

Special Issue

The Use of Ultrasonic Technology in the Treatment of Light Alloys

Message from the Guest Editor

During recent years, we have been confronted with new developments in the casting and manufacturing light alloys, namely, due to the demand for new degassing and refinement techniques of liquid alloys. Acoustic energy is a valuable alternative to the current melt treatment techniques used to increase the mechanical properties and soundness of Al- and Mg-based components. During the application of high intensity ultrasonic waves to liquid metal, the alternate pressures may produce cavitation under certain conditions. In addition to high degassing efficiency caused by the development of cavitation, the cavitation phenomenon also directly influences the solidification mechanisms. For this Special Issue, we wish to encourage the submission of publications covering significant research developments by either ultrasonic melt processing of light alloys or the integration of ultrasonic equipment in the casting processes. It is expected that through such activities, any gaps that might exist between the conventional processing of light alloys and the ultrasonic melt processing technique will be effectively reduced or eliminated.

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