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Effect of Heat-Treatment on the GMI Effect and Domain Structure of Amorphous and Nanocrystalline Soft Magnetic Fe72Si12.5B9Nb3Cu1Al1.5Ge1 Alloy

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Amorphous and nanocrystalline alloys have attracted considerable attention due to their often unique magnetic, electronic, mechanical, chemical, optical and other properties [1]. Among different nanocrystalline alloys, Fe-Cu-Nb-Si-B alloys (i.e. Finemet) have attracted much interest because of their excellent soft magnetic properties. This alloy is derived from the conventional Fe-Si-B system with minor additions of copper (Cu) and niobium (Nb)[2]. In this case, Cu acts as a nucleating agent and enhances the nucleation of the bcc grains whereas Nb inhibits the grain growth of the FeSi phase that crystallizes from the amorphous matrix during annealing [2,3]. It has been found that the crystallization of Fe-Si-B amorphous alloys containing Nb and Cu causes the formation of nanoscale BCC structure and the BCC alloys exhibit good soft magnetic properties of 1.2/1.4T for saturation magnetic fluxdensity (Bs) and high effective permeability (µe)[4]. One of the very important features observed in this nanocrystalline compound is the so-called magnetoimpedance (MI) effect making them as an excellent candidate for technological applications such as magnetic devices or sensors based on MI effect. This phenomenon is a strong dependence of the electrical impedance Z (f, H), of a ferromagnetic conductor on an external static magnetic field H, when a high-frequency alternating current flows through it[5]. The percentage change of the magnetoimpedance (i.e., the GMI ratio) with applied magnetic field has been expressed as : (1)Where Z(H) is the impedance of the sample at zero DC magnetic field, Hmax is the maximum applied DC magnetic field[5,6]. Various works have reported the effects of heat-treatment conditions [7] and different substitutions [8,9] on the magnetic properties of FINEMET alloys. In the work presented here, we report the effect of annealing time on the GMI effect and domain structure of the as-spun and heat-treated Fe72Si12.5B9Nb3Cu1Al1.5Ge1 ribbons

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