

Title (en)

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FORMING A WELD JOINT HAVING IMPROVED PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Title (de)

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Title (fr)

APPAREIL ET PROCEDE DE FORMATION DE SOUDURE AUX PROPRIETES PHYSIQUES AMELIOREES

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[origin: WO03082512A1] The method and apparatus for performing the method of forming a weld joint of the present invention utilizes welding apparatus (100) having welded tool (102) and a compression tool (106) for inducing a layer of residual compressive stress along the surface of the weld line (18) and any heat affected regions with a controlled amount of cold working and surface hardening. In a preferred embodiment of the invention the compression tool (106) utilizes a single-point burnishing process to provide deep compression within the weld joint (20) with a minimal amount of cold working and surface hardening.

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