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Effect of heat treatment consisting of annealing, normalizing, hardening and tempering on microstructure and mechanical properties of medium carbon steel

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Abstract

The authors conducted experiments to study the effect of heat treatment consisting of annealing, normalizing, hardening and tempering on microstructure and mechanical properties of medium carbon steel. For most of the engineering components the process of heat treatment is done to achieve desired mechanical properties which include hardness, toughness, yield strength, ultimate tensile strength etc. Heat treatment process is mostly used for changing microstructure and mechanical properties. Annealing is used for producing steel with refined grains. Normalizing is used for good strength and hardness. Tempering is used for improved ductility and impact strength. Medium carbon steels account for more than 90% of total steel usage. Their experimental work consisted of preparing the specimens of 8x8x3mm. They are grinded and polished the specimens were subjected to two different annealing, oil quenching and tempering at three different temperatures 200, 400, 600^oc for one hour. The heat treated specimens were tested for mechanical strength and microstructure. The authors have shown through graphs the variation of hardness with tempering temperature, variation of UTS with tempering temperature and variation of percent elongation with tempering temperature. Also they have exhibited the microstructure for annealed with copper and without copper and normalized with copper and without copper and tempered with copper and without copper.