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METHOD OF OPTIMIZING AN OXYGEN FREE HEAT TREATING PROCESS

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUR OPTIMIERUNG EINES SAUERSTOFFFREIEN WÄRMEBEHANDLUNGSVERFAHRENS

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉ D'OPTIMISATION D'UN PROCESSUS DE TRAITEMENT THERMIQUE SANS OXYGÈNE

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[origin: US2008149226A1] A method of controlling an oxygen-free heat treating process in an atmospheric pressure furnace is disclosed. The present method employs an oxygen-free gas atmosphere including hydrogen gas in concentrations between about 1.0 percent to 10.0 percent, a hydrocarbon gas, such as propylene, in concentrations of between about 0.1 percent and 10.0 percent that varies as a function of time, with the balance of the gas atmosphere being nitrogen. The presently disclosed oxygen-free carburization process uses a precisely controlled gas atmosphere to minimize inter-granular oxidation, eliminate the formation of soot and cementite, and avoid hydrogen embrittlement.

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