Guass's Law Magnetism

Recall:

Electric Flux

$$\Phi_E = \oint \vec{E} \bullet d\vec{A}$$

 $\Phi_{\rm\scriptscriptstyle E}~\alpha\,$ net number of electric field lines crossing a closed surface

Magnetic Flux

 $\Phi_{\scriptscriptstyle B} = \oint \vec{B} \bullet d\vec{A}$

 $\Phi_{\rm\scriptscriptstyle E}~\alpha\,$ net number of magnetic field lines crossing a closed surface



Consider the closed surface shown above.

Since the net number of magnetic field lines crossing any closed surface is zero, then the net magnetic flux through any closed surface must be zero:

$$\oint \vec{B} \bullet d\vec{A} = 0$$
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This result is based on the experimental fact that there are NO magnetic monopoles!