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INFLUENCE OF PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY OF THICK PLATE ROLLED FROM SHIPBUILDING STEEL OF STRENGTH LEVEL 500 ON STRUCTURE PARAMETERS AND WORKABILITY CHARACTERISTICS AT LOW TEMPERATURES

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Keywords: high-strength steel, furnace quenching, quenching from rolling heating, rolled products, structure, lath martensite, granular bainite, lath bainite, properties

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EFFECT OF HOT ROLLING MODE ON CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC TEXTURE AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF DIRECTLY QUENCHED BAINITIC STEEL

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Keywords: high strength bainitic steel, deformation mode of hot rolling, direct quenching, crystallographic texture, deformed austenite, lath bainite, granular bainite

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HARDENING AND IMPROVING THE CORROSION RESISTANCE OF CARBON STEEL 45 WITH THERMAL CHEMICAL TREATMENT

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INFLUENCE OF LITHIUM ON THE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF HEAT CAPACITY AND THERMODYNAMIC FUNCTIONS CHANGES IN AK1 ALLOY BASED ON HIGH-PURITY ALUMINUM

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reduces the heat capacity of the initial alloy AK1. It is shown that lithium addition increases the enthalpy and entropy of the initial AK1 alloy and decreases the Gibbs energy value.

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REGULARITIES OF FORMATION OF MICROSTRUCTURE AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF COPPER M1 UNDER COMBINED PLASTIC DEFORMATION

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Keywords: combined plastic deformation, helical extrusion, hardness, structure, grain size, copper, equal channel angular pressing, hydroextrusion

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STUDY OF STRUCTURE AND PROPERTIES OF A NEW POROUS COMPOSITE MATERIAL OBTAINED BY DIRECT LASER DEPOSITION

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Abstract—The possibility of formation of porous materials for biomedical applications from VT6/Ta/Zr alloy by direct laser deposition has been shown. Varying the laser power allowed to obtain alloys with variable porosity. The modes providing formation of porous material with normal elasticity modulus corresponding to human bone were selected. It was found that the porosity value of 32% is achieved at the laser power of 50 W, which meets the requirements, for example, for dental prosthetics. In the process of direct laser deposition of materials in VT6/Ta/Zr alloys with variable porosity tantalum particles do not melt and act as crystallization centers. Such conditions ensure the formation of a highly dispersed metal structure consisting mainly of VT6 powders with evenly distributed Ta and Zr particles.

Keywords: direct laser deposition, microstructure, variable porosity, titanium alloy, tantalum, zirconium

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FORMATION OF FUNCTIONAL NIOBIUM BINARY FINE STRUCTURES

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DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR OBTAINING NANOSTRUCTURED COMPOSITE COATING OF Kh20N80–Cr–TiC

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STUDY OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE RATIO OF BUTADIENE AND NITRILE-BUTADIENE RUBBERS ON THE PROPERTIES OF THEIR BLENDS

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Keywords: elastomeric materials, butadiene rubber, nitrile butadiene rubber, frost resistance, aggressive media resistance, wear resistance, physical and mechanical properties

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STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLICATION OF OPTICALLY TRANSPARENT EPOXY RESINS FOR RESTORATION OF VITRIC ENAMELS

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EFFECTS OF EXTERNAL INFLUENCING FACTORS ON THE MICROSTRUCTURE AND PHYSICO-MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF GLASS-REINFORCED POLYMER COMPOSITE MATERIAL BASED ON POLYIMIDE BINDER

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**POLYMER COMPOSITE MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES USED IN SPORTS INDUSTRY:
A REVIEW**

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Abstract—The article provides a review of scientific and technical literature, including Russian and foreign periodicals, patents for inventions in the field of creating products for the sports industry from polymer composite materials. The technologies and technical solutions used to achieve the assigned tasks, the advantages and disadvantages of using the methods are considered. It is shown that the use of modern achievements in materials science, a new generation of materials and advanced technologies can contribute to the achievement of high sports results.

Keywords: polymer composite materials, PCM, reinforcing fillers, sports industry, technologies, technical solutions

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INFLUENCE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF COUNTERBODIES ON TRIBOTECHNICAL PROPERTIES OF POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE

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Abstract—This paper presents the results of a study of different types of counterbodies on the tribological properties of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE). The characteristics of the polymer, the roughness and hardness of counterbodies made of the following materials are given: copper, aluminum, brass and steel grade 45. It is shown that the best wear resistance is obtained for a friction pair – polytetrafluoroethylene with steel grade 45 and brass. The friction surfaces of the counterbodies and the polymer were studied by optical, electron microscopy, and IR spectroscopy.

Keywords: polytetrafluoroethylene, wear resistance, coefficient of friction, counterbody, friction surface

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INFLUENCE OF UNFAVORABLE CLIMATIC FACTORS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ARCTIC ZONE ON THE PROPERTIES OF POLYMERIC MATERIALS AND COMPOSITES: A REVIEW

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Keywords: structural materials, arctic conditions, reduced temperatures, physical and mechanical properties

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INFLUENCE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF WELD METAL ON HYDROGEN DIFFUSION INTO THE HEAT AFFECTED ZONE OF HETEROGENEOUS WELDED JOINTS

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Keywords: welding, steel, hydrogen, diffusion, welded joint, heat affected zone

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ALLOYING SYSTEMS FOR MODERN FLUX-CORED WIRES FOR MECHANIZED WELDING IN SHIELDING GASES OF HIGH-STRENGTH SHIPBUILDING STEELS

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MATHEMATICAL MODELING AND PREDICTION OF VALUES OF PARTIAL INDICATORS OF HEAT-EXCHANGE PROCESSES AT UNDERWATER WET WELDING

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FINAL ASSESSMENT OF MULTIFACTOR EXPERIMENTS OF HEAT TRANSFER IN THE UNDERWATER WET WELDING

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INFLUENCE OF ALKALINE EARTH METALS ON THE CORROSION-ELECTROCHEMICAL BEHAVIOR OF LEAD BABBIT BKa, BSt, BBa (PbSb15Sn10) IN NaCl ELECTROLYTE MEDIUM

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Abstract—The article presents the results of study of the effect of additions of calcium, strontium and barium (0.01–1.0 wt %) as a structure modifier on the anodic behavior of lead babbits BKa, BSt, BBa (PbSb15Sn10) in NaCl electrolyte medium. The studies were carried out by the potentiostatic method in a potentiodynamic mode with a potential sweep rate of 2 mV/s.

Studies show that with time the free corrosion potential of alloys shifts to the positive side, and with an increase in the concentration of the modifier (calcium, strontium and barium) in lead babbits, acquires a positive value. The addition of calcium to lead babbit BKa (PbSb15Sn10Ca) increases its corrosion resistance by 10–15%, strontium BST (PbSb15Sn10Sr) by 15–20%, and barium BBa (PbSb15Sn10Ba) by 20–25%. An increase in the corrosion rate of alloys was noted, regardless of their composition from the NaCl concentration in the solution. It has been shown that an increase in the chloride ion concentration in the NaCl electrolyte leads to a decrease in the potentials of free corrosion, repassivation, and pitting formation of alloys.

Keywords: lead babbits BKa, Bst, BBa (PbSb15Sn10), calcium, strontium, barium, potentiostatic method, electrochemical behavior, NaCl electrolyte, free corrosion potential, corrosion rate

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ON BRITTLE FRACTURE RESISTANCE DETERMINATION OF CHROMIUM STAINLESS STEEL IRRADIATED IN ION ACCELERATOR

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Abstract—The possibility of brittle fracture resistance (BFR) determination is investigated with mechanical testing for ion-irradiated chromium stainless steel. To consider the ion irradiation effect on material properties disc specimens in initial and irradiated states were tested by mechanical loading until brittle fracture. The microhardness of specimens before and after ion irradiation was also determined. It was found that the microhardness of ion-irradiated steel is higher than the microhardness of steel in initial state. However, critical loads for brittle fracture of disc specimens are practically equal for initial and ion-irradiated states. The performed calculations, SEM investigations and also analysis of mechanisms of cleavage microcrack nucleation in disc specimen surfaces allowed us to explain the brittle fracture test results. As fracture tests do not allow us to estimate BFR, it is proposed to estimate BFR by microhardness measurement results.

Keywords: ferritic-martensitic steel, ion irradiation, ion accelerator, brittle fracture resistance, mechanical testing, microhardness

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PREDICTION OF RADIATION EMBRITTLEMENT OF VVER-1000 RPV WELDED SEAM MATERIAL AT LIFETIME EXTENSION UP TO 60 YEARS AND MORE

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Keywords: weld, critical embrittlement temperature, VVER-1000 reactor vessel, fast neutron fluence, radiation embrittlement, flux effect, service life extension

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STUDY OF STRESS CORROSION CRACKING SUSCEPTIBILITY OF IRRADIATED FERRITE-MARTENSITIC STAINLESS STEEL 07Kh12NMFb IN SUPERCRITICAL WATER. Part 2. Development of corrosion crack identification technique and analysis of autoclave test results

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Abstract—The studies of stress corrosion cracking have been carried out for the stainless ferritic-martensitic steel with chromium content of 12% irradiated to a damage neutron dose of ~12 dpa. This steel was chosen as a candidate material for the internals of supercritical water-cooled reactors (SWCR).

The first part of the paper was devoted to autoclave testing of specially designed disk specimens under constant load in a supercritical water environment (at 450°C and 250 atm pressure). In this part of the article the developed technique for corrosion cracks identification is presented and analysis of autoclave tests results is performed.

As a result of the experiments performed, the threshold stress values below which stress corrosion cracking initiation doesn't occur. The values of threshold stresses are determined for the studied steel irradiated at temperatures of 390 and 550°C. Possible mechanisms of stress corrosion cracking of the studied steel are analyzed and directions for further research are proposed.

Keywords: ferritic-martensitic stainless steel, SWCR, WWER-SKD reactor, neutron irradiation, stress corrosion cracking, corrosion cracking identification, autoclave tests

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