

Introduction

Ferrite beads (or chips) are recommended for IDT clock products for power supply filtering of the main supply rails.

The five leading parameters and characteristics to consider when selecting ferrite bead are DC resistance, AC impedance, bias current rating, material, and package size. What is desired for good isolation is a low pass power filter. For that a bead with some DC resistance is best. High current power beads should be avoided. How much resistance depends on how much voltage drop is allowed and therefore the maximum current of the device being powered.

Some **DC resistance** is desirable to reduce the Q of the low pass LC filter. DC resistance in datasheets is usually 1.5 to 2 times the typical DC resistance. DC resistance should be measured with a 4-wire or Kelvin ohm meter. This is material dependent.

AC impedance characteristics are also material dependent. Examine the impedance curves. Impedance is normally measured and specified at 100 MHz. Select a bead with higher loss at 50 MHz.

Bias current rating. Ferrite beads are magnetic devices whose loss is affected by the bias current. When operating at close to maximum rating the impedance may decrease by half in some ferrite beads. Usually beads are now de-rated by manufactures.

Material. Beads in different form factors have similar DC resistance and impedance characteristics that use the same material.

Examples of Suitable Ferrite Beads

Manufacture	Part Number	Z@100MHz	Package Size	DC Res.	Current (Ma)
Fair-rite	2504021217Y	120	0402	0.5	200
muRata	BLM15AG221SN1	220	0402	0.35	300
muRata	BLM15BB121SN1	120	0402	0.35	300
TDK	MMZ1005S241A	240	0402	0.18	200
TECSTAR	TB4532153121	120	0402	0.3	300
muRata	BLM18BB221SN1	220	0603	0.45	450
muRata	BLM18AG601SN1	600	0603	0.50	200
muRata	BLM18BD601SN1_PB	600	0603	0.65	200
Ceratech	HB-1T1608-601	600	0603	0.50	200
TDK	MMZ1608R301A	300	0603	0.20	500
muRata	BLM21A601R	600	0805	0.30	600
TDK	MMZ2012S601A	600	0805	0.30	600
STEWARD	HZ0805E601R	600	0805	0.30	600
AssocCmpTch	CBG0805-600-50	600	0805	0.30	600

Package size. Manufactures may specify the package size in either mils (1 inch/1000) or millimeters (mm)

Package Size Conversion Chart

mils	mm
0402 =	1005
0603 =	1608
0805 =	2012
1206 =	3216

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