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DEVELOPMENT OF THERMAL ROLLING REGIMES OF LOW-ALLOY “ARC”-STEEL WITH QUASI-HOMOGENEOUS FERRITE-BAINITIC STRUCTURE

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Keywords: low-carbon low-alloy shipbuilding “Arc”-steel, thermo-mechanical treatment, vacuum etching, austenite grain size, Gleeble 3800, dynamic recrystallization, static recrystallization, phase transformations, sheet metal, structure, properties

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TECHNOLOGY OF PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH OF QUALITY OF SUPER-THICK SHEETS OF HIGH-STRENGTH STRUCTURAL STEEL AB2R MADE OF LARGE FORGING INGOTS

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Keywords: large forging ingot, siphon casting, inoculation, super-thick rolled stock, quality, mechanical properties, impact strength, non-metallic inclusions

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**ON SELF-ORGANIZATION OF THE SURFACE LAYER OF STRUCTURAL STEEL
IN DRY SLIDING AGAINST QUENCHED STEEL UNDER ELECTRIC CURRENT**

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Keywords: self-organization of the surface layers, structural hierarchy of tribolayers, sliding electrical contact, sliding surface, phase composition of tribolayer, wear mechanism

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**ON THE INTERMETALLIC NICKEL ALLOY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF PARTS
BY EQUIAXIAL CASTING AND ADDITIVE TECHNOLOGIES**

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Keywords: intermetallic nickel alloy, additive technologies, single crystal, strength, carbide, heat treatment, experiment

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INFLUENCE OF HOMOGENIZING ANNEALING ON REDUCING THE CONTENT OF δ -FERRITE IN HIGH-STRENGTH HIGH-CHROMIUM MARTENSITIC STEEL GRADE 07KH15N5D4B OBTAINED BY SELECTIVE LASER ALLOYING

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Keywords: high-chromium martensitic steel, selective laser alloying, homogenizing annealing, δ -ferrite content

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PRODUCTION OF SINGLE-CRYSTAL SEEDS [001] FROM NICKEL-TUNGSTEN ALLOYS BY DIRECTIONAL CRYSTALLIZATION

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Keywords: seed, seed blank, single-crystal structure, crystallographic orientation, growth gradient G_z , misorientation, banding

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RESEARCH OF THE PROCESS OF SYNTHESIS AND PROPERTIES OF THE OBTAINED METAL-MATRIX COMPOSITE POWDERS OF THE Ti/TiB₂ SYSTEM

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PROTECTIVE COATINGS OF ALLOY OF THE Ni–Cr–Mo SYSTEM WITH A WIDE RANGE OF OPERATING TEMPERATURES

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ON THE STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF FUNCTIONAL COATINGS FROM COMPOSITE POWDERS OF THE ALUMINUM – SILICON NITRIDE SYSTEM REINFORCED WITH A SiALON TYPE PHASE

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CORROSION RESISTANT PROTECTIVE COATING OF THE Zr–Nb–Sn SYSTEM OBTAINED BY HIGH SPEED COLD GAS DYNAMIC SPRAYING

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNOLOGY OF MICROPLASMA SPRAYING OF FUNCTIONAL COATINGS OF THE NICKEL – ALUMINUM SYSTEM FOR THE CREATION OF CATALYTICALLY ACTIVE COMPOSITIONS

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INVESTIGATION OF NICKEL COATINGS OBTAINED BY LASER PROCESSING ON THE SURFACE OF BRONZE

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ON THE MECHANISM OF FORMATION OF ELECTROCHROMIC WO₃ FILMS ON THE SURFACE OF Sn, Ti & ITO-ELECTRODES IN THE PROCESS OF CATHODIC ELECTRODEPOSITION

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Abstract—The paper presents results of the study of the effect of doping with yttrium oxide on ceramics of the composition $(\gamma + \theta) \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 + n\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, 3$ wt%), sintered at 1550°C for 2 h, from powders of the specified composition annealed at temperatures of 500, 800, 1000°C. X-ray diffraction analysis established the formation in ceramics of yttrium aluminum garnet $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$ (YAG) and a metastable phase of the same composition with a tetragonal lattice type in powders at temperatures above 1200°C. The effect of YAG on the physical and mechanical properties was established: high properties were demonstrated by ceramics of the composition $\theta\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 2\text{wt}\% \text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$, obtained from a powder annealed at 1000°C. In addition, high physical and mechanical properties were observed in ceramics of the composition $\theta\text{-Al}_2\text{O}_3 + 0\text{wt}\% \text{Y}_2\text{O}_3$, obtained from a powder annealed at 800°C. The effect of the so-called “mutual protection against crystallization” was discovered, which consists in the mutual inhibition of crystallization processes in powders of the $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-Y}_2\text{O}_3$ system.

Keywords: aluminum oxide, yttrium oxide, phase composition, structure, yttrium aluminum garnet, physical and mechanical properties

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THERMAL DIFFUSION CHROMIUM PLATING OF STRUCTURAL CARBON STEEL 20 BY HIGH FREQUENCY CURRENTS

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Abstract—To increase the service life of the gear teeth made of steel 20, operating under high shock loads, their main surfaces were subjected to high-temperature diffusion metallization, namely, chromium plating with high-frequency currents. As a result of diffusion metallization, the surface hardness increased 5.1–5.4 times – from 156–159 HV to 800–866 HV, and the strength level 3.3 times – from 250 to 820 mAh. Optimal parameters for the diffusion metallization: current $I = 0.25–0.3$ kA, power $P_e = 8–10$ kW, hardening $\tau = 8–10$ min. By the method of scanning electron microscopy, it was found that after diffusion saturation of the surface of the gear teeth with chromium, the steel has a homogeneous structure with clearly pronounced transition layers, the average thickness of the diffusion layer was 0.06 mm. Energy dispersive analysis showed that after diffusion metallization with chromium powder, the basic composition of the steel remained constant, only the qualitative ratio of the components changed. X-ray phase analysis revealed the presence of an α Fe-phase with the incorporation of Cr on the surface of the sample.

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PRINCIPLES OF EXPOSURE OF POLYMER MATERIALS TO HEAT, MOISTURE AND UV-RADIATION AND STUDY OF THEIR PROPERTIES BY FULL FACTORIAL EXPERIMENT:

A review

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Abstract—The work is dedicated to the effects of climatic factors on polyethylene terephthalate (PET) in terms of changes in the structure and interaction of polymer molecules. The kinetic concept of the

strength of PET has been developed, and the factors influencing the strength have been considered. Effects of moisture, thermal oxidative destruction, and UV-radiation on the structure of PET have been investigated. Polymers' properties predicting, durability and their computer modeling have been analyzed. A model of changes in PET properties under the influence of temperature, moisture and UV-radiation was constructed using the methods of a full factorial experiment. It has been shown that in the initial period of exposure, adsorption and diffusion of moisture, hydrolysis and surface oxidation occur; prolonged and constant exposure to UV-radiation break the bonds formed by moisture, then the C–C and C–O bonds in the PET molecule break and new intermolecular bonds are formed. In the amorphous state of PET, the breaking of bonds in the polymer chain and the formation of bonds between two adjacent polymer chains, the formation of more densely packed nodes, the destruction of the polymer and its aging, are equally probable. Temperature has a secondary effect, facilitating both hydrolysis and oxidation and polymer degradation.

Keywords: polyethylene terephthalate, climatic factors, temperature, UV-radiation, humidity, polymer aging, full factorial experiment

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SOCKET WELDING OF POLYPROPYLENE PIPES WITH A HEATED TOOL AT NEGATIVE AMBIENT TEMPERATURES

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STUDY OF HYDROGENATION AND CORROSION OF STEEL EQUIPMENT AND PIPELINES AT THE PRODUCTION FACILITIES OF H₂S-CONTAINING HYDROCARBON RAW MATERIALS

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Abstract—The impact of hydrogen sulfide raw materials on steel equipment and pipelines is associated not only with corrosion processes, but also with the hydrogenation of used carbon and low-alloy steels. This can lead to the loss of their strength properties and the subsequent destruction of equipment operated under conditions of increased operating pressures. Such corrosive-mechanical effects associated with the penetration of hydrogen into steel are the most dangerous from the point of view of the safety and reliability of the operation of facilities for the production of hydrocarbon fluids. The effect of H₂S on the main types of structural steels was investigated according to the results of autoclave tests. The formation of blistering (blistering) and cracks on the surface of steels due to the effect of hydrogen on the steel was recorded. A study of the phase composition of corrosion products and their possible effect on the processes of corrosion and hydrogenation of steel has been carried out.

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DIGITAL REFERENCE IMAGES WHEN EVALUATING THE QUALITY OF CASTINGS FROM ALUMINUM AND MAGNESIUM ALLOYS

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