



High Performance Bainitic Steels

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Bainite steel is a well-known type of high-performance steel. However, the microstructure of bainite is complex and more sensitive to chemical decomposition and heat treatment processes compared with other traditional microstructures. The morphologies, volume fraction, stability of retained austenite, and size of ferrite and the carbon content within it all play important roles in determining the mechanical properties of bainite steel. Therefore, improving the mechanical properties of bainitic steel via control of chemical composition and microstructure is one of the main research fields of bainitic steel. The transformation rate of bainite is relatively slow. Therefore, accelerating the transformation kinetics is an important aspect in the research of bainitic steel. Works that focus on developing new bainitic steels, novel heat treatment processes, novel microstructures, new methods to accelerate transformation processes, mechanical performance, and fatigue behavior of bainitic steel are especially encouraged. Moreover, works studying the performance of bainitic steel during its service lifetime are also encouraged.





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