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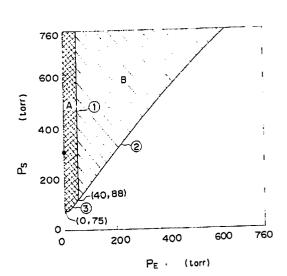
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- (54) Method for cleaning molten metal.
- steel, comprises the steps of keeping a pressure inside a vessel having molten metal therein at a pressure of P_S of atmospheric pressure or less, bubbling the molten metal in the vessel by gas soluble in the molten metal, a portion of said gas dissolving in the molten metal and the rest of the gas converting to gas bubbles, and reducing rapidly the pressure in the vessel to pressure P_E, fine gas bubbles being produced in the molten metal in the vessel, nonmetallic inclusions being trapped by said fine gas bubbles and by gas bubbles produced by bubbling and rising to the the surface of the molten metal, and gas dissolved in the molten metal being removed.

Pressure P_S in the step of keeping a pressure and pressure P_E in the step of reducing the pressure are pressures P_S and P_E of atmosphere inside the vessel in a zone enclosed with $P_S = 760$, $P_E = 40$, $(P_S)^{1/2} - (P_E)^{1/2} = 3.06$ in two-dimensional rectangular coordinates, whose ordinate is P_S Torr and whose

abscissa is PE Torr.







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