## ON THE MAGNETIC GLASS-CERAMIC CONTAINING LI AND Ba FERRITE CRYSTALS

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In this paper we present some results for the oxide composites containing Li or Ba-M ferrite fine particles randomly dispersed in a glassy matrix. The samples were obtained by glass crystallisation method which permits a gradual control of particle size. It was investigated the evolution of the microstructure and the magnetic properties in terms of heat treatment temperature of the glass ceramics containing LiFe<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> fine magnetic crystals. The average crystal block size,  $D_m$ , was determined by X-ray diffraction using Scherrer's formula. Crystals of ferrite with sizes ranging from 3.5 to 50 nm for Li ferrite and from 50 to 320 nm for Ba-M ferrite, depending on the annealing temperature, were observed. Correspondingly, it was obtained that the crystalline fraction in the glassy mass increases with increasing annealing temperature. The magnetic behaviour (specific magnetization  $\sigma$  and coercivity  $H_c$ ) is discussed in terms of the evolution with thermal annealing of the size of LiFe<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and BaFe<sub>12</sub>O<sub>19</sub> crystals, dispersed in the glassy matrix.

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