

Title (en)

METHOD FOR PROCESSING ADVANCED HIGH STRENGTH STEEL

Title (de)

VERFAHREN ZUR VERARBEITUNG VON FORTSCHRITTLICHEM HOCHFESTEM STAHL

Title (fr)

PROCÉDÉ POUR LE TRAITEMENT D'UN ACIER À HAUTE RÉSISTANCE AVANCÉ

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO2021236619A1] A method of manufacturing an energy absorbing component for a vehicle is provided. The method includes heating a bainitic GENS steel material which has a microstructure including ferrite and bainite to a temperature above the Ac3 temperature to convert a portion of the ferrite and bainite to austenite. The method further includes forming while cooling the heated steel blank into a component in a temperature controlled steel die. During the cooling step, the steel material is cooled to a temperature below the Ms temperature to form retained austenite. A portion of the austenite transforms to martensite and bainite during the forming and cooling step. The method can further include heating the component to a temperature above the Ms temperature after the forming and cooling step to increase energy absorption characteristics. During a crash event, the strain imposed on the component converts retained austenite present in the component to martensite.

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