An Evaluation of Reliability on the Ball Indentation Test for Aged Cast Stainless Steel



Abstract

Cast stainless steel (CSS) is thermally aged by a long term exposure in the range of nuclear power plant operating temperature, and the thermal aging in CSS is a cause of concern for the continued safe and reliable operation of these nuclear components. Therefore, an assessment of degradation in material properties of these components has been importantly considered. In this study the automated ball indentation (ABI) tests were performed on four cast stainless steels aged at 400°C for 3600hours, to investigate the applicability of ABI test to the assessment of aging degradation of cast stainless steels. Thus, the reliability of ABI test for aged CSS was analyzed by evaluating the scattering of data tested from each material and by comparing tensile properties obtained from ABI test CSS were compared with those predicted by evaluation procedure developed on the basis of material database for aged CSS.

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(3) curve fitting -, 가 , 가 , , . Fig. 5 . Fig.5(a) CF8M_H ±10% 1~2% , CF8M_H , 가 , 15% ±10% • 4% 가 (Fig. 5(b)). 가 Figs. , 5(c) (d) 가 ±15% 가 , 가 10~25% , ±10% 가 가 ±15% 가 가 , CF8M_H . 가 가 , 가 CF8M_H , 가 가 . , 가 [2~4]. 가 3.3 가 , 가 , •

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$$\sigma_{ey,aged} = (0.798 + 0.076P)\sigma_{ey,unaged}$$
for CF8
$$\sigma_{ef,aged} = (0.84 + 0.08P)\sigma_{ef,unaged}$$
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$$\sigma_{ey,aged} = (0.708 + 0.092P)\sigma_{ey,unaged}$$
for CF8M (5)
$$\sigma_{ef,aged} = (0.77 + 0.10P)\sigma_{ef,unaged}$$

$$P = \log_{10}(t) - \frac{1000Q}{19.143} \left(\frac{1}{T_s + 273} - \frac{1}{673} \right)$$
(6)

, Q , *T_s* , *t* [4]. Fig. 6 7

(Fig. 6(a)), 가 CF8A , CF8A 가 . , CF8M_L CF8M_M , 가 가 . , CF8M_H 가 가 , CF8A 가 . , 가 CF8M_L 가 Fig. 가 6(b) CF8M_M 가., 가 , CF8M_H CF8A CF8M_L 가 CF8M_M , CF8M_H CF8A .



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Material		С	Mn	Si	Cr	Ni	Мо	S	Р	Со	Fe
CF8M	L	0.04	0.6	0.8	19.5	11.0	2.5	-	-	0	Balance
	М	0.04	0.6	1.0	19.2	9.6	2.25	0.02	0.03	0.1	Balance
	н	0.04	0.6	1.2	20.0	9.0	2.5	0.02	0.03	0.04	Balance
CF8A		0.04	0.6	1.2	20.5	8.5	-	0.02	0.03	0.1	Balance

Table 1 Chemical compositions of cast stainless steels used in experiment

Table 2 Tensile properties of unaged cast stainless steels used in experiment

Material		Unage	d CSS	ASME Sec.II		
		Yield stress	Tensile	Yield stress	Tensile	
		(MPa)	stress(MPa)	(MPa)	stress(MPa)	
	L	253.1	511.3			
CF8M	М	300.6	623.4	205	485	
	Н	318.7	595.4			
CF8A		285.4	605.8	240	530	



[CF8M_H]

[CF8M_A]

Fig. 1 Microstructure of cast stainless steels used in experiment



Fig. 2 Specimens for ball indentation tests

Fig. 3 Ball indentation test system



Fig. 4 Variations of normalized standard deviation of ball indentation test data with - ferrite content.



Fig. 5 Comparisons of tensile properties of aged CSS obtained from ABI test and tensile test.



Fig. 6 Comparisons of ABI test and predicted tensile properties of aged CSS