

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

LECTURE NOTES

FOR

THE SUBJECT

ENGINEERING MATERIAL

3RD SEMESTER

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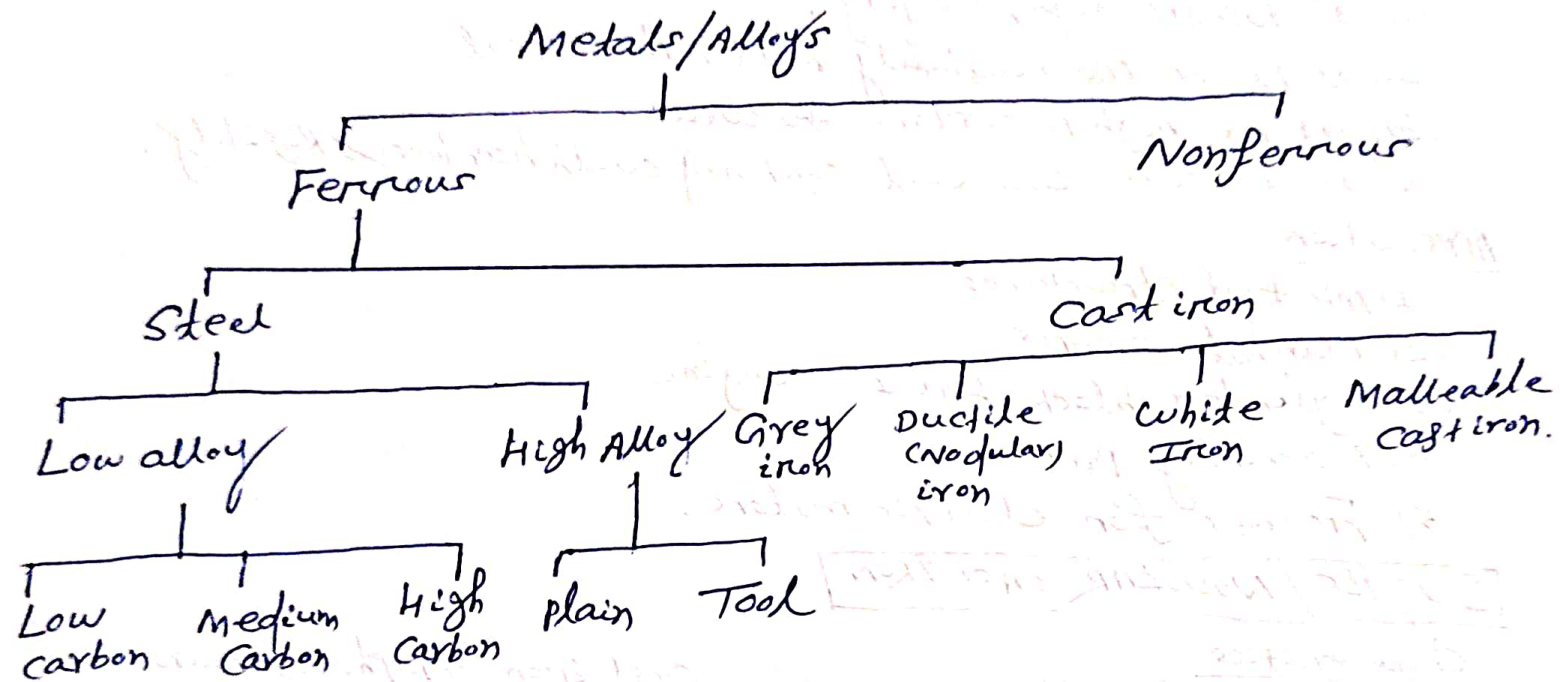
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CHAPTER-2: FERROUS MATERIAL AND ALLOYS

INTRODUCTION

- Ferrous materials are contain Iron.
- There are the most important metals/alloys in the metallurgical and mechanical industries because of their Very extensive use.
- Iron containing compounds exist in different Quantity within earth's crust.

CLASSIFICATION OF FERROUS MATERIAL



Steel

- (i) It is an alloy of Iron & carbon.
- (ii) In Steel iron contain Less than 2% of Carbon.
- (iii) Generally Steel is stronger than iron & it has better tension and Compression Properties.

Cast iron

- (i) It contain carbon between 2 to 5%. These irons are Ferrous casting Alloys.

- (ii) There are 4 types of cast iron.

- (a) Grey Cast iron
- (b) Ductile (Nodular) cast iron
- (c) White cast iron
- (d) Malleable cast iron.

Grey cast iron

It is an alloy of carbon, silicon with iron. It readily cast into a desired shape in a sand mould.

It contain

- 2.5 to 3.8 % C
- 1.1 to 2.8 % Si
- 0.4 to 1.1 % Mn
- 0.5 % P & 0.10 % S.

Characteristics

- (i) It is marked by the presence of graphite in a matrix of Ferrite, Pearlite or Austenite.
- (ii) It possess high Fluidity.
- (iii) It possess machinability better than steel.
- (iv) It has high resistance to wear.
- (v) It associate Low cost combined with hardness & Rigidity.

Application

- (1) M/c tool structures.
- (2) Manhole covers
- (3) Cylinder block for I.C. engine
- (4) Machinery parts
- (5) Frames for electric motors.

DUCTILE / NODULAR CAST IRON

Characteristics

- (i) Unlike long flakes as in grey cast iron, graphite appears as round particles or nodules in nodular cast iron.
- (ii) It contain 3.2-4.2 % C, 1.1-3.5 % Si, 0.3-0.8 % Mn, 0.08 % P and 0.2 % S.
- (iii) Excellent wear resistance
- (iv) Very good machinability.

Uses

- (1) I.C. engines
- (2) Pipes
- (3) Paper industry machinery
- (4) Construction machinery
- (5) Pump & compressors
- (6) Tractors.

White cast iron

Characteristics

(1) It derives its name from the fact that its freshly broken surface shows a bright white fracture.

(2) Unlike grey iron, white cast iron has almost all its carbon chemically bonded with the iron as iron carbide (Fe_3C) which is a very hard & brittle constituent.

(3) Excellent Abrasive wear Resistance.

(4) It contains 1.8-3.6% C, 0.5-2% Si, 0.2-0.8% Mn, 0.18% P & 0.10% S.

(5) The solidification range of white cast iron is $2250-2065^{\circ}F$.

Use

→ Producing malleable iron casting

→ Manufacturing those component parts which require a hard & abrasion resistant material.

Malleable cast iron

Characteristics

(1) It is one which can be hammered & rolled to obtain different shapes.

(2) It is hard & brittle by heat conversion process.

(3) It possesses high yield strength.

(4) Low coefficient of thermal expansion.

(5) It contains 2-3% C, 0.6-1.3% Si, 0.2% Mn, 0.15% P.

(6) Good wear Resistance.

Uses

(1) Gear case

(2) Rail Road

(3) Truck tandem axle

(4) Crankshaft sprocket

(5) Conveyor chain link.

PLAIN CARBON STEEL

(1) It is an alloy of iron & carbon and it is malleable.

(2) Carbon steels are different from cast iron as regard the percentage of carbon.

Carbon steel contains carbon 0 to 2%.

Plain carbon steel contain into 3 catagory.

(a) Low carbon steel (Ex:- Mild steel)

(b) Medium carbon steel

(c) High carbon steel.

Low carbon steel contain Carbon 0.05 to 0.30 %

Mild steel contain Carbon 0.05 to 0.15 % Tensile stress (σ) = 390 N/mm² Hardness = 115 BHN <u>uses</u> (i) Rivet, screw, pipes	Mild steel contain Carbon 0.15 to 0.20 % σ = 420 N/mm² Hardness = 125 BHN <u>uses</u> (ii) Forging, welding, cam shaft	Mild steel contain Carbon 0.20 to 0.30 σ = 555 N/mm² Hardness = 140 BHN <u>uses</u> (i) Connecting Rod gear.
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Medium carbon steel contain carbon 0.30 to 0.70 %

Steel contain Carbon C = 0.35 to 0.45 % σ = 750 N/mm² Hardness = 0 <u>uses:</u> → Connecting Rod → Gear shaft	Steel contain Carbon C = 0.45 to 0.55 % σ = 1000 N/mm² Hardness = 0 <u>uses:</u> Crank Pin Crank shaft	Steel contain Carbon C = 0.55 to 0.70 % σ = 1230 N/mm² Hardness = 400 to 450 BHN <u>uses:</u> screw, Valve spring Thrust washer
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High Carbon steels Carbon contain 0.70 to 1.5 %

Steel contain C = 0.70 - 0.80 σ = 1400 N/mm² H = 500 BHN <u>uses</u> Taw, drill bit	Steel contain C = 0.80 - 0.90 σ = 660 N/mm² H = 600 BHN <u>uses</u> Rock drill Musical wire	Steel contain C = 0.90 - 1 % σ = 580 N/mm² H = 650 BHN <u>uses</u> puncher dies keys	Steel contain C = 1 to 1.3 % σ = 0 H = 0 <u>use</u> Filer Cutting tool	Steel contain C = 1.3 to 1.5 % σ = 0 H = 0 <u>use</u> wire drawing Metal cutting saws
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Alloy Steel

Steel is considered to be an alloy steel when the maximum range given for the content of alloying element exceeds one or more having certain limits.

There are 2 types of alloy steels.

- (a) High alloy steel
- (b) Low alloy steel.

High alloy steel

Alloy steel containing the range between 1 to 3.99% of some element is called high alloy steel.

Ex:- Mn, Al, B etc.

Low Alloy steel

Alloy steel containing the range between 0.2 to 1% of some element, is called Low alloy steel.

Ex:- Cr, Mo, C, Ni, Si etc.

Advantages

- Less cracking
- Higher elastic Ratio
- Better machinability
- Greater Hardenability

Disadvantage

- Special Handling
- Cost is high.
- Temper brittleness in certain grades
- Austenite retention.

Objectives of Alloying steel

- Better hardenability
- Greater strength.
- Improved toughness
- Improved temp. stability
- Improved cutting Ability.

Effect of Alloying element

(1) Cr :- It joins with carbon to form chromium carbide, thus adds to depth hardenability with improved resistance to abrasion & wear.

(2) Mn :- It contributes markedly to strength & hardness.

(3) W :- It increases hardness & resists heat.

(4) V :- Powerful carbide former which improves toughness.

(5) Ni :- Increases toughness & strengthens steel.

Tool steel

It may be defined as special steel which have been developed to form, cut or otherwise change the shape of a material into a finished or semi-finished product.

Properties of Tool steel

- (1) Good toughness
- (2) Good wear resistance.
- (3) Good machinability.
- (4) A definite cooling rate during hardening.
- (5) A definite hardening temperature.

Stainless steel

When 11.5% or more chromium is added to iron, a fine film of Chromium oxide forms naturally on the surface, exposed to air. The film act as a barrier to retard further oxidation, rust or corrosion. As this steel cannot be stained easily, it is called as stainless steel.

H.S.S. (High speed steel)

- (1) As per name the high speed steel remove metal at much higher speed than ordinary carbon steel.
- (2) High speed steel were developed & used primarily for making metal cutting tool. (Cutting Ability at temp 0.540°C)

Properties

- Excellent hardness
- Good wear resistance
- Good machinability.
- Good shock resistance.

Uses

(i) For making all types of cutting tool such as Lathe, Shaper, Planner tool etc.

(ii) Pump, Bearing part etc.

