



**EDDY CURRENT TESTING  
 EN4179 LEVEL 2 SYLLABUS**
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**General Theory**

Instruction shall be given in the principles, limitations and theoretical aspects of the following:

- Introduction – Brief history of the development of Eddy Current testing, philosophy of NDT and Eddy Current testing capabilities in relation to other methods. Basic aerospace product technology.
- Terms and definitions in Eddy Current testing.
- Electrical theory.
- Basic principles of DC and AC theory – Ohms Law, power formulae, Alternating Current simple circuits, impedance, frequency and phase relationship.
- Basic principles of magnetisation – Magnetic effect of current flow, magnetic field intensity, hysteresis loop and permeability.
- Principles of Eddy Currents.
- Simple circuits – Series and parallel resonance and bridge circuits.
- Coils and coil arrangements, inducing Eddy Currents by coil and the effects of frequency and impedance diagrams.
- Factors affecting the Eddy Current field.
- Effective depth of penetration and factors affecting penetration, test coil information from impedance, coupling, phase change and phase analysis.
- Eddy Current equipment.
- Basic types of Eddy Current instruments.

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- Coil arrangements and types of coil – In-depth principles of probe design; Types of circuits including bridge and resonance; Construction of eddy current probes.
- Advantages and disadvantages of the Eddy Current method.
- Sensitivity in the Eddy Current method.

**Specific Theory**

Instruction shall be given in the following:

- Surface preparation – Method used for surface preparation, importance of correct surface preparation.
- Techniques – Probe characteristics and selection; factors affecting sensitivity; selection of equipment; lift-off compensation; design and application of test reference standards; selection of frequency; low frequency systems; multi-frequency systems; limitations of the various methods and types of test equipment; examples of when to use various techniques; selection of the appropriate technique to ensure complete coverage.
- Methods of assessing sensitivity of technique.
- Test procedures – Reasons for NDT instructions and general contents required.
- Correct use of meter, CRT and flat screen (LCD, LED) instruments – Impedance change instruments including conductivity measurements, coating thickness measurement and crack detection; phase change instruments including volumetric measurements and crack detection; methods of presenting information.
- Probes and calibration standards; selection of probes for surface and bolt hole inspection; advantages and disadvantages of differential and absolute probes; probe handling factors which can affect indications.
- Detectability of defects – Advantages and limitations of the test method with regard to defect detection; characteristics of indications; basic metallurgical factors that can affect Eddy Current readings; types of discontinuity and their identification; relevant, non-relevant and false indications and their causes; interpretation of indications; equipment faults, causes and corrective actions; off scale readings on instrument, reasons and corrective actions.
- Presentation and reporting of inspection results.
- Standards and specifications.

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**Reference material**

- ASNT – Study guide
- Metals Handbook Volume 17 Non-destructive evaluation of quality control
- Supplement to SNT-TC-1A as appropriate
- Non-destructive testing handbook - R McMaster
- Inspection of metals: Visual Examination. - R Anderson
- Basic Metallurgy for NDT - JL Taylor
- Electromagnetic testing classroom training book - ASNT