

# Details of Current Sensors by Operating Principle

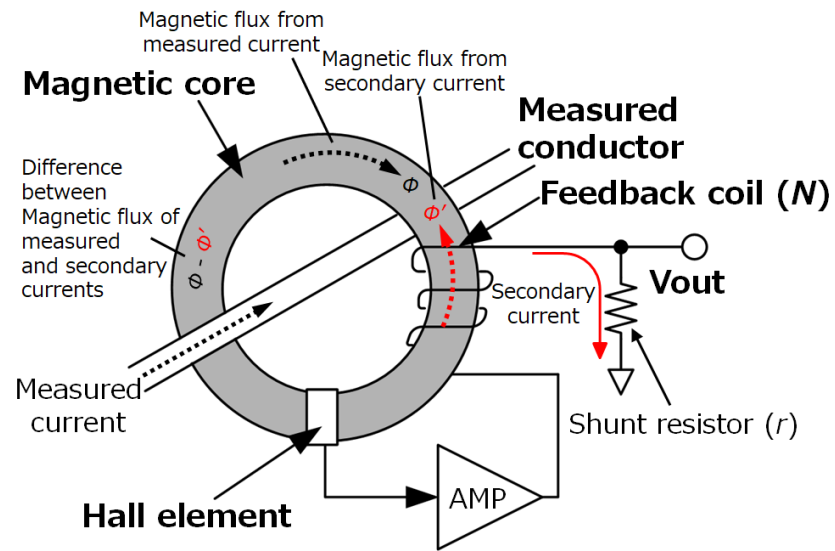
## ⑤ Zero Flux Method (Hall Element Detection) (AC/DC)

### Characteristics

- Operates by canceling out the magnetic flux in the magnetic core, giving it excellent linearity unaffected by the magnetic core's  $B-H$  magnetic characteristics.
- Since the probes operate using the CT of the secondary feedback winding in the high-frequency region, and utilize an amplifier for the low-frequency region, a broad frequency bandwidth is supported with a high  $S/N$ .
- Measure DC to AC
- Due to lack of excitation current noise, overall noise is extremely low.

### Measurement Principle

- In the zero-flux method, in order to cancel out the magnetic flux ( $\Phi$ ) produced inside the magnetic core by the AC current flowing in the conductor being measured, a secondary current flows to the secondary side of the feedback winding inducing a secondary magnetic flux ( $\Phi'$ ).
- However, in the low-frequency regions resulting from DC currents, the magnetic flux ( $\Phi - \Phi'$ ) cannot be cancelled and thus remains in the circuit.
- The Hall element detects this remaining magnetic flux ( $\Phi - \Phi'$ ). Then, a secondary feedback current is induced through an amplifier circuit so as to cancel out the magnetic flux ( $\Phi - \Phi'$ ) in the low Hz regions.
- This secondary current flows to the shunt resistor, producing a voltage across its terminals.
- The voltage is identified as proportional to the current flowing in the conductor being measured, giving us the true current level.



### Hioki Zero Flux Method Hall Element Detection (AC/DC) Sensors

3273-50, 3274, 3275, 3276, CT6700, CT6701, CT6710, CT6711