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Single crystals of Ba(Fe_{1-x}Ni_x)₂As₂ have been produced for systematic magnetic measurements of the critical current density (J_c) over a range of dopings from $x=0.025$ to 0.066 and a range of temperatures from 2 K. Analysis of the field dependent critical current density, J_c , shows strong evidence pointing to a flux pinning mechanism dominated by local variation in the mean free path for all dopings. The values of J_c measured indicate a peak at approximately $x=0.049$ on the pseudo phase diagram, close to a proposed quantum critical point at $x=0.05$. Pressure dependent measurements of this sample show anomalous behaviour including a negative pressure relationship and a peak in J_c around 0.65 GPa.

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