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TUBE DIAMETER EXPANDING METHOD AND MOLDING APPARATUS

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Abstract (en)

A tube diameter expanding method includes: rotating a tube having one end fixed to a turntable about a center axis of the tube; inserting a rod-like roller which extends in an axial direction of the tube into the tube from another end of the tube, and bringing the rod-like roller into contact with a forming region extending from the other end to a predetermined position of the tube; heating the forming region of the tube; cooling at least a section located near the forming region and within a non-forming region extending from the predetermined position to the one end of the tube; and moving the rod-like roller in a state of contacting the forming region of the tube, in a direction from the one end of the tube toward the other end of the tube and outward in a radial direction of the tube.

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