

Title (en)

Method of treating the surfaces of high carbon steel bodies and bodies of high carbon steel.

Title (de)

Verfahren zur Behandlung der Oberflächen hochgekoelter Stahlgegenstände und Gegenstände aus hochgekoeltem Stahl.

Title (fr)

Procédé de traitement de la surface d'articles en acier à haute teneur en carbone et articles en acier à haute teneur en carbone.

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Abstract (en)

A method of developing compressive residual stresses in the surface region of a high carbon steel alloy composed of 0.8 - 1.6% carbon, 0.2 - 5% chromium, and 0 - 20% alloying ingredients selected from the group consisting of manganese, vanadium, molybdenum, tungsten, silicon, the remainder being iron; e.g. SAE 52100 steel, comprises heating said article to a temperature of 800-950 DEG C (1472 - 1742 DEG F) for 1 - 2.5 hours in a carburizing atmosphere effective to generate a differential in retained austenite, primary carbides and carbon between the surface region and core region of said article; and immersing said article in a cooling medium to quench the central core of said article at a rate sufficiently fast to effectively suppress the formation of non-martensitic austenite decomposition products, thereby establishing a residual compressive stress gradient proceeding from the surface region of said article to a depth between 0.007 - 0.03 inches, the residual compressive stress being in the range of 5 - 40 Ksi. The article may be tempered thereafter.

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