



Forging Process Guide

Material Inspection Cutting Department

Material Inspection

Inventory of round billets and ingots



Billets in condition:

- hot rolled
- casted
- · continuous casted
- forged



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Cutting of round billets



Weight control Visual control

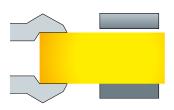


Hammer- and Open-Die Forging

Hammer Forging

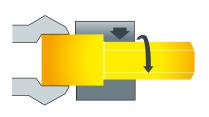
Starting stock, held by manipulator





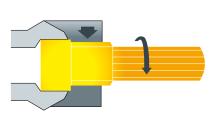
Open-die forging





Progressive forging

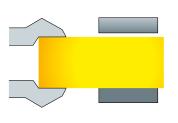




Open-Die Forging

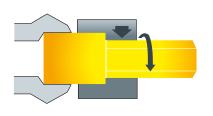
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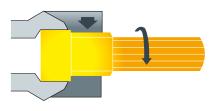
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Progressive forging Visual and dimensional control





Ring Rolling

The ring rolling process typically begins with upsetting of the starting stock on flat dies at its plastic deformation temperature – in the case of grade 4340 steel, approximately 1250° C.

Piercing involves forcing a punch into the hot upset stock causing metal to be displaced radially, as shown by the illustration to the right.

The doughnut-shaped preform is slipped over the ID roll shown here from an "above" view.

A side view of the ring mill and preform workpiece. Workpiece, thus squeezing it against the OD roll which imparts a rotary action...

...resulting in a thinning of the section and a corresponding increase in the diameter of the ring.

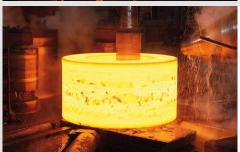
Once off the ring mill, the ring is then ready for secondary operations such as close tolerance sizing, parting, heat treatment and test/inspection.

Visual and dimensional control



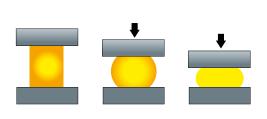


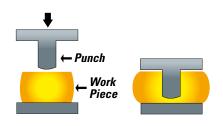


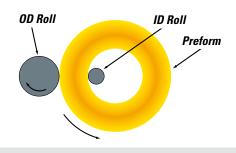


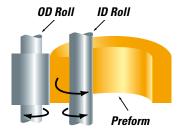














Heat Treatment

For example

- normalising
- quenching and tempering
- annealing
- soft-annealing

Water quenching





Oil quenching



Polymer quenching



Data recording Heat treatment cycle

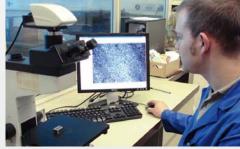


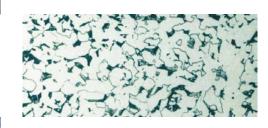
Hardness testing



Testing

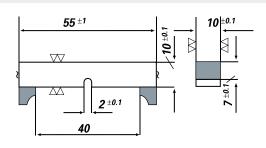
Microetch Grain structure





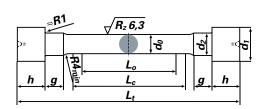
Charpy impact test





Tensile test





UT-testing



Surface crack testing



Dimensional control

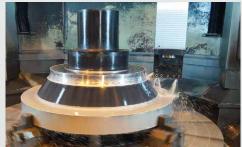


Machining

Flame cutting Shot blasting

Pre-machining





Milling Boring



Finish-machining



Final documentation Shipping





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