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Mechanical Properties of Titanium-Aluminium Base Nanomultilayer Coatings

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Titanium-aluminium base nanomultilayer (NML) coatings are deposited by cathodic arc evaporation using pure titanium and aluminium with eighteen percent silicon cathodes. Each multilayer Ti-Al-Si-N structure consists of 49 bi-layers with different thickness. The external deposited layer is with five times longer growing period. The coatings are deposited at the pressure of 2 Pa and the substrate temperature of 400 °C. Polished steel discs (Ø 20 mm × 5 mm thick) are used as the substrate material.

This article presents an investigation of the surface morphology and mechanical properties of the coatings, particularly the adhesion and nanohardness. The AFM analysis indicates that the coatings are dense, with an average surface roughness in the range of 33 ÷ 58 nm. The coating with the smaller value of average surface roughness exhibited a maximum hardness of 43 GPa. High calculated value of plasticity index (H/E) is 0.104. The scratch test results revealed that all the investigated coatings have very good adhesion in the normal loading interval from 1 N to 40 N.

Keywords: cathodic arc evaporation, Ti-Al-Si-N, surface morphology, multilayer, hardness, adhesion.

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Resistance Spot Welding of Steel Sheets

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Resistance welding ranks among progressive and in practice often used manufacturing techniques of rigid joints. The basis of this method is in the utilization of the Joulean heat, which arises at the passing of current through jointed sheets at collective influence of compressive force. The aim of the carried out tests has been to evaluate the rupture force of spot welded steel sheets of various thickness using short-time spot welding and long-time spot welding. For test specimens welding the parameters recommended by the spot welder producer were used. After welding all assemblies were loaded using the universal test machine up to their rupture. The rupture force was written down. From the carried out tests it follows that welding of sheets of the thickness 1 + 1 mm, 1 + 2 mm, 1 + 3 mm, 1 + 4 mm and 2 + 2 mm the rupture force value differences of short-time spot welding compared to long-time spot welding are practically negligible. But at the specimens of thickness 2 + 3 mm, 2 + 4 mm, 3 + 3 mm, 3 + 4 mm and 4 + 4 mm considerable differences were determined. The part of this tests evaluation was also the assessment of the tested assemblies failed pieces.

Keywords: resistance welding; steel sheet; laboratory test; spot welds shear testing

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Analysis of a Goods Wagon Running on a Railway Test Track

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An intermodal transport is nowadays an inseparable part of a transport system. Designs of longer wagons are the result of efforts to achieve universality, transport capacity increase, reducing of noise and maintenance needs. In this paper are presented results of selected parameters of a long goods wagon driving on a test track. The long goods wagon and test rings models have been created by using the ADAMS/Rail software. The analysed wagon has been equipped by the Y25 bogie. Simulations of the long goods wagon running have been performed on the model of railway test rings – VÚŽ Velim, Cerhenice. For the dynamic analysis of the long goods wagon have been selected two sections of the railway test rings. For the ride properties wagon assessment have been selected output signals of vertical forces Q , guiding forces Y and the Y/Q ratio. There have been detected, values of assessed parameters have not been exceeded the limited values and therefore wagon runnings have been safety.

Keywords: Goods wagon, Y25 bogie, Railway test track, Ride properties

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Assessment of Complex Free Form Surfaces with Surface Profile Deviation

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Accuracy of work-pieces of complex free form surfaces is achieved by tolerancing, producing and metrology of workpieces. The tolerance zone is defined by form tolerances, their orientation and location on the work-pieces. Tolerances for complex form surfaces are specified by line profile tolerance or surface profile tolerance. These tolerances control form or combination of size, form, orientation and location. In a machining process the impact of machining parameter settings on the final surface quality will be researched. The influence of toolpaths in connection with the SH (Scallop Height) parameter setting on production accuracy and quality of machined surface will be compared. For geometry verification of the complex form surfaces are coordinate measurements used. The measurement area is modeled with the equations in CATIA V5. The data of machined surface obtained through the contact coordinate measurement are processed using the coordinate system adjustment via the RSS minimization by the Newton method in Matlab/Octave. Calculated values of surface profile deviations at individual machining strategies are used to achieve the required quality of machined surface through optimization of the machining parameters.

Keywords: coordinate measurement, form tolerances, complex surfaces, Newton method, orthogonal deviation

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Preparation of WE43 Using Powder Metallurgy Route

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Magnesium alloy WE43 is well known for its low density and good mechanical properties. It has also fair corrosion resistance and relative usability up to 300 °C. All those properties are connected with the content of rare earth elements and determine this alloy not only for automotive and aviation industry, but also for applications as bio-degradable materials. In this work, WE43 alloy prepared by powder metallurgy methods is characterized. Final products are prepared by cold uniaxial pressing with subsequent extrusion or spark plasma sintering (SPS). Present paper deals with the characterization of processing methods used for the WE43 alloy preparation and also the characterization of prepared WE43 products as themselves.

Keywords: WE43, powder metallurgy, spark plasma sintering, extrusion.

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Evaluation of Selected Properties of Steel 100Cr6 at Different Ways of Heat Treatment

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This study discusses the impact of heat treatment conditions on the final properties of quenched and low-tempered bearing components in terms of microstructure, hardness and impact strength. Technological process of heat treatment must be done rationally and in addition to the required hardness must also ensure the dimensional precision of bearings components. Different austenitization conditions have a great influence on the phenomena which takes place in the material during the austenitizing. Heat treatment of rolling bearing components is an indispensable part of their production and it is also an unavoidable item of the price calculation of bearings. The aim of a competitive struggle for the rolling bearings market is an offer of the best quality bearings (dimensional accuracy, stability and durability) at a reasonable price.

Keywords: austenitizing, bearing steel, quenching, heat treatment

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Titanium Alloy Ti-6Al-4V Prepared by Selective Laser Melting (SLM)

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Selective laser melting (SLM) as a representant of additive manufacturing technology brings about many advantages into production, which are appreciated especially in the field of biomedical applications and implantology. Our paper is focused on characterization of titanium alloy Ti-6Al-4V (Ti Grade 5) widely used for orthopaedic implants produced by this novel method. Microstructure and mechanical properties are compared with the same material prepared by conventional way of casting, forging and machining. Results show these are almost equivalent. Microstructure is in both cases formed by two phases $\alpha+\beta$, but possesses different morphology. Yield strength and ultimate tensile strength of SLM material slightly overpassed values obtained by conventional commercial production (950 MPa and 1000 MPa vs. 877 MPa and 985 MPa). Only elongation was reduced resulting from the presence of some porosity. However, by future optimalization of SLM process parameters, porosity is expected to decrease.

Keywords: titanium alloy, SLM, 3D printing, mechanical properties

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Distortion after Case Hardening of Steels

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Dimensional changes, or distortion, play a very important role in carburizing. To keep carburizing process productive and profitable, it is crucial that the resulting distortion is minimized. The purpose of this experiment was to carry out low-pressure carburizing and measure dimensional changes, residual stresses, characterize the resulting microstructures, and determine hardness in the specimens. These are the most important clues to the quality of the carburized layer. Experimental materials were the most widely-used carburizing steels: C15, 16MnCr5 and 15NiCr13. Residual stresses in the surface were determined by X-ray stress measurement.

Keywords: Distortion, Carburizing, Low pressure carburising (LPC)

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Influence of the Welding Process on the Martensitic and Dual Phase High Strength Steels

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The subject of the study are martensitic 22MnB5 steel and dual phase steel with the ferrite-martensitic structure, which are used in the automotive industry. The main purpose of the performed analyses is a study of strength differences in heat affected zones of the spot welding. For the needs of the strength decrease assessment, the critical layer of the heat affected area was experimentally simulated by different thermal influence procedures. The aim of the work is to determine the most suitable methodology for evaluating the local changes of the elastic-plastic material response. The yield strength and the deformation hardening are required constructions of safety carbody parts.

Keywords: Martensitic steel, dual phase steel, heat affected zones, yield strength, weld-joint fractures, indentation

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Numerical Optimization of Large Shade Sail Support

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To design an optimal support of a large shade sail it is necessary to determine forces in wire ropes that support the sail. Relations between a sail loading and ropes reaction forces, rope diameters and sail stresses were investigated. To simulate the sail behavior and set up these relations, numerical (FEM) models were created and analyzed. Most of the results show nonlinear relations between above mentioned parameters and they depend on the sail geometry, applied loads and the rope diameter. It means that for every specific geometry and loading of particular sail an optimal rope diameter and support should be designed. The nonlinear numerical analysis is very suitable tool for this purpose and thus specialized systems based on the Finite Element Method (FEM) should be used to simulate and analyze such problems.

Keywords: Awnings, Numerical Model, Sail, Shade Sail, Wire Rope

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Cr₂N – Ag Thin Films – a Short Review

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The current paper summarizes briefly the results obtained by comprehensive investigations of magnetron sputtered Cr₂N thin films with small additions of silver, whereas the pure Cr₂N is used as a reference material. The main aspects reported here are: growth rate of the films, their growth manner, phase constitution, mechanical properties being represented by Young modulus and nanohardness, adhesion on the substrate made from Cr-V ledeburitic steel having a hardness of 60 HRC, tribological performance and effect on the mechanical properties of the substrate.

Keywords: Magnetron sputtering, Cr₂N-Ag thin films, microstructure, mechanical properties, tribological performance

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Nonlinear Dynamic Analysis of the Aircraft Impact to the NPP Structures

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This paper presents the nonlinear analysis of the reinforced concrete buildings of nuclear power plant under the aircraft attack. The response from the nonlinear analysis was considered taken the deterministic calculation procedures. The dynamic load is defined in time on base of the airplane impact simulations considering the real stiffness, masses, direction and velocity of the flight. The dynamic response is calculated in the system ANSYS using the transient nonlinear analysis solution method. The damage of the concrete wall is evaluated in accordance with the standard NDRC considering the spalling, scabbing and perforation effects. The simple and detailed calculations of the wall damage are compared.

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Processing of Al-Fe Scraps by Powder Metallurgy

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Iron has a low solubility in aluminium solid solution even at elevated temperatures and forms brittle intermetallic phases with needle-like or platelets-like morphology when it is produced by conventional casting technologies. These phases have a detrimental effect on mechanical properties. Therefore with increasing significance of recycling and also amount of aluminium scrap that needs to be recycled, it is necessary to find a promising ways of processing such waste materials. Powder metallurgy leads to intensive microstructural refinement, increases solid solubility of alloying elements and overall to improvement of mechanical properties. Hence, it belongs to promising alternatives for processing aluminium materials with increased amount of iron. Aluminium alloy with 17 wt. % iron was prepared by centrifugal atomization and consolidated by spark plasma sintering followed by hot extrusion. The microstructure and phase composition of compact samples as well as mechanical properties were studied. Fine microstructure has been achieved by centrifugal atomization and consolidation by spark plasma sintering in combination with hot extrusion. Compression strength was 565 MPa with remarkable ductility reaching almost 35 %.

Keywords: AlFe alloy, centrifugal atomization, spark plasma sintering, hot extrusion

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Freight Car Bogie Properties Analysis by Means of Simulation Computations

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The article deals with the results of the simulation analysis of a railway wagon bogie model. We analysed four freight wagon bogie variants for its dynamics properties research. The bogie models correspond in general to the Y25 bogie concept. The models were created in SIMPACK software enhanced by the RAIL module. From the research results depicted in the graphs we found out, that the newly designed bogie variant gives the best results when compared to the other analysed versions. The newly designed model consists of a standard Y25 bogie frame with two Lenoire friction dampers. This bogie is equipped with longitudinal linkages on both sides. These linkages are completed with a radial torsion binding, torsion rod, between side bogie parts. The contact of railway wheels and rails generates active forces affecting the surface contact, affecting the size of the normal and tangential stress, wear surfaces of the wheel/rail, or directly the size of the derailment.

Keywords: Chassis, Lenoire, Damper, Coupling, Simulation

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Occupational Health and Safety Hazards in Machining

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This paper is focused on occupational health and safety hazards in machining processes. Problem is specified on employs and employers. Occupational health and safety is based on legislative regulations. Safety rules are usually formulated generally. But it is necessary to formulate safety rules more precisely for different production processes and even for different production machines. And this has not been fully satisfactory solved, especially from the point of view of the development of machine tools, their automation and also from the viewpoint of the development of cutting materials. In the paper principal occupational health and safety hazard in machining will be formulated on the base of laws, regulations and personal findings of the paper's authors in different enterprises. As an example safety hazards and safety rules will be in depth formulated for turning. Similar health and safety rules and hazards must be formulated for other cutting processes. But occupational health and safety problems relate not only to persons but also to enterprise economy.

Keywords: Risk, Occupational health and safety, Legislation, Employer, Employee

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Electron Beam Surface Quenching of X37CrMoV51 Tool Steel Swages

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X37CrMoV51 tool steel for plastic working and heat cutting is usually used in whole volume quenched state for secondary hardness. Using high-energetic sources like electron beam or laser is possible repeated surface quenching of chosen surface localities with complicated geometry. The treatment leads to local hardness improvement which results in local wear damage decrease.

Delivered specimens were surface quenched using electron beam technology. The paper deals with influence of individual technological parameters of the treatment on final properties of treated localities. Final properties of treated surface were examined by light and electron microscopy and microhardness testing.

Keywords: electron beam, swage, X37CrMoV51, tool steel

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Effect of Wirefeed Rate On The Morphology Of A Surface Machined Using WEDM

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Wire electrical discharge machining (WEDM) is an unconventional technology of machining that uses physical phenomena for material cutting. During wire electrical discharge machining craters are formed on the workpiece surface, and blended and molten material of both workpiece and wire electrode get stuck here due to diffusion processes. The study deals with the assessment of the influence of wire feed rate on quantitative and qualitative evaluations of craters on the workpiece made of X155CrVMo12-1 alloy tool steel. The diffusion phenomena that had occurred on the surface during the process of cutting were studied using light microscopy. Attention was also given to the detail study of the used brass electrode where the level of wear and degradation in terms of the quality of morphology were studied after the process of cutting.

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Effect of Nickel Particle Size on Eactive Sintering Production of NiTi Shape Memory Alloy

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This work is focused on the description of the influence of the particle size of nickel on the synthesis of NiTi shape memory alloy by reactive sintering with high heating rate (300 °C.min⁻¹). It was found that coarse nickel powders undergo only a limited thermally-activated reaction. On the other hand, too fine powders support the low-temperature (500-800 °C) diffusional formation of Ni-Ti intermetallics which could then suppress the rapid thermally-activated reaction. The optimum powder fraction of nickel to obtain the material with the lowest porosity and fraction of undesirable Ti₂Ni phase is 25-45 μm.

Keywords: powder metallurgy, NiTi, reactive sintering

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Investigation of the Effects of Smart Ultrasound Wave on Surface Roughness during Turning Operation of Mild Steel

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Turning is one of the most widely accepted metal cutting processes in manufacturing industry. Due to global competitiveness, there is an increasing demand for product quality. Surface roughness represents the dimensional accuracy of the finished product and is one of the most important quality requirements of the finished product. Surface roughness is generally detrimental to the efficient performance of machined parts, especially where relative motion between parts is concerned. In this paper, a new novel technique has been proposed and adopted with an aim to reduce surface roughness of the machined surface. External ultrasonic sound waves were applied during the turning process of mild steel and its effect on surface quality was studied. Detailed experimentations were carried out under different ultrasonic frequencies to determine the effective frequency range which optimizes surface roughness to the best degree possible. The experimental results showed significant improvements in surface roughness in machined products. In addition to these, the effect of orientation of the application of the ultrasonic sound waves and the amplitude of the waves were studied in detail.

Keywords: Ultrasound, Surface Roughness, Vibration, Orientation, Amplitude

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Biaxial Test of Tubes Using Elastomer

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To obtain the values of material characteristics of tubes such as the strain hardening exponent n and the strength coefficient K is most frequently used the hydraulic bulge test. The tool and an additional equipment are often complicated and very expensive for this test. This article deals with the question whether it would be possible to obtain the corresponding values n and K by the simple biaxial test of tube using elastomer. To solve this problem, a simple tool was designed and the verification tests were realized for thin-walled tubes from material AISI 321. The results showed that it's not possible to obtain real values n and K by biaxial test of tubes using elastomer. The reason is the elastic forming medium, which complicates the evaluation of these material characteristics, because the elastomer introduces many additional factors into the forming process.

Keywords: Biaxial test, Tube, Elastomer, Strain hardening exponent

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The Indentation Size Effect (ISE) and the Speed of the Indenter Penetration into Test Piece

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The aim of the submitted paper is to study the influence of the speed of the penetration of the indenter into the test piece ranging from $0.302 \mu\text{m s}^{-1}$ to $1.089 \mu\text{m s}^{-1}$ and applied load ranging from 10 g to 100 g on measured values of micro-hardness. Whereas certified reference material with defined specified hardness and its uncertainty was used as a test piece, the measurement involved indirect calibration of the tester. The influence of observed factors on measured value of the micro-hardness was evaluated by Meyer's index n , PSR method and by Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). The influence of the load on the measured value of micro-hardness is statistically significant and the relationship between applied load and micro-hardness manifests "reverse" ISE. The velocity has statistically significant effect on the micro-hardness. Meyer's index on average decreases with increasing of the speed.

Keywords: Micro-hardness, ISE, Speed of the indenter in the test piece, Load

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Numerical Model Description of Fibres Winding Process for New Technology of Winding Fibres on the Frames

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Currently, traditional materials are very often replaced by composite materials in many industrial areas. The advantages of these materials consist mainly in their lightweight, high strength and flexibility, corrosion resistance and a long lifespan. The use of composites reaches its large development in the field of aerospace. This article discusses quality of the manufacturing process technology of a specially shaped composite frame in 3D space. The used technology is based on a winding of carbon, glass, organic filament rovings on a polyurethane core. Polyurethane core which is a geometry of frame with and without a circular cross section. Quality production of said type of composite frame depends primarily on the correct winding of fibers on a polyurethane core. It is especially needed to ensure the correct angles of the fibers winding on the polyurethane core and the homogeneity of individual winding layers. The quality of fibers winding also depends on the material properties of polyurethane core and fibers. The article describes mathematical model for use an industrial robot in filament winding and how to calculate the trajectory of the robot. When winding fibers on the polyurethane core which is fastened to the robot-end-effector so that during the winding process goes through a fibre-processing head on the basis of the suitably determined robot-end-effector trajectory. We use for description numerical model and matrix calculus to enumerate the trajectory of the robot-end-effector to determine the desired passage of the frame through the fibre-processing head. The calculation of the trajectory was programmed in the Delphi development environment. Equations and relations of the numerical model are important for use a real solving of the passage of a polyurethane core through fibre-processing head.

Keywords: Numerical model, composite materials, technology of winding fibers, Denavit-Hartenberg method

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Tensile Properties of AA6156-T4 Friction Stir Welded Joints in As-Welded and Post-Weld Aged Condition

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The effect of the T62 post-weld heat treatment on the tensile strength of AA6156-T4 friction stir welded joints is studied. To this aim, the 0.2% proof stress and the tensile strength of as-welded and post-weld treated joints as function of the rotating and welding speed was analyzed performing a complete factorial design with three levels for each studied parameter. Statistical analyses were carried out to establish empirical models of the tensile properties of the joints as a function of the studied welding parameters. The obtained models were validated through statistical tools such as Mallow's CP , S , R^2 and $R^2(adj)$. The developed regression models can be effectively used to predict the mechanical proprieties of the joints at 95% confidence level.

Keywords: friction stir welding, AA6156, DOE, ANOVA, tensile properties

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The Influence of Process Fluids on the Machining Process and Forming Internal Threads

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Using cutting or forming taps during the production of internal threads represents the basic method of manufacturing these coupling structural components, which - in the case of smaller dimension internal threads – can be encountered in many manufacturing processes. To optimize the cutting process and forming of internal threads, and in favour of the final results of these operations, the right choice of technological conditions, process fluids and methods of their application in areas where the technological process is realized, is needed. An important aspect of the use of process fluids are relatively large operating costs, and in some cases also the adverse environmental effects. Therefore, one of the current trends is reducing the amount of process fluids used during machining operations. At the Department of Machining and Assembly at the TU of Liberec experiments were conducted and various technological methods of production of internal threads during the use of various types of process fluids and methods of their application in the technological process were compared. During machining and molding, technological process, the parameters and properties of the produced internal threads were evaluated.

Keywords: thread machining, thread forming, process fluid, MQL method

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Technology and Mold Design for Production of Hollow Carbon Composite Parts

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This essay aims to describe technology and mold design for production of hollow composite parts like carbon rims or sport rackets. Tested materials correspond to those used for composites in sport applications. Production technology called inflatable bladder molding (IBM) is describe with respect to used material, molds and process parameters. Furthermore, prototype mold for verification of flexible bladder, inner pressure and curing conditions is constructed and tested. Construction design of manufacturing mold together with description of technological steps is proposed.

Keywords: Mold, Carbon Composite, Carbon Rim, Compression Molding, Inflatable Bladder Molding, Prepreg

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Preparation of Ni-Ti Shape Memory Alloy by Spark Plasma Sintering Method

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This paper aims to describe powder metallurgy methods of production Ni-Ti shape memory alloy - self-propagating high-temperature synthesis (SHS) and spark plasma sintering (SPS). There are compared microstructures and phase compositions of alloys produced by SHS and by a technology containing SHS, milling and SPS. At the same time there is determined the influence of the SPS sintering temperature on the structure of Ni-Ti alloy. Self-propagating high-temperature synthesis was initiated at 1100°C with process duration 20 minutes the heating rate of approx. 300 °C/min. The product is highly porous and contains undesirable Ti₂Ni phase. The SPS technique allows to obtain product with low porosity. The disadvantages of SPS technique are growing amount of Ti₂Ni phase and formation of other undesirable phases (Ni₄Ti₃ and Ni₃Ti).

Keywords: powder metallurgy, reactive sintering, spark plasma sintering, Ni-Ti alloy

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Influence of Elements with High Affinity to Oxygen on Microstructure and Phase Composition of Ni-Ti Alloy

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Approximately an equiatomic alloy of nickel and titanium is known as nitinol. Nitinol possesses a lot of interesting properties such as shape memory, pseudoplasticity, superelasticity and corrosion resistance. NiTi alloys are usually industrially produced by melting process, but the products have not good quality and purity. Powder metallurgy with reactive sintering is considered as one of the route of production of NiTi alloys. However, the other phases are formed during this process (Ti_2Ni , Ni_3Ti). The presence of Ti_2Ni phase is unwanted in this alloy. It is stabilized by oxygen and its main disadvantage is brittleness. In this work we prepared NiTi shape memory alloys by Self-propagating High-temperature Synthesis (SHS). Results showed the possibility of modification of the phase composition by alloying with other elements, which have higher affinity to oxygen. Carbon was found to reduce the amount of undesirable Ti_2Ni phase, while in presence of zirconium this phase reduces its hardness which implies the loss of brittleness.

Keywords: NiTi alloy, Self-propagating High-temperature Synthesis, Ti_2Ni phase

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Model of Unique Material Flow in Context with Layout of Manufacturing Facilities

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The situation of analysis and finding solution of unique material flow managing and planning in production company allows increasing the competitiveness company on the market. The uniqueness of the material flows is in its combination of metallurgical and machinery character. There are continuous metallurgical and discrete mechanical material flow with even different speed which are joining at one place – aluminium casting. The research has brought also the recommendation of new layout of the company. Each company is original from the point of production processes. Application of standard enterprise information system (SAP, proAlpha, Baan, etc.) need difficult adaptation especially for conditions of small or medium enterprises and the price of that system is relatively high. Therefore, the proposed model of capacity planning is much more suitable for the conditions, requires and demands of this enterprisers.

Keywords: layout, material flow, manufacturing, production process

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Reactive Resins Filled with Microparticles Based on Iron Powder

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Hard inorganics microparticles are added to the composite systems due to optimization of some mechanical properties among which is possible to rank hardness and resistance to abrasive wear. Advantage of interaction of metal powders with polymers is also their ferromagnetism which changes physical properties of resulting composite systems. This paper is focused on evaluation of mechanical properties of epoxy resin filled with microparticles on the basis of iron powder (20.6 μm), mainly on resistance to abrasive wear, hardness and on adhesive and cohesive characteristics. The experiment evaluates composite systems prepared without using controlled semi-layers and without using a vacuum technology. Such technology was chosen with regard to practise. It is possible to consider the adhesive and cohesive characteristics as key properties determining possible application areas of filled reactoplastics. For evaluation of fracture areas was used electronic microscopy. The experiment confirmed significant increase of resistance to abrasive wear with increasing concentration of iron powder. This property can be utilized in widening the application areas of reactoplastics resins, i.e. creating the new resistant layers.

Keywords: Abrasive wear, epoxy resin, hardness, tensile strength.

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Theoretical and Practical Relationship $R_z = f(f; r_\epsilon)$

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Development of methods for machined surface identification has reached a stage when real surface shape can be visualised more precisely. Mechanical tools for measuring roughness have shown misrepresented profile considering the fact that the tip of diamond sensor is not „ideally sharp“, it only follows the outline of actual profile. Profile details can be followed by optical scanning. During observation of profile records and theoretically defined rounded tool tip copying considerable disproportions can be found. This fact leads to incorrect determination of feed with defined value of R_z and selected tool tip radius in practice. The aim of the paper is to identify the reasons of such differences and suggest a process of their elimination.

Keywords: machining, shift, machined surface

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Effect of Machined Surface Shape on Sound Reflection

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Sound reflection of materials is influenced by many factors, e.g. by material type, density, thickness, porosity, angle of sound incidence, surface shape and excitation frequency of acoustic wave. The aim of the paper is to investigate the surface shape effect of expanded polyvinylchloride material on sound reflection. For this reason polyvinylchloride samples of different surface shapes and perforations were produced on universal and CNC machine tool. The material ability to reflect sound of the investigated polyvinylchloride samples was experimentally measured by means of the transfer function method on Kundt's impedance tube. The material samples were subsequently compared in terms of their sound reflection. It was verified that the highest sound reflection was obtained in case of the smooth surface polyvinylchloride sample.

Keywords: Sound Reflection, CNC Milling, Surface Shape, Excitation Frequency, Polyvinylchloride.

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The Effect of Artificial Neural Network Architecture on Surface Roughness Parameter Prediction Capability when Turning Inconel 718

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This paper investigates the influence of Artificial Neural Network (ANN) architectures on its prediction capability when machining nickel based super alloy. The ANN was employed to determine surface roughness parameter Ra through cutting conditions, tool wear and process monitoring indices such a cutting force components. The ANN structure was optimized by methods like a reduction of input vector parameters, dimensions of input data pattern, combined reduction and modification of hidden layers. Calculated and experimentally measured values were compared for each optimized ANN model. The work concludes that optimization of ANN has significant influence on prediction capability and accuracy for the task proposed.

Keywords: Artificial Neural Network, Optimization, Turning, Surface Roughness, Nickel Based Alloy

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