CHAPTER 6

Research Communication (**Reporting Research Findings**)

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1. Introduction to Reporting Research Findings





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Examples



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2. Writing a Scientific Report

- Scientific paper, technical report, assignment report, abstract....
- Exposed to the reader and the communication is in indirect way
- Good writing?
 - Knowing the purpose of writing ...
 - Knowing the target audience
 - Postgraduate students should focus
 - » Advisors
 - » Graduate examining committee
 - » Current and future researchers
 - » Funding agencies
 - Organization of the paper



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– Organization of the paper

- The sequence in which the researcher presents each type of information
- Structure for typical scientific report
 - Title
 - Acknowledgement
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Materials, Methods and Conditions
 - Results and discussion
 - Conclusion
 - References
 - Appendices, where applicable



- -accurately reflect the content of the paper
- -Abbreviations usually should not appear
 - Whom do you acknowledge?
 ---professionally contributed to the work
 - a) Purpose
 - b) Materials, method and condition
 - c) Results
 - d) Principal conclusion
 - Application





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Abstract

To get high performance, downsizing and weight saving of the power transmission systems, the improvement of machine elements has been required. In this study, case-carburized gear materials for a high load-carrying capacity were developed. Low-alloyed steels with 1%Cr-0.2%Mo, 1%Cr-0.2%Mo-1%Si and 1%Cr-0.2%Mo-2%Ni (Cr-Mo steel, Cr-Mo-Si steel and Cr-Mo-Ni steel) were melted in a hypoxia vacuum. Test rollers were made of the developed steels, and they were carburized (Type A and Type B), hardened and tempered. Heating retention tests were carried out to investigate the softening behavior of hardness at high heating temperatures in the case of the developed steels. Roller tests were conducted under the rolling-sliding contact and high-load conditions to study the surface fatigue of the developed steels. From the obtained test results, it was found that the softening behavior of surface hardness at high temperatures in the cases of Cr-Mo-Si steel (Type A) and Cr-Mo-Ni steel (Type B) is lower than that in the cases of Cr-Mo steel (Type A) and Cr-Mo steel (Type B). In the cases of Cr-Mo-Si steel (A) and Cr-Mo-Ni steel (B), micro- and small-pitting area ratios are smaller and large-pitting life is longer than those in the cases of Cr-Mo steel(A) and Cr-Mo steel(B) under the same carburizing treatment method and high-load conditions. Furthermore, the relationship between the softening behavior of surface hardness on the heating pattern and the surface fatigue on the rolling-sliding contact of the developed alloy steels was clarified.

Key words: Gear, Roller, Material, Alloy Steel, Carburizing, Hardness, Temperature. Surface Fatigue

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-provide sufficient background information
-addresses nature and scope of the problem
-aims of the research

- How and with what means the project is accomplished
 How the data is analyzed
 Detail information is required
- Core section with tables, figures, charts
- What is obtained from the experiment conducted
- Clear and arranged in logical order

Results	Test No.	Material (Carburizing type)	Normal load F kN (Max. Hertzian stress σ_H GPa)	No. of cycles N ₂ (*1)	Max. surface temperature during running T K (*1)	Surface fatigue after running (*1)			
						No. of micro-pits	No. of small-pits	No. of large-pits	
						$(0.01 \le d < 0.1)$	$(0.1 \le d < 0.3)$	(0,3≦d)	
						Area Ss (*4)	Area S _M (*5)		
	RT-01	① Cr-Mo steel (A)	5.7 (1.2)	1.0×10 ⁷	397	144	0	0	
	RT-02	② Cr-Mo steel (B)			389	119	4	0	
	RT-03	③ Cr-Mo-Si steel (A)			388	165	0	0	
	RT-04	④ Cr-Mo-Ni steel (B)			393	236	0	0	
	RT-05	① Cr-Mo steel (A)	10.2		430	27	2	0	
	RT-06	② Cr-Mo steel (B)			428	158	5	0	
	RT-07	③ Cr-Mo-Si steel (A)	(1.6)		431	24	2	0	
	RT-08 ④ Cr-Mo-Ni steel (B)	(1.0)		438	235	2	0		
	RT-09	① Cr-Mo steel (A)	15.9 (A) (2.0) (B) 26.9		469	52	5	0	
	RT-10	② Cr-Mo steel (B)		$0.1 \times 10^{7} (*3)$	467	0	0	0	
	RT-11	③ Cr-Mo-Si steel (A)		1.0×10 ⁷	469	56	16	0	
	RT-12	④ Cr-Mo-Ni steel (B)			471	170	12	0	
	RT-13	① Cr-Mo steel (A)		$0.2 \times 10^{7} (*2)$	524	19	4	2 (80) (*6)	
RT-15 ③	RT-14	② Cr-Mo steel (B)		$0.4 \times 10^{7} (*2)$		64	21	1 (22) (*6)	
	RT-15	3 Cr-Mo-Si steel (A)	(2.5)	$0.3 \times 10^{7} (*3)$		14	6	0	
	④ Cr-Mo-Ni steel (B)	(2.5)	$0.7 \times 10^{7} (*2)$		38	5	1 (2318) (*6)		

Table 1 Experimental conditions and results of roller tests

6. Conclusion

ler, (*2): Large-pits formed, (*3): Troubles occurred, (*4): Measured area by SEM (2.19×1.81 mm²), by stereoscopic microscopy (8.5×219.8 mm²), (*6): Area of pits (mm²)

In this study, the high-strength case-carburized gear materials for a high load-carrying capacity were developed. The developed alloy steels were melted in a hypoxia vacuum. Test rollers were made of developed alloy steels, and they were carburized, hardened and tempered. By using a heating retention test apparatus, heating retention tests were carried out to investigate the softening behavior of hardness in the case of case-carburized steels. Under high-load conditions, roller tests were performed using a two-roller contact fatigue testing machine to study the surface fatigue of the developed steels. In the cases of Cr-Mo-Si steel (A) and Cr-Mo-Ni steel (B), the following results were obtained and compared with those of Cr-Mo steel (A) and Cr-Mo steel (B).

(1) The softening behavior of surface hardness is lower.

- (2) The changes in estimated surface hardness are smaller at elevated temperatures.
- (3) Micro- and small-pitting area ratios are smaller.
- (4) Large-pitting life under high-load conditions is longer.

Therefore, the increase in the amount of alloying elements (silicon and nickel) of case-carburized steels improves the mechanical properties at high temperatures and the surface durability of the rolling-sliding contact.

Furthermore, the relationship between the softening behavior of surface hardness heating pattern and the surface fatigue on the rolling-sliding contact of the developed and steels was clarified. The developed steel with low softening behaviors of surface hardness at high temperatures becomes superior in the surface durability of the rolling-sliding contact, even if the initial surface hardness of the developed steels is equal. Therefore, it is not possible to estimate the large-pitting life of the developed steels on the basis of the initial surface hardness.

Conclusion

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Exercises 6-1

 Evaluate the Abstracts of the two articles and write your comment based on their strong points and limitations

3. Presenting Research Findings

- 3.1 Oral presentation
 - Preparing an oral presentation (the slide.----
 - Organization
 - Delivering an oral presentation (the talk)
 - Questions and answers
 - Attending other oral presentations



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3.2 Research seminar

- Presentations of original research conducted by the presenter or partners
- MSc thesis presentation is a research seminar
- 3.3 Course seminar
 - The primary function is to review recent progress on a particular topic
 - Creates an understanding of the topic for the reader



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4. Written and Verbal Presentation

- Written and verbal presentation (Poster)

- A kind of combination of written and verbal presentation
- Attention :-
 - Selecting content,
 - designing poster
 - presenting effectively





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Exercises 6-2

– As a postgraduate student, what do you benefit if you attend MSc thesis defense or research seminar in your field of specializations?