

RODS AND TUBES

Rods and tubes are generally used to increase the inductance of a coil. The magnetic circuit is very open and therefore the mechanical dimensions have more influence on the inductance than the ferrite's permeability (see Fig.64) unless the rod is very slender.

In order to establish the effect of a rod on the inductance of a coil, the following procedure should be carried out:

- Calculate the length to diameter ratio of the rod (l/d)
- Find this value on the horizontal axis and draw a vertical line.

The intersection of this line with the curve of the material permeability gives the effective rod permeability.

The inductance of the coil, provided the winding covers the whole length of the rod is given by:

$$L = \mu_0 \mu_{rod} \frac{N^2 A}{l} \text{ (H)}$$

where:

N = number of turns

A = cross sectional area of rod

l = length of coil.

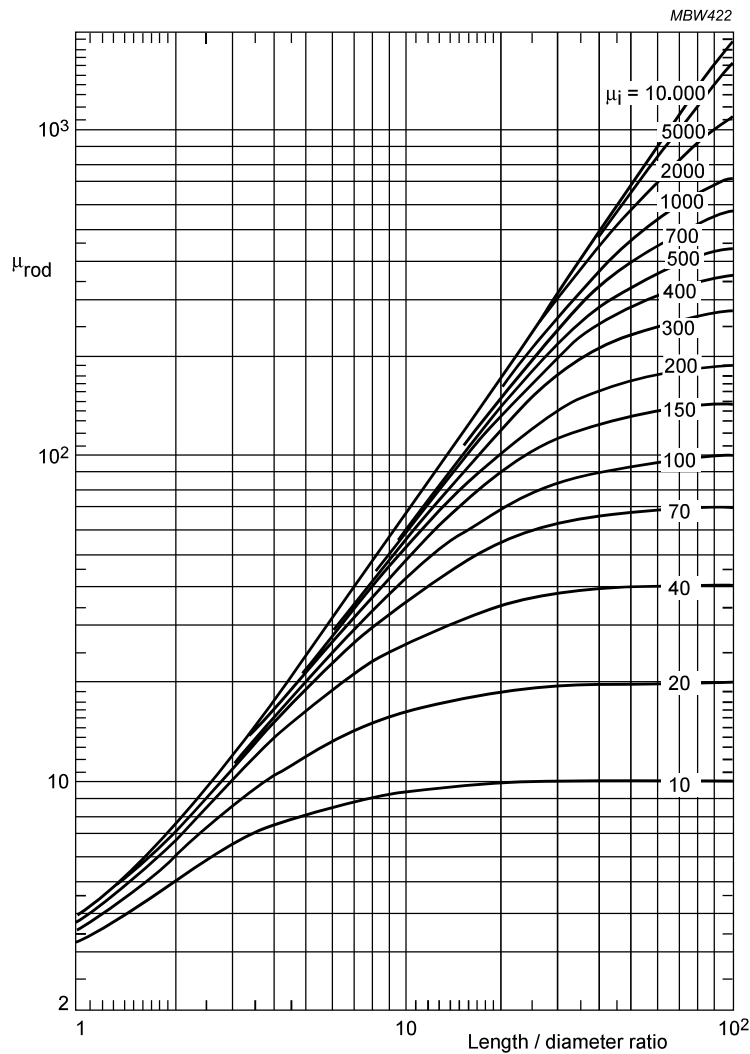


Fig.64 Rod permeability (μ_{rod}) as a function of length to diameter ratio with material permeability as a parameter.