

Title (en)  
Thermoformed steel product and method for producing same

Title (de)  
Warmumgeformtes Stahlprodukt und Verfahren zu dessen Herstellung

Title (fr)  
Produit d'acier déformé à chaud et son procédé de fabrication

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Abstract (en)  
Producing steel product comprises: subjecting steel comprising carbon, manganese, chromium, nickel, phosphorus, and iron and steel impurities to hot forming at 900-1300[deg] C; and cooling it in air. The average austenite grain size of the steel after the final hot forming step is less than 50 mu m. The cooling of the forming heat in static or moving air is carried out such that the cooling is carried out at a temperature of 800-500[deg] C with a cooling rate of 0.1-8 K/s. The steel product comprises lower bainite, granular or upper bainite, martensite, austenite, and ferrite. Producing steel product comprises: subjecting steel comprising (in wt.%) carbon (0.03-12.2), manganese (2-4), chromium (0.05-2), nickel (0.05-1), phosphorus (upto 0.035), and iron and steel impurities (remaining amount) to hot forming at 900-1300[deg] C; and cooling it in air. The average austenite grain size of the steel after the final hot forming step is less than 50 mu m. The cooling of the forming heat in static or moving air is carried out such that the cooling is carried out at a temperature of 800-500[deg] C with a cooling rate of 0.1-8 K/s. The weight proportion (x) of the above components satisfies the condition Bs (greater than 700) is equal to 1.103-270x (x)carbon - 90x (x)manganese - 70x (x)chromium - 37x (x)nickel - 83x (x)molybdenum (less than 800). The steel product comprises (in %) lower bainite (60-95), granular or upper bainite (upto 10), martensite (upto 40), austenite (upto 20), and ferrite (upto 2). An independent claim is also included for a hot formed steel product, producible by the above method, comprising (in wt.%) carbon (0.03-0.20), manganese (2-4), chromium (0.05-2), nickel (0.05-1), phosphorus (upto 0.035), and iron and steel impurities (remaining amount).

Abstract (de)  
Zur Herstellung eines verbesserten Stahlprodukts wird ein Stahl mit einem Gewichtsanteil von: 0.03 bis 0.20 % Kohlenstoff (C), 2.00 % bis 4.00 % Mangan (Mn), 0.05 bis 2.00 % Chrom (Cr), 0.05 bis 1.00% Nickel (Ni), bis zu 0.035% Phosphor (P), der Rest Eisen sowie stahlübliche Beimengungen, einer Warmumformung bei 900 bis 1300°C unterzogen und danach an Luft abkühlt, wobei die mittlere Austenitkorngrosse nach dem letzten Warmumformungsschritt kleiner ist als 50 µm und wobei die Abkühlung aus der Umformhitze an ruhender oder bewegter Luft so geschieht, dass der Temperaturbereich zwischen 800 und 500°C mit einer Kühlrate von 0.1 bis 8.0 K/s durchlaufen wird. Die prozentualen Gewichtsanteile x(i) von Kohlenstoff, Mangan, Chrom, Nickel und Molybdän erfüllen dabei die folgende Bedingung:  $700 < B_s = 1 \cdot 103 - 270 \cdot x_C - 90 \cdot x_{Mn} - 70 \cdot x_{Cr} - 37 \cdot x_{Ni} - 83 \cdot x_{Mo} < 800$

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