

Title (en)

PROCESS FOR STABLE OPERATION OF A PLASMATRON WITH STEAM AS THE PLASMA GAS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUM STABILEN BETRIEB EINES PLASMATRONS MIT WASSERDAMPF ALS PLASMAGAS

Title (fr)

PROCEDE DE FONCTIONNEMENT STABLE D'UN PLASMATRON A VAPEUR D'EAU COMME GAZ DE PLASMA

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