

Third School Year

HOT-FORMING

1. Introduction

By *hot-forming* we change the shape of a *semi-product* into a future product by working *external forces* at an *increased* temperature. The material used has to be *formable* enough, and it means with a large *amount* of plastic *deformation* and with a small *amount* of elastic *deformation*. Steel is the most *formable* in the area of *austenite*, which has a *cubic grid* which is surface-centred – see Picture 1.

Picture 1



2. The influence of temperatures on plastic deformation

Higher temperatures *reduce deformed resistance*, but *increase* corrosion (*melting* loss) and *cause grain roughness*. Low temperatures *cause* an *increase* in *deformed resistance* of material.

3. Material *heating* before *forming*

Material *heating* is *carried out uniformly* in *furnaces*, which *reduces* material *melting* loss. The most often used 3 classifications for furnaces are:

a) according to heat source

- electric
- gas
- b) according to structure
- chamber
- shaft
- car hearth
- c) according to method of *heating*
- continual (continuous)
- cyclic

4. Hot-forming technologies

4.1 Rolling

Rolling is *carried out* in *rolling mill* factories on *rolling mill lines* – see Picture 2. The *semi-product* for *rolling* is an *ingot* – see Picture 3, a product from a *steelworks*. An *ingot* is deformed into *slabs* or *billets*.



Picture 2 – A rolling line



Picture 3- Ingots



4.1.1 Rolling stands

The *rolling mill line* is made up of *rolling stands*. There are several *rolling stand* structures which are named according to the number of *rolls* they have.

Picture 4

a) Basic kinds of rolling stands – see Picture 4







Two-roll (two-high)

Three-roll(three-high)

Four-roll (four-high)

The two-*roll stands* are structurally the simpliest but they do not *enable* big cross *section* reductions.

b) Kinds of *rolls*

- *flat* for *rolling plates* (see Picture 5)
- *grooved* for *rolling sections* (see Picture 6)





4.1.2 Rolling plates

Plates are *hot-rolled* and *cold-rolled*. *Cold rolling increases* the *accuracy* of a *plate*'s *dimensions*.

4.1.3 Rolling tubes

Tubes are most often *rolled* using the Mannesman (see Picture 7). Its **rolls** have the same sense of rotation. *Rolls increase tension* in the *semi-product axis* above breaking *strength causing* the formation of *cracks*. *Tension gradually* increases and the *mandrel* then *smooths* the *tube cavity*.

Picture 7 – The Mannesmann method



1. Semi-product 2. Upper roll 3. Lower roll 4. Mandrel

4.2 Drawing wire

During *drawing wire* a *semi-product* goes through a series of *dies* (see Picture 9), which *gradually reduce* the *wire* cross *section*.











VOCABULARY			
accuracy	přesnost	hot-forming	tváření za tepla
amount	množství	hot-rolled	válcovaný
austenite	austenit		za tepla
axis	osa	chamber	komorový
billet	sochor	increase	zvýšit
car hearth	vozový	increased	zvýšený
carry out	probíhat	influence	vliv, ovlivňovat
cause	způsobit	ingot	ingot
cavity	dutina	lower	dolní
cold-rolled	válcovaný	mandrel	trn
	za studena	melting	tavení
crack	trhlina	plate	plech
cubic	krychlový	property	vlastnost
cyclic	cyklický	reduce	snížit
deformed resistance	přetvárný odpor	roll	válcovat, válec
deformation	deformace	rolling	válcování
die	průvlak	rolling mill	válcovna
dimension	rozměr	rolling mill line	válcovací trať
drawing	tažení	rolling stand	válcovací stolice
enable	umožnit	roughness	hrubost, drsnost
external	vnější	section	profil (ocelový)
flat	plochý	semi-product	polotovar
force	síla	shaft	šachtový
formable	tvárný	slab	brama
forming	tváření	smooth	dohladit
furnace	pec	steelworks	ocelárna
gas	plyn, plynový	strength	pevnost
gradually	postupně	tension	napětí
grain	zrno	tube	trubka
grid	mřížka	uniformly	rovnoměrně
grooved	kalibrovaný	upper	horní
heating	ohřev	wire	drát

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What do we change by hot-forming?
- 2. What do you know about the influence of temperatures on plastic deformation?
- 3. How do we classify furnaces?
- 4. How is rolling carried out?
- 5. What kinds of rolls do you know?
- 6. How are the tubes often rolled?
- 7. What happens during wire drawing?



EXERCISES

1. Complete the crossword and translate the vertical word:



1	snížit	7	tažení
2	rozměr	8	trn
3	plech	9	mřížka
4	tavení	10	umožnit
5	vliv, ovlivňovat	11	ocel
6	pec		



2. Describe the picture below and then translate:



3. Complete the following sentences from the text. Use the words below.

rolling stands hot-rolled ingot hot-forming grooved reduce drawing tubes

- 1 During wire ______ a semi-product goes through a series of dies.
- 2 The semi-product for rolling is an _____.
- **3** By ______ we change the shape of a semi-product.
- 4 The rolling mill line is made up of _____.
- 5 Plates are ______ and cold-rolled.
- 6 Higher temperatures ______ deformed resistance.
- 7 _____ are most often rolled using the Mannesman method.
- 8 Rolls are flat or _____.



KEY – for teachers only

1. ROLLING MILL

1	reduce	7	drawing
2	dimension	8	mandrel
3	plate	9	grid
4	melting	10	enable
5	influence	11	steel
6	furnace		

2.



- 1. Semi-product polotovar
- 2. Upper roll horní válec (kotouč)
- 3. Lower roll spodní válec (kotouč)
- 4. Mandrel trn

3.

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- 2 The semi-product for rolling is an ingot.
- **3** By hot-forming we change the shape of a semi-product.
- 4 The rolling mill line is made up of rolling stands.
- 5 Plates are hot-rolled and cold-rolled.
- 6 Higher temperatures reduce deformed resistance.
- 7 Tubes are most often rolled using the Mannesman Stiefel method.
- 8 Rolls are flat or grooved.