## **3B SCIENTIFIC® PHYSICS**



# Coil with Variable Number of Turns per Unit Length 1000965

### **Instruction Sheet**

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1 Scale

- 2 4mm safety sockets
- 3 Coil wire
- 4 Coil bobbin

#### 1. Safety instructions

- Operation of the coil is only allowed with extra low voltages.
- Do not exceed the maximum current for long-term use.
- Do not touch the coil during the experiment.
- If the coil should become overloaded, they must be allowed to cool before switching on the current again.
- Any modifications to the set-up must be made with the primary voltage switched off.

#### 2. Description

The coil of variable number of turns per unit length is used to investigate the magnetic flux density in cylindrical coils as a function of the number of turns per unit length.

The coil has a cylindrical bobbin made from acrylic glass with adjustable 4 mm safety sockets. By means of a clamping device the distance between the ends of the coil windings can be mechanically locked. A cm scale allows easy reading of the coil length. The current may exceed the indicated long-term maximum for short periods.

#### 3. Technical data

Coil diameter:	100 mm
Number of turns:	30
Coil length:	490 mm
Max. Current:	10 A, for short periods 20 A
Anschluss:	4 mm safety sockets

#### 4. Operating principle

Inside a coil the magnetic flux density B depends on the number of turns n, the coil length L and the coil current I. For an air-core coil it is given by the equation:

$$B = \mu_0 \cdot n \cdot I \cdot \frac{1}{L} = \mu_0 \cdot I \cdot \frac{n}{L}$$
(1)

The magnetic field constant is  $\mu_0 = 1,256637 \cdot 10^6 \text{ Vs/Am}.$ 

#### 5. Sample experiments

For the experiment the following additional devices are required:

DC-power supply 0 - 16 V, 0 - 20 A 3B NET/og™ (115 V, 50/60 Hz)	1002771 1000539
or	
3B NETlog™ (230 V, 50/60 Hz)	1000540
Magnetic Field Sensor ±100 mT	1000558
Stand for Cylindrical Coils	1000964

#### 5.1 Confirmation of equation 1

- . Put the coil on the stand and connect it to the power supply unit.
- Switch on the power supply unit and adjust the currentto approx. 10 A.
- Measure the magnetic flux density *B* with the magnetic field sensor.
- Determine the length of the coil and use equation (1) to calculate the theoretical value for *B*.
- Repeat the measurement with different coil lengths.
- Compare the calculated values with the measured ones.

## 5.2 Determination of the magnetic field constant $\mu_0$

- Measure the magnetic flux density *B* with different coil lengths *I*.
- Record the values in a table and plot *B* as a function of 1/*L* in a coordinate plane.

The slope *m* corresponds to the product  $\mu_0 \cdot \frac{n}{L}$ . Hence

$$\mu_0 = \frac{m \cdot L}{n} \tag{2}$$



Fig. 1 Experiment set-up