INFLUENCE OF STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS PLACEMENT ON CASTING TECHNOLOGICAL DAMAGES FORMATION

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ABSTRACT The technological processes designing main criterion are identified. The reliability parameters: infallibility, durability, repairability, preservation are described with machine part life cycle’s substrages and stages are described. The reliability support principles of difficult engineering systems for mechanical engineering production are analyzed. The insufficient researches level regarding influence of casting’s structural components on defects formation on it surface is argued. The reliability varieties are considered, its place in the machine part life cycle’s structure is identified and mathematical dependences for potential reliability definition are suggested. Inexpediency of potential reliability using as the part condition forecasting’s criterion during it machining is justified. The blanks operations importance in the technological process planning structure of cast blanks is confirmed. The mathematical dependence for technological processes infallible implementation’s estimated probability (the technological process reliability coefficient) is confirmed. The defects types and its formation mechanisms for blanks are analyzed. The casting defects main types: burnt-on sands, cavities, flashes and cracks are characterized. The deficiencies role as surface layer’s infringements during parts work in machine is installed. The parameters for the deficiencies control according to ISO 8785: 1998 are presented. The metal destruction phases during machining are considered. It is installed that big angle grains boundaries have an important role in technological damages and processes of alloys destruction situating between grains boundaries formation. The material damageability degree evaluation’s modern conceptions as the operating time result of direct and indirect measurements are considered and its main deficiencies are specified. The LM-hardness method for definition of the castings damageability W as part infallibility parameter is presented. The technological fixture and the experimental researches execution and implementation technique are described. The received results justification and analysis are presented. The further researches directions are scheduled.

Keywords: technological process; reliability; infallibility; casting; technological damage; damageability

ВПЛИВ РОЗМІЩЕННЯ ЕЛЕМЕНТІВ КОНСТРУКЦІЇ НА ФОРМУВАННЯ ТЕХНОЛОГІЧНИХ ПОШКОДЖЕНЬ ВИЛИВКА

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АНОТАЦІЯ Встановлено основні критерії проектування технологічних процесів. Описано зв’язок показників надійності: безвідмінності, довкілля, ремонтний призначеність, збережливість із етапами та стадіями життєвого циклу виробу. Проаналізовано принцип забезпечення надійності складних технічних систем для машинобудівного виробництва. Аргументовано на недостатньому рівні досліджень стосовно впливу розміщення конструктивних елементів вилівка на формування дефектів на його поверхні. Розглянуто різновиди надійностей, встановлено їх місце у структурі життєвого циклу виробу під час його виготовлення. Підтверджено вагомість заготівельних операцій у структурі технологічних процесів механічного оброблення литих заготовок. Приведено математичну залежність для оцінки ймовірності безвідмовного здійснення технологічного процесу під час його виготовлення.

Ключові слова: технологічний процес; надійність; безвідмінність; лиття заготовка; технологічне пошкодження; пошкоджуваність

Introduction

The main criteria of technological process planning are specifications support and minimum parts manufacturing cost. The reliability parameters, which are occurred during parts exploitation, are usually disregarded [1-5].
The reliability parameters: infallibility, durability, repairability, preservation connect with all machine part life cycle’s substages and stages in particular and machines as a whole (fig. 1). The reliability parameters are laid at the parts designing. The reliability parameters are supplied at the parts manufacturing. The reliability parameters are appeared at the parts exploitation. Therefore the reliability problem is comprehensive [1, 2].

Methodological ensuring covers a theoretical base and engineering-applied methods of systems reliability analysis on the machine life cycle’s stages.

At the same time the influence of casting structural components placement on it surface layer defects formation is investigated less. Moreover the technique of technological damages quantitative definition both on casting operation, and during the technological process planning. Therefore these questions require further fundamental theoretical and experimental researches.

**The investigation purpose**

The investigation purpose is the casting structural components influence’s analysis on the machines details reliability parameters ensuring.

**The main part**

Technological process has direct and important influence on reliability parameters. However these communications are difficult, multi-stage and also not obvious (fig. 3) [1-3].

![Product Lifecycle](image.png)

**Fig. 1 – Product Lifecycle’s stages and substages**

On the mechanical engineering development’s modern stage the reliability problem becomes actual in connection with designs complication, products machining and assembles, tasks soluble responsibility increasing. The successful decision of this problem depends on the organisational, technical, information and methodological quality components (fig. 2) [3]

Organisational ensuring realises the plans and works complex to reliability parameters, the technical services organisation, economic-legal and administrative mutual relations between machines customer, designer and manufacturer.

![The difficult engineering system reliability](image.png)

**Fig. 2 – The difficult engineering system reliability support principles**

Technical ensuring is defined by the branch fitting-out using of applied software, experimental and industrial base, technology perfection, diagnostics and control.

Information ensuring is means and the directions of the collection, accumulation, processes, analysis and using data about systems, failure and defects analysis results design and exploitation processes.

Insufficient quality of the part conception development processes and its production’s preparation results in 80% of all defects emerging during production and parts using. The wrong, hasty and uncompleted technology design and technical requirements non-observance cause about 60% of all failures arising during part’s warranty period [2, 3].

Therefore, ISO 9001:2008 standard underlines the all actions integration. At the same time, the works gravity centre is transferred from function to a process that guaranteed the management’s unity, the organisational culture improvement and allows PLM technologies to be effectively implemented [2,3].

The modern reliability theory is based on fundamental mathematics and natural sciences laws [5-10].

There are potential, actual and reliable reliability from technological contention. Potential reliability lays at the design preproduction and technological preproduction. Actual reliability is supplied at the production substage. Exploitation reliability is displayed at the part exploitation stage depending on particular conditions [3].

The tasks, which require a prime definition, are the priority reliability characteristics establishing, its quantitative definition development and part behaviour’s forecasting both at the machine creation stage, and at the exploitation stage.
The part potential reliability defines it maximally reliability achievable value [3]:

\[ P_p = P_d \cdot P_{elem} \cdot P_{prod}, \]  

where \( P_d \), \( P_{elem} \), \( P_{prod} \) – potential, respectively, the design, furnishing elements and production processes reliability.

The potential design reliability \( P_d \) is the fact probability that requirements specification which stated in standard documentation specifications remain within the given parameters limits, if sudden failure does not take place.

The potential furnishing elements reliability \( P_{elem} \) is the fact probability that the elements will work properly during determined time at given power modes and the exploitation conditions:

\[ P_{elem} = k_1 \cdot k_2 \cdot k_3, \]  

where \( k_1 \) – coefficient accounting given type elements failure intensity for determined period; \( k_2 \) – coefficient accounting exploitation conditions (temperature, humidity etc.); \( k_3 \) – coefficient characterising the equipment’s type (power, elevating etc.).

The production processes potential reliability \( \Pi_p \) is defined as the probability that individual technological operations are completed without allowable defects.

Real exploitation conditions, the gap between potential and practical reliability is appreciably given the hidden and obvious defects (40–85 % of the total). These defects are laid down at the machine creating stage (fig. 1), which cause failure during the exploitation stage [1-3].

In this regards potential reliability shouldn’t be considered as the machine part condition forecasting’s criterion during it manufacturing.

Therefore the interrelations criteria establishing between technological parameters on the substages of machine creation stage and reliability characteristics are the mechanical engineering’s important task.

The blanking operation’s role is not enough taken into account at modern technological process designing from the reliability position [2,3]. The blanks structure and property should be considered in close combination with the metal heredity from liquid condition. Only 25% of charge’s properties are transferred to the blank. Other 75% are formed during alloy pouring and curing upon cooling [2,3].

Therefore the reliability parameters formation’s analysis on blanking operations has a significant influence to machine parts manufacturing by cutting.

The technological processes infallible implementation’s estimated probability (the technological process reliability coefficient) will be described including blanking operations [1]:

\[ P(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left[ 1 - (1 - P_0) \cdot (1 - P_{\gamma}) \cdot (1 - P_k) \right], \]  

where \( P_0(t) \), \( P_{\gamma}(t) \) – the technological process performance’s probability on blanking and intermediate operations (the reliability coefficient on blanking and intermediate operation), \( P_k \) – the parts rejection absence's probability on control operations (the reliability coefficient on control operations).

Hence, the technological processes infallible implementation’s estimated probability \( P(t) \) straight depends on the technological process performance’s probability on blanking and intermediate operations \( P_k \), \( P_{\gamma}(t) \) and parts rejection absence's probability on control operations \( P_k \).

The physical and chemical heterogeneity which are formed during blank’s solidification, is transformed into damages or defects at technological cutting as a structural heredity result in determined cases [2-10].

The castings defects are diverse. Some of them particularly formed on surfaces adjoining with gas phase, by their essence relate to natural roughness. Considerably lot of surface layer’s heterogeneities is connected with processes occurring on the firm phase and foundry forms boundaries. Their formation depends on the casting method and the liquid material properties [11,12].

The burnt-on sands, cavities, flashes and cracks are the main blanking’s defects.

The burnt-on sand is the metal surface’s defect as difficult separated layer on casting which is formed as the form material chemical and physical interaction’s result with metal and his oxides.

The gas cavity is displayed as cavity formed with gases allocated from melt.

The flash is a defect which results from liquid metal's hit to backlash between the casting crust and the crystallizer wall which is formed owing to the meniscus twist in their contact area.

Hot crack is defect as surface breakage arising during melt solidification.

Cold cracks arise at temperatures lying below metal transition temperature from the plastic deformations area to elastic area.

The medium’s aggressive factors impact, working loads, wear and corrosion result to surface layer destruction. Morphology formed structures is connected closely with the surface layer degradation’s mechanisms. It allows solving diagnostic tasks according to technical objects current condition’s appreciation [11].

The surface layer infringement at parts work consisting of machine from the reasons not connected with operational factors, as well as at transport, storage and assembling, is attributed to flaws. Their presence and characteristics are also specified and are applied for the parts appropriateness evaluation to further operation.

The flaws are named by surface layer local geometrical heterogeneities formed by inadvertent or random impact.

The flaws can be displayed in any asperity deviations dimensional level. Pursuant to ISO 8785:1998
The grains boundaries with big angles have a determining role in technological damages formation and alloys destruction between grains boundaries. The various origin distribution boundaries influence to deformation processes and alloys destruction isn't explored. To a considerable extent it is due to failure to take account in existing models the structure boundaries grains and border grains zones structural-phase condition [2].

In practice of the materiology and the mechanical engineering are known methods of the material degree evaluation damageability as the operating time result by direct (methods of weighing, metalgrafia etc.) and indirect (electric resistance, acoustic emission etc.) measurements of metal mechanical specifications without destruction [2,12]. The specified ways application for material degradation evaluation as a damages accumulation result during operating time is followed by big errors, as correlation between measured parameters and specifications of structural-phase condition for wide nomenclature of materials ambiguous and is not investigated thoroughly.

From known evaluation methods the most appropriate is material hardness measurement method on determined stages of the operating time. After that, taking into account mechanical specifications correlations, in particular hardness, with structure parameters, material damageability evaluate degree. This method is noninformative and inexact, as between material hardness and it technological damageability correlation weak and not is not always unambiguous.

Therefore necessity in method’s development of the material structure evaluation's degradation as a damages accumulation result during the operating time arose which would allow to provide informativeness and accuracy.

The samples structure condition’s surveillance quality on the one hand and material's damage of in under study part of samples on the other hand can be carried out by method of LM-hardness developed under the academician A. A. Lebedev direction. By the evaluation criterion not absolute physical quantities values serve, and their derivatives, for example, dissipation of received results of the control performed by the same devices in identical conditions [2]. LM - hardness method is easier to realise, applying as mechanical specification hardness on Rockwell. The hardness value is used for parameters indirect evaluation by the structure and other properties.

Homogeneity serves of parameter which integrated describes material condition during the hardness control results processing. Homogeneity is described Vejblüll’s coefficient m on Gumbel’s known formula [2,13]. Big numerical values of coefficient m concern hardness sizes dispersion's low level, the damageability lowest degree; smaller values, according to logic, define a damageability high degree [2,13].

The Weibull distribution is described by [2,13]:

$$P(\sigma) = 1 - e^{(-\frac{\sigma}{\theta})^m},$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)
The Weibull’s homogeneity coefficient is defined to mathematical dependence:

\[ m = \frac{d(n)}{2,30259 \cdot S(g(H))}, \quad (5) \]

where \( d(n) \) is characteristic, which is pegged to the measurements amount \( n \);

\[ S(g(H)) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (g(H_i) - \bar{g}(H))^2}, \quad (6) \]

\[ \bar{g}(H) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} g(H_i). \quad (7) \]

In researches [2,13] is offered to evaluate the material structure analysis on it damageability \( W \):

\[ W = \frac{m_{max} - m_i}{m_{max}}, \quad (8) \]

where \( m_i \) is the Weibull homogeneity coefficient's value on \( i \)-th lines (planes); \( m_{max} \) is the maximum Weibull homogeneity coefficient's value for determined measurements series.

However, if unknown microhardness values distribution on sample height (to priority of metal corium hardening), the damageability value of \( W \) is inexpedient to operate. Then the material structural condition's evaluation is implemented on the Weibull homogeneity coefficient's value.

Experimental researches led for casting components analysis influences of the technological damageability formation, as part infallibility parameter.

In sand mold the blank (sizes 165х155х22 mm, material АК21М2.5Н2.5 GOST 1853-93) was cast (fig. 4). After crystallization the blank was divided in three samples: with small and big risers and with gate.

Fig. 4 – The samples for experimental researches: 1 - with small riser; 2 - with gate; 3 - with big riser

Samples end surfaces were processed on universal-milling machine tool 676 (\( t = 0.2-2 \) mm; \( Sx. = 42 \) mm/min; \( n = 640 \) min\(^{-1} \)) by end milling cutter \( \emptyset 45 \) mm (\( z = 2 \)). Two machining series were carried out. The control of surface layer parameters was implemented after each machining.

The hardness was measured in five cross-sections on distances 2, 4, 7, 12, 17 mm from the casting’s surface (on 30 values) after machining. The measurements implemented for samples 1, 2 (fig. 4) on the device TP-5006 GOST 23677-79 on N’s scale by means of ball \( \emptyset 588,4 \) H.

The Weibull homogeneity coefficient (\( m \)) was computed by equations (5-7). The casting material damageability \( W \) was calculated by equation (8) in medium Mathcad 15 by researches results. The change of damageability \( W \) according sample’s thickness is presented on the fig. 5.

Fig. 5 – The material damageability dependence's schedule \( W \) according thickness of samples 1 and 2 (fig. 4): 1, 2 - from small riser fellow for the first and second experience series respectively; 3, 4 - from opposite end surface from riser a fellow for first and second experience series respectively; 5, 6 - for gate from small riser a fellow for the first and second experience series respectively; 7, 8 - for gate from big riser for the first and second experience series

The results discuss

The casting damageability structure’s experimental researches results showed.

1. The maximum technological damages quantity takes place for the material’s zones at a depth up to 2 mm from surface for sample with gape: more - on the small riser's part, less - on the big riser’s part. It is due to specific features of the material hardening process, impurities presence, heterogeneities in surface layer and cavity biased from symmetry axis to the small riser’s direction. Results are confirmed by least Weibull homogeneity coefficient’s values (\( m \)), as well as the damageability largest values \( W \). The Weibull homogeneity coefficient (\( m \)) is more for
sample with small riser, and the damageability value W is less. It is due to growth of the distance from gate.

2. The damageability stabilisation observed for sample with small riser for the first and second experience series at moving deep into material from 2 to 4 mm. At the same time in the cross-section from gate the damageability is more. It evidences about form design elements influence of to impurities and heterogeneities on casting section distribution. Damageability grows for sample with gate at moving to shrinkage cavity (the second experience series).

3. The damageability values stabilisation takes place at a sample's depth from 4 to 17 mm. It is confirmed by growth of the Weibull homogeneity coefficient's values (m) and approach to the cross-section with quick melt's solidification.

Conclusions

The main conclusions are made on the held researches grounds.

1. The technological damages evaluation in parts surface layers on blanking operations and after machining is expedient to lead on the hardness characteristics dispersion degree.

2. Parameter of technological damageability W is offered for the first time as criterion for the parts infallibility evaluation at the machine creation stage.

3. Further research are expedient to extend on more wide parts and materials nomenclature, to introduce a given technique to modern mechanical engineering production's practice.

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Проанализированы виды дефектов литейного производства: пригары, раковины, отливки с недостаточной прочностю. Охарактеризованы основные виды дефектов отливок: пригары, раковины, отливки с недостаточной прочностю. Установлено влияние расположения конструктивных элементов на формирование дефектов на поверхности отливки. Рассмотрены современные концепции оценки степени повреждаемости материала. Проведено математическое моделирование для оценки вероятности безотказного функционирования технологического процесса.

Ключевые слова: технологический процесс; надежность; безотказность; литье; резервирование; повреждаемость.