

Formability of metallic materials

: plastic anisotropy, formability testing, forming limit

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What is formability?



Formability?

: Formability refers to the ability of sheet metal to be formed into a desired shape without necking and cracking

Necking is localized thinning of the metal.

: Once necking begins, the loads on a metal are concentrated in the necked region. ↓ Cracks formed during metal forming ↓ Cracks occur fracture.

Categories of deformation mode in press forming of sheet steels



In deep-drawing , since the flange part is required to reduce its volume between tools, shrinking is essential for this part. Stretching aims at securing a domed height while reducing sheet thickness without allowing the fracture of material.

It is represented by It is represented by Blank Blank limiting dome forming limit Stretch Shrink Punch diagram(FLD) height(LDH). Die Flow_ Die Deep Stretching Stretch drawing Stretch Blank Bending Flow flanging Stretch flangeability \bigcirc Bendability can also Stretch indicates the be construed formability of the similar to stretch Bending edges. flangeability as a Stretch facture due to a large local It is evaluated by the hole expanding test in deformation. which a pierced hole is expanded with a conical punch.

All the parts are formed by a combination of 4 deformation mode

Why it is important to evaluate formability?

Formability evaluation is essential for using alloys as structural materials.



Method for evaluating formability





Reflect material's drawability

Reflect material's stretchability

Formability *measurement method 1*: Forming Limit Diagram(experiment)



S. P. Keeler, Met. Prog., October 1966, pp. 148-153



Formability *measurement method 2*: Limit Dome Height test





Formability is determined by relative value of Limit Dome Height

Various factors affecting formability



Evaluate formability

From uniaxial tensile test

- Yield stress **↓**
- Ultimate tensile stress 1
- Uniform elongation 1
- Strain hardening 1

$$\sigma = K\sigma^{n}, d\sigma/d\epsilon = nK\epsilon^{n-1} = \sigma$$

or
 $\epsilon = n$

onset of necking occur at **strain = strain hardening exponent**

Additional property

- Plastic instability
- Localized necking
- R-value
- Strain rate sensitivity

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When a sheet material undergoes plastic deformation, **microscopic inhomogeneities are present** due to **grains having different orientations.**

Inhomogeneities lead to development of **roughness** on the sheet surface.



It was demonstrated experimentally that the **surface roughening** significantly affects forming limits of sheet materials, especially, very thin sheets.

$$R=R_0+kd_0\Sigma$$

R: Surface roughness R_0 : initial surface roughness d_0 : average grain diameter Σ : equivalent strain k: constant



RD 45D

TD

0.7

0.6

0.05 vs 0.5 mm/s 0.05 vs 5 mm/s

0.05 vs 50 mm/s Average

0.3

0.4



K. Chung et al./ International Journal of Plasticity 27(2011)52-81

0.2

Fail without strain localization, strain rate sensitivity(m): → Different formability

Variation of the m value of the TWIP940 steel with respect to strain and strain rate.



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Method for evaluating formability

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Various factors affecting formability

- (1) Plastic instability: Surface roughening
- (2) Localized necking
- (3) R-value
- (4) Strain rate sensitivity

Thank you for your kind attention

F=σA

The condition for maximum load can be expressed as,

$$dF = \sigma dA + Ad\sigma = 0$$

Rearranging,

$$d\sigma/\sigma = -dA/A = d\epsilon$$

or

 $d\sigma/d\epsilon = \sigma$

since

 $\varepsilon = \ln(1 + e), \, d\varepsilon = de/(1 + e)$ $d\sigma/de = \sigma/(1 + e)$ $\sigma = K\sigma^{n}, \, d\sigma/d\varepsilon = nK\varepsilon^{n-1} = \sigma, \, or \, \varepsilon = n$

Thus, the maximum load, the tensile strength, and the onset of necking occur at a strain equal to the strain-hardening exponent