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Effects of Alloying Elements and Cooling Rate after Annealing on Mechanical Properties of Dual Phase Sheet Steel

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Synopsis :

For the purpose of producing a highly formable dual phase steel by intercritical annealing, the effects of alloying elements and cooling rates on microstructure and properties have been studied. The effect of alloying elements on the critical cooling rate (CR) required for the formation of dual phase structure are representable equivalent manganese content (M_{neq}): $\log CR(\text{ } / \text{s}) = -1.73M_{neq}(\%) + 3.95$ Where $M_{neq}(\%) = Mn(\%) + 2.67Mo(\%) + 1.3Cr(\%)$ When gas-cooled, a 1.2% Mn-0.5%Cr steel exhibits a low yield strength of 20kg/mm² and a low yield-to-tensile strength ratio as low as 0.4. Without causing solid solution hardening and a decrease in dissolved C content in ferrite, Cr reduces the yield strength of ferrite, resulting in the lowering of the yield strength of dual phase structure.

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ing, effects of alloying elements and cooling rate on mechanical properties and microstructure

critical cooling rate can be predicted from CCT curve

be 770 °C in α - γ range at which the fraction of γ

lated the CCT curves for steels with various chemical compositions and investigated the relationship between the alloy content and the critical cooling rate. The authors also conducted experiments on various

in the range of 0.1–1 000 °C/s (taking the experiment described later into consideration). The decomposition of γ phase during cooling is calculated on the assumption that C content in α phase is 0.5% and α phase is

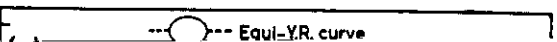
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$$\text{Mn}_{\text{eq}}^{\text{C}}(\%) = \text{Mn}(\%) + 3.28\text{Mo}(\%)$$

materials. Tensile testing was performed in a

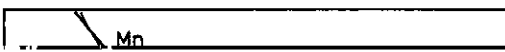
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Equi-Y.R. curve

150 °C/s for 25 kg/mm² and 30 kg/mm², respectively.

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remains in α phase in as-cooled condition. This over-saturated C is decreased by cooling at 170 °C. It is

must, however, be emphasized that because of the complicated influence of alloying elements and the

increase in Mn content. This fact clearly shows that aging proceeds at room temperature in specimens as-

measure solute C content from O^{-1} . It can be con-

precipitated at the room temperature, as reported by

d. 1.1 From the calculation and measured O^{-1} values

V. Terasawa, et al. (11). The aging at room tempera-

the Ms temperature is lowered and the temperature

As described above, the yield strength of dual phase

high alloy steels associated with adequate cooling rate. As shown in Figs. 6 to 8, however, there is an optimum combination of chemical composition and cooling rate and better tensile properties are obtained only when a higher alloy steel is cooled neither too slowly nor too rapidly. High alloy steels are also less sensitive to the variation in chemical composition and

a low yield strength of 20 kg/mm² and a yield-to-tensile strength ratio as low as 0.4.

- (4) The addition of Cr is favorable since it decreases the dissolved C content by promoting the partition of C between austenite and ferrite, while it does not cause solid solution hardening in ferrite

cooling rate. When the 0.05 %C-1.2 %Mn-0.5 %Cr steel is cooled at the rate of 30 °C/s, a low yield strength of 20 kg/mm², a yield ratio as low as 0.4 and a total elongation of more than 40 % are obtained

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