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SUMMARY

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The purpose of this work is to study the effect of cold work and heat treatment on the microstructure and mechanical properties of low and medium C-steel

To carry out this study, two different approaches were used, The first approach is based on an experimental work and the second one is based on a computer simulation, which was developed for this purpose.

Low and medium C-steel drawn wire samples of different cold work were subjected to two different types of heat treatment; HT1 is of slow cooling rate and HT2 of rapid cooling rate. Both the as-received and heat treated samples were subjected to microstructural analysis and mechanical tests. In the computer simulation UTS and VHN were evaluated at different %cold work and different heat treatment regimes for both alloys.

The main findings obtained from the experimental work were:

As residual stresses increase, as a result of increasing %deformation average grain diameter (D) decreases while the No of grains per square inch (No./in ²) and grain index (G) increase in the cross-sectional direction. The reverse is true in the longitudinal drawing direction.

Increasing residual stresses also leads to an increase in both ultimate tensile strength (UTS) and hardness (VHN), with a subsequent decrease in ductility ($\%\delta$) for both alloys.

Application of slow cooling rate during the heat treatment HT1, decreases

residual stresses to minimum values, hence, increases D and % to maximum values with subsequent decrease in the No /in², G, UTS and VHN to minimum values

Rapid cooling rate (HT2), on the other hand, decreases residual stresses to intermediate values compared to as-received values and those of HT1; hence all the previously mentioned properties were of intermediate values between the as-received values and those of HT1.

An attempt was made to correlate UTS and VHN data obtained from experimental work.

Applying computer simulation, the same general behavior was obtained concerning UTS and VHN for both alloys.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION