,  
ETD, EER

Planar EI, EE and ER

Toroid





## Power Materials

FR material grade	78	98	95	97	79	units
<b>Initial Permeability <math>\mu_i</math></b>	2300	2400	3000	2000	1400	
<b>Bmx</b>	4800	5000	5000	5000	4700	gauss
at H	5	5	5	5	5	oersted
<b>Br</b>	1500	1800	800	1500	1700	gauss
<b>Hc</b>	0.2	0.17	0.13	0.16	0.4	oersted
<b>Loss Factor (tan <math>\delta/\mu</math>) at 0.1MHz</b>	4.5	3.5	3	3.5	4	1e -6
<b>Temperature Factor 25-60°C</b>	4.2	5.8	2.5	6.5	3.4	1e -6
<b>Curie Temperature <math>T_c</math></b>	200	215	220	220	225	°C.
<b>Resistivity <math>\rho</math></b>	100	200	200	200	200	ohm-cm
<b>Specific Power Loss (typical)</b>						
<b>PL at 25kHz</b>	80					mW/cc
at Flux Density / Temperature	2000 / 100					gauss / °C.
<b>PL at 100kHz</b>	100	50	50	50	100	mW/cc
at Flux Density / Temperature	1000 / 100	1000 / 100	1000 / 100	1000 / 100	1000 / 100	gauss / °C.
<b>PL at 200kHz</b>		190	180	175		mW/cc
at Flux Density / Temperature		1000 / 100	1000 / 100	1000 / 100		gauss / °C.
<b>PL at 500kHz</b>					80	mW/cc
at Flux Density / Temperature					500 / 100	gauss / °C.
<b>Comparable competitor materials</b>						
Ferroxcube	3C90	3C94/96	3C95	3F3	3F35	
EPCOS	N67	N87	N95	N97	N49	
TDK	PC40	PC44	PC95		PC50	
Magnetics Inc.		R			K	
ACME	P4	P41			P5/P51	







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**Q & A**

