

Designer's Corner

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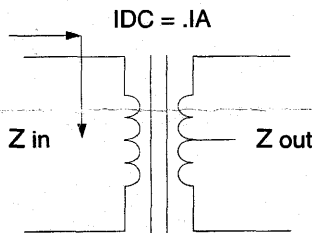
Designing a Broadband Audio, 20 Watts thru, Single Ended...

20 to 20,000 Hz \pm .75 db

Z_{in} = 1500 Ω

Z_{out} = 8 Ω tap at 4 Ω

IDC Primary = 100 ma



$$L_p = \frac{1500 \times 1.2}{2\pi \times 20} = 14.3 \text{ Henries; call it } 15$$

After a couple of tries with smaller cores, I'm going to select an EI-138, and a larger than square stack. Say ~2.00"

$A_c = 1.375 \times 2 = 2.75 \text{ in}^2$... core area
 $A_w = 1.418 \text{ in}^2$... window area
 $l_i = 20.96 \text{ cm}$... path length in cm

1/4 window (for 295 pri) = $1.418/4 = .3545 \text{ in}^2$

$A_c \quad I_{pri} = \sqrt{\frac{20}{1500}} = .115 \text{ amps}$

$TOTAL \quad I_{pri} = \sqrt{.115^2 + .10^2} = .152 \text{ amps}$

$A_c \quad E_{pri} = .115 \times 1500 = 173 \text{ volts}$

#29 awg = 127 cm/l. 152 amps = 836 cm/amp
 d 29 single = .0126 inch

If I use ~2250 turns on pri

$2250 \times .0126^2 = .3572...$ pretty close to .3545 in²

In order to get 15H with 2250 turns the μ_{eff} needs to be $\mu_{eff} = L/i/1.256 N^2 A_c K \times 10^{-8}$

$= 15 \times 20.96 / 1.256 \times 2250^2 \times 2.75 \times 6.45 \times .95 \times 10^{-8}$
 $= 293$

$l_a = \left[\frac{1}{293} - .001 \right] \times 20.96 = .0505 \text{ total gap in cm}$

$.0505 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2.54} = .010 \text{ inches, gap spacers}$

$1.256 NI = l_i H_{dc} + l_a B_{dc}$

$B_{dc} = (1.256 \times 2250 \times .1 - 2) / .0505 = 5556 \text{ gauss dc}$

$B_{ac} = \frac{3.5 \times 10^6 \times 173V}{20 \times 2.75 \times .95 \times 2250} = 5150 \text{ gauss ac}$

$N_{s8\Omega} = 2250 \sqrt{8/1500} = 164 \text{ turns}$

$N_{s4\Omega} = 2250 \sqrt{4/1500} = 116 \text{ turns}$

$I = \sqrt{20/4} = 2.23 \text{ amps}$

Use #18 on whole sec for simplicity

$MTL = 1.375 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 + \pi \times \frac{.6875}{2} \times .85 = 8.586 \text{ in}$

$DCR_{pri} = 8.586 \times 2250 \times 81.84 / 12K = 132\Omega$

$DCR_{sec} = 8.586 \times 164 \times 6.385 / 12K = .75\Omega$

$I^2 R_{pri} = .152^2 \times 132 = 3.04 \text{ watts}$

$I^2 R_{sec} = 2.23^2 \times .75 = 3.73 \text{ watts}$

M6 core loss = $6.0\# \times .5 \frac{W}{\#} = 3.0 \text{ watts}$

Total losses ~ 9.77 watts

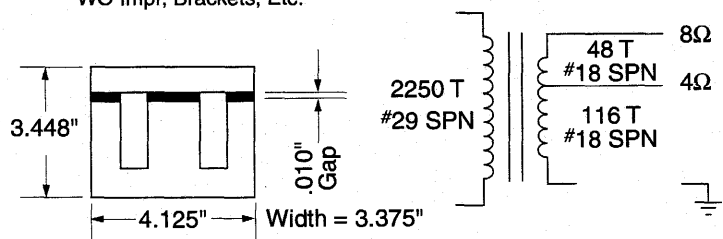
$A_s \cong 70 \text{ in}^2$; surface area

$\Delta T = \frac{9.77}{70} \times 160 = 23^\circ C \text{ temp rise}$

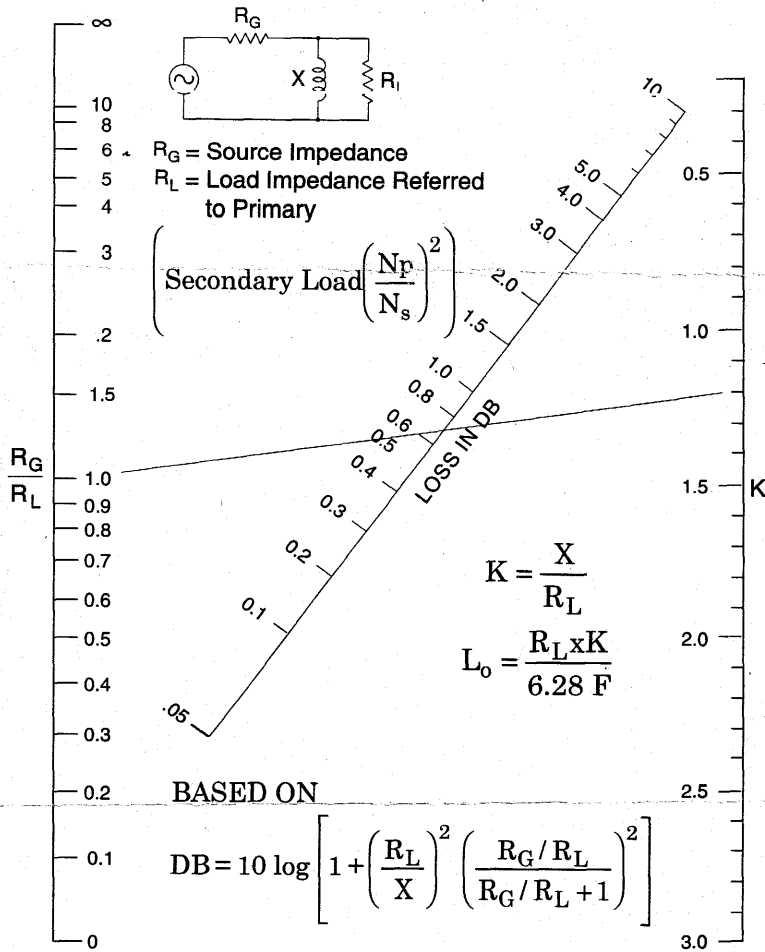
Wire Wt = 1.3#
 Cor Wt = 6.0#
 Total = 7.3#
 WO Impr, Brackets, Etc.

Interleave to Reduce l_i by 4

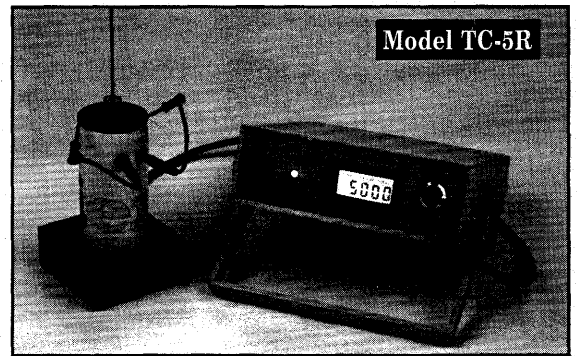
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DB Loss Prediction Chart for Low Frequencies



Ref. "An Analysis of Audio Frequency Response Charts"
By H. Holobow in Communications, Oct. 1942.



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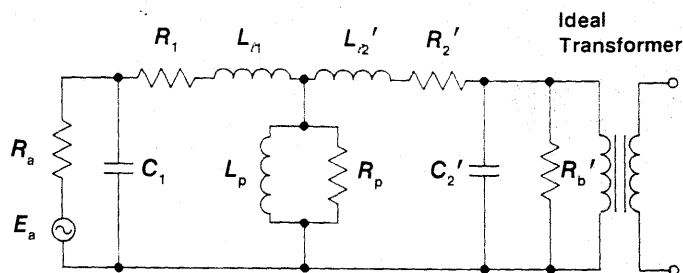


Figure 2 Lumped equivalent circuit of a transformer.

- E_a = source EMF
- R_a = source resistance
- C_1 = primary winding capacitance
- R_1 = resistance of primary winding
- L_{l1} = primary leakage inductance
- L_p = open circuit inductance of primary winding
- R_p = shunt resistance that represents loss in core

Secondary parameters reflected to the primary side.

- C_2' = secondary winding capacitance
- R_2' = resistance of secondary winding
- L_{l2}' = secondary leakage inductance
- R_b' = load resistance

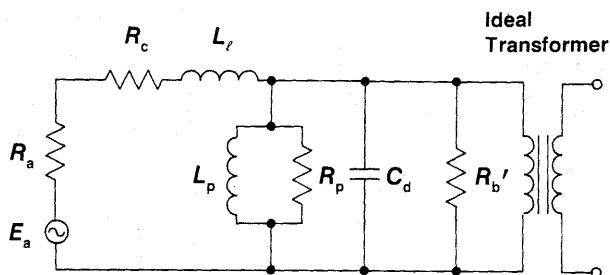


Figure 3 Simplified equivalent transformer circuit.

- $C_d = C_1 + C_2'$
- $R_c = R_1 + R_2'$
- $L_l = L_{l1} + L_{l2}'$

For other circuit parameters see Figure 2.

reactance X_{Lp} , with a negligible contribution of the equivalent shunt loss resistance R_p . The insertion loss may therefore be expressed in terms of the shunt inductance:

$$A_i = 10 \log_{10} \left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{\omega L_p} \right)^2 \right) \text{ dB}$$

$$\text{Where } R = R_a \times R_b' / R_a + R_b'$$

For most ferrite broadband transformer designs, the only elements that are likely to effect the transmission at the mid-band frequency range are the winding resistances. The insertion loss for the mid-band frequency region due to the winding resistance may be expressed as:

$$A_i = 20 \log_{10} \left(1 + \frac{R_c}{R_a + R_b'} \right) \text{ dB}$$

$$\text{Where } R_c = R_1 + R_2'$$

In the higher frequency region the transmission characteristics are mainly a function of the leakage inductance or the shunt capacitance. It is often necessary to consider the effect of both of these reactances, depending upon the circuit impedance. In a low impedance circuit the high frequency droop due to leakage inductance is:

$$A_i = 10 \log_{10} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\omega L_l}{R_a + R_b'} \right)^2 \right) \text{ dB}$$

This high frequency droop in a high impedance circuit, due to the shunt capacitance, is as follows:

$$A_i = 10 \log_{10} \left(1 + (\omega CR)^2 \right) \text{ dB}$$

Reviewing the insertion loss characteristics for the three frequency regions, it can be concluded that the selection of ferrite material and core shape should result in a transformer design that yields the highest inductance per turn at the low frequency cutoff f_1 . This will result in the required shunt inductance for the low frequency region with the least number of turns. The low number of turns are desirable for low insertion loss at the mid-band region and also for low winding parasitics needed for good response at the high frequency cutoff f_2 .