

Title (en)  
Process and device for heat treating workpieces

Title (de)  
Verfahren und Vorrichtung zur Wärmebehandlung von Teilen

Title (fr)  
Procédé et dispositif pour le traitement thermique de pièces

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: EP1006202A2] Heat treatment process, comprises preheating workpieces (11) in air prior to homogenization annealing under protective gas and martensitic quench hardening. A heat treatment process, preferably for steel workpieces, comprises preheating the workpieces (11) in air at below their transformation temperature (preferably  $\geq 300$ , especially 400-600 degrees C), homogenization annealing under protective gas at above the transformation temperature (preferably above the steel eutectoid temperature of 723 degrees C) and then martensitic hardening in a quenching bath (19). An Independent claim is also included for an installation for carrying out the above process.

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