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This research work was conducted to investigate and understand better the characteristics of magnesium based ferrites. Magnesium-based ferrites were chosen due to one of their vital characteristics, that is high electrical resistivity, which can make them better materials at higher operating frequencies. Besides, they have a lower production cost and no environmental effect. Therefore, perhaps, they can be a better substitute to the existing technological ferrites and consequently replacing them. In order to achieve these goals, a wide-scope experimental investigation was conducted. The samples were prepared by the oxide ceramic processing method, involving dry mixing and solid state reactions. The experimental investigation covered the effects of compositional variations in magnesium-based ferrites with iron deficiency, excess zinc, iron deficiency with excess zinc, magnesium-zinc ion exchange and magnesium-iron ion exchange. Additional experimental work was also carried out to study the effects, on microstructure, of the grinding time, pre-sintering temperature, sintering temperature and sintering time. It was found that, in general, iron deficiency and excess zinc was beneficial to obtaining good magnetic properties. For the magnesium-zinc and magnesium-iron ion exchange, there existed particular compositions which yielded optimum magnetic properties. It was also learned

that sintering temperature and time were both very important in achieving the desired properties.

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Penyelidikan ini dijalankan bagi mengenalpasti and memahami dengan lebih mendalam sifat-sifat ferit berasaskan magnesium. Ferit-ferit berasaskan magnesium dipilih disebabkan oleh salah satu daripada kelebihanannya, iaitu sifat kerintangan yang tinggi yang menjadikan bahan tersebut lebih baik pada frekuensi pengoperasian yang lebih tinggi. Di samping itu, mereka mempunyai kos penghasilan yang agak rendah serta tidak mempunyai kesan ke atas alam sekitar. Dengan demikian, adalah diharapkan mereka boleh menjadi pengganti yang lebih baik kepada teknologi ferit yang sedia ada dan seterusnya menggantikan mereka. Bagi mencapai matlamat tersebut, suatu kajian eksperimen meliputi suatu julat yang luas telah dijalankan. Sampel-sampel telah disediakan berdasarkan kaedah pemprosesan oksida seramik, melibatkan kaedah kering dan tindakbalas keadaan pepejal. Kajian eksperimen meliputi kesan terhadap perubahan komposisi di dalam ferit berasaskan magnesium dengan pengurangan bahan besi, lebihan bahan zink, pengurangan bahan besi berserta lebihan bahan zink, penukargantian antara ion magnesium-zink dan penukargantian antara ion magnesium-besi. Di samping itu, kerja eksperimen juga dijalankan bagi mengkaji kesan ke atas mikrostruktur, iaitu masa pemecahan bahan, suhu pra-pembakaran, suhu pembakaran dan julat masa pembakaran. Adalah didapati bahawa, umumnya, pengurangan bahan besi dan lebihan bahan zink amat berfaedah bagi mencapai sifat-sifat magnet yang baik.

Bagi penukargantian antara ion magnesium-zink dan magnesium-besi, didapati wujud tahap komposisi yang boleh mencapai sifat-sifat magnet yang optimum. Ia juga didapati bahawa suhu dan masa pembakaran adalah amat penting bagi mencapai sifat bahan yang diperlukan.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

H	applied field
μ_B	Bohr magneton
H_c	coercive force
A	cross sectional area
T_c	Curie temperature
ρ	density
f	frequency
B	induction
L	inductance
μ_i	initial permeability
D_i	inner diameter
σ	internal stress
l	length
$\tan \delta$	loss tangen
μ_0	permeability of free space
N	number of wire turns
D_o	outer diameter
PVA	poly-vinyl alcohol
T_{ps}	pre-sintering temperature
Q	quality factor
RLF	relative loss factor
B_r	remanent induction
R	resistance