

Title (en)

METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN EASILY DEFORMABLE FLAT STEEL PRODUCT

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUM HERSTELLEN EINES GUT UMFORMBAREN STAHLFLACHPRODUKTS

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉ DE FABRICATION D'UN PRODUIT EN ACIER PLAT FACILEMENT FORMABLE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2011069906A2] The invention relates to a method by means of which an easily deformable flat steel product having a carbon content of 0.1-0.4 wt % can be produced in a cost-effective manner. To this end, according to the invention, an annealing treatment is carried out under an annealing atmosphere comprising 0.1-25 vol % of H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, with the remainder being N<sub>2</sub> and technically unavoidable impurities, and having a dew point of between -20°C and +60°C, wherein the ratio of H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub> of the annealing atmosphere is no greater than 0.957. The flat steel product is thereby heated to a holding temperature of 600-1100°C in the course of the annealing treatment, at which it is held for a holding time of 10-360 s, so that the flat steel product obtained after the annealing treatment comprises a 10-200 µm thick ductile edge layer (R) adjacent to the free surface thereof, having a ductility that is greater than the interior core layer (K) of the flat steel product covered by the edge layer. The invention further relates to a correspondingly produced flat steel product particularly suitable for hot or cold forming, and to a method for producing components made of such a flat steel product.

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