

## Chapter - 1

# Engineering materials and their properties

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\* Carburizing, nitriding, cyaniding, flame hardening and induction hardening.

### Notes

# Classification of Engg. material with properties

\* Engg. materials can be classified into broad categories.

1. Metals

2. Non-metals

⊙ Metals

→ They are mostly opaque, hard, heavy, ductile, lustre.

→ They are good conductors of heat and electricity.

Alloy are obtained by mixing or melting two or more metals in order to improve properties of materials.

- Q Metal can be classified into ~~two~~ 7 categories :-
1. Ferrous
  2. Non-Ferrous
  3. Polymers.
  4. Ceramics
  5. Composites
  6. Alloys
  7. Smart material
  8. Natural material

1. Ferrous - Ferrous (Iron (II)) refers to the element iron in its +2 oxidation state.

It can mainly classified into three categories :-

1. Cast Iron
2. Wrought Iron
3. Steel

1. Cast Iron - It can be classified into four types :-

- i. Gray cast Iron
- ii. White Cast Iron
- iii. Malleable
- iv. Nodular / Ductile cast Iron.

3. Steel - It can be classified into four types.

- i. Low carbon
- ii. Medium Carbon
- iii. High - Carbon
- iv. Alloy.

2. ~~Non-ferrous / Non-metals are the materials that is typically hard, opaque, shiny and has good electrical and thermal conductivity.~~

2. Non-ferrous metals - It contains little or no iron. These are not magnetic and usually give more resistance to corrosion than ferrous metals.

Eg :- Aluminium, Copper, Zinc, Lead, Tin, gold etc.

⊙ Non-Metals

Non-metals are the materials that are soft, dull and has poor electrical and thermal conductivity.

It breaks down into powder form when tapped with a hammer.

Eg :- Sulphur, Carbon, Oxygen, phosphorus etc.

★ Difference between Metals and Non-metals:

Metals	Non-metals
i) Metals are good conductor of heat & electricity.	i) Non-metals are bad conductor of heat & electricity.

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| i) Metals are malleable that is they can be beaten into sheets. | ii) Non-metals are not malleable.                          |
| ii) Metals are ductile that is they can be beaten into sheets.  | iii) Non-metals are non ductile.                           |
| iii) Metals are sonorous  | iv) Non-metals are not sonorous.                           |
| iv) Metals have high density.                                   | v) Non-metals have low density.                            |
| v) Metals combine with oxygen and forms basic oxides.           | vi) Non-metals combine with oxygen and form acidic oxides. |
| vi) Metals have high melting points.                            | vii) Non-metals have low melting & boiling point           |

### 3. Polymers (Plastics)

- i) Thermoplastics - Materials that can be melted & reformed multiple times (e.g. PVC, polystyrene, polyethylene).
- ii) Thermosetting plastics - Harden permanently after being heated and shape (e.g. bakelite epoxy)
- iii) Elastomers (Rubbers) - Can be stretched and return to their original shape (e.g. natural rubber, synthetic rubber & neoprene).

#### 4.3. Ceramics -

i) Traditional Ceramics - Made from clay & other natural materials, used in pottery, bricks and tiles.

ii) Advanced ceramics - Include materials such as silicon carbide and alumina, often used for their hardness, heat resistance, and electrical insulating properties.

5. Composites - Materials made from two or more different substances, which, when combined, provide properties superior to those of individual materials.

i) Fiberglass - A composite of glass fibres and a resin matrix.

ii) Carbon Fiber Reinforced polymers (CFRP) - Light & strong, used in high-performance applications like aerospace.

iii) Metal Matrix Composites (MMC) - Combining metals with reinforcing materials like ceramics to improve properties such as strength & wear resistance.

## 6. Alloys -

- i) Solid solutions - Mixtures of metals that are uniform in composition (e.g. brass, bronze).
- ii) Interstitial Alloys - Where smaller atoms fit into the space (interstices) between the larger metal atoms (e.g. steel)
- iii) Precipitation - Hardening Alloys - Alloys that can be hardened by heat treatment, like aluminum alloys used in aerospace.

## 7. Smart Materials - Materials that respond to changes in their environment, such as temperature, pressure, or electric/magnetic fields.

- i) Shape Memory Alloys (SMAs) - Material like nitinol that can return to their original shape when heated.
- ii) Piezoelectric Materials - Materials that generate an electric charge in response to mechanical stress (e.g. quartz).

## 7. Natural Materials - Materials that are derived from nature and include wood, stone, and bamboo, among others. They

are less commonly used in advanced engineering construction & design but still important in

Category	Subcategory Examples	Key Properties
Metals	Steel, Cast Iron, Aluminum, copper	Strength, ductility, conductivity
Polymers	Thermoplastics, Thermosets, elastomers	Lightweight, flexible, insulating
Ceramics	Porcelain, brick, silicon carbide	Hard, heat resistant, brittle
Composite	Fiberglass, CFRP, MMC	Lightweight, strong, corrosion resistant
Alloys	Brass, bronze, stainless steel	Improved strength, hardness, corrosion resistance
Smart Materials	Shape memory alloys, piezoelectric	Responsive to environmental changes
Natural materials	Wood, stone, bamboo	Biodegradable, renewable, natural appearance

## # Selection of Material for engineering purpose

1. The fields of application of a particular engineering materials are governed by the characteristics & various properties of the engineering materials.

Such properties are classified into various categories as follows:-

1. Mechanical properties - Consider the need for strength, hardness, ductility, toughness, and fatigue resistance.

For example, materials for load-bearing structures need to be strong & tough.

2. Thermal properties - Evaluate thermal. The knowledge of thermal properties of the material like specific heat, thermal expansion and conductivity is helpful in knowing the response of the material to the thermal changes.

3. Electrical properties - Consider electrical conductivity or insulation properties. Materials like copper are used in electrical conductors, while others may be chosen for their insulating properties.

4. Chemical properties - Assess the material resistance to corrosion, oxidation, or

other chemical reactions, especially for materials exposed to harsh environment (e.g. in chemical plants, marine applications).

5. Environmental conditions - Consider exposure to moisture, UV radiation, or extreme environmental conditions, which could affect material performance over time.

## 2. Material Types:-

2. Key Material properties to consider:-

i) Strength - Materials must withstand the forces they'll experience without breaking.

ii) Hardness - Resistance to scratching and wear, important for tooling and cutting components.

iii) Ductility - Ability to stretch or bend without breaking, important for forming and shaping materials.

iv) Toughness - Ability to absorb energy without fracturing, especially under impact.

vi Corrosion Resistance - Materials must resist degradation in certain environments, such as salt water or acidic conditions.

vii Fatigue Resistance - The material must withstand repeated loading cycles without failure, especially for high-stress and like engines or machinery.

viii Cost - Budget considerations may limit the selection of materials. Materials need to provide value for the intended application.

### 3. Processing Considerations :-

i Ease of Manufacturing - Some materials are easier to form and shape than others, influencing production time and costs.

ii Weldability and joining Methods - Some materials may be difficult to weld or bond, which can affect the design process.

iii Recyclability - For sustainable design, consider materials that are recyclable or have low environmental impact.

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## # Physical properties of metal

Metals have several distinct physical properties, including:

1. Malleability - Metals can be hammered or pressed into thin sheets without breaking.
2. Ductility - Metals can be drawn into wires without breaking.
3. High Density - Metals generally have high mass per unit volume.
4. Good conductivity - Metals are excellent conductors of heat and electricity.
5. Luster - Metals typically have a shiny appearance when polished.
6. High melting and boiling points - Most metals have high melting and boiling points.
7. Hardness - Some metals are hard or resistant to ~~set~~ scratching, though this varies by metals.

8. Sonorous - Metals produce a ringing sound when struck.

→ These properties vary somewhat depending on the specific metal in question, but they are common characteristics of metal in general.

## # Mechanical properties of metal

The mechanical properties of metals refer to their behaviour under various forces and conditions. Key mechanical properties are :-

1. Strength - The ability of a metal to resist deformation or fracture when subjected to force. It can be classified into :-

⊙ Tensile strength - The ability of a metal to resist deformation resistance to stretching or pulling forces.

⊙ Compressive strength - Resistance to squeezing or crushing forces.

⊙ Shear strength - Resistance to forces that causes sliding or shearing along a

a plane.

2. Hardness - The ability of metal to resist ~~at~~ scratching, indentation, or surface deformation. It indicates how well a metal can withstand external forces.

3. Elasticity - The ability of a metal to return to its original shape after ~~being~~ being deformed by stress (within the elastic limit).

This is the property that defines how well a metal can bend or stretch and then return to its original form.

4. Plasticity - The ability of a metal to undergo permanent deformation without breaking. When a metal is beyond its elastic limit, it deforms plastically.

5. Toughness - The ability of a metal to ~~undergo permanent deformation~~ absorb energy and withstand fracturing. A tough metal can endure significant deformation before breaking.

6. Fatigue Resistance - The ability of a metal to withstand repeated loading and unloading cycles without failing. This property is crucial for materials used in structures that experience continuous stress, like in engines or aircraft.

7. Creep - The gradual deformation of a metal under constant stress over time, particularly at high temperatures.

> These mechanical properties are vital for determining how metals are used in various applications, from construction to aerospace engineering.

### # Ferrous Metals and Cast Iron

Ferrous metals are metals primarily composed of iron. They often contain varying amounts of carbon and other elements, making them suitable for various applications due to their strength and versatility.

Cast iron is one of the most common forms of ferrous metal.

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## \*\*\* → Types of cast Iron

Cast iron is iron that has been melted and poured into moulds to form a solid structure. The main types of cast iron are:

### 1. Gray Cast Iron:

- ① Contains carbon in the form of graphite flakes.
- ② Known for its excellent castability, machinability, and damping characteristics.
- ③ Used for engine, pipes, and machinery components.

### 2. White Cast Iron:

- ① Contains carbon in the form of cementite (iron carbide), which is hard and brittle.
- ② Has a white fracture surface.
- ③ Used in applications where hardness is required, such as in wear-resistant parts.

### 3. Ductile (Nodular) Cast Iron:

- ① Contains small amounts of magnesium, which causes the carbon to form spherical graphite nodules rather than flakes.

- Offers good strength, ductility, and toughness.
- Used in automotive components and machinery.

#### 4. Malleable cast Iron:

- Produced by heat-treating white cast iron to produce a structure that is more malleable.

It is tough and used for parts like fittings and hardware.

#### 5. Alloy cast Iron:

- This is cast iron that has had alloying element (such as nickel, chromium, molybdenum, or copper) added to improve specific properties.
- These can improve corrosion resistance, wear resistance, or high-temperature strength.
- Examples include high-chromium cast iron for abrasion resistance or nickel cast iron for heat resistance.

#### # Alloy cast Iron

Alloy cast Iron refers to cast iron that has additional alloying elements added to improve its properties for specialized

application.

Common alloying elements include:

- Nickel - Increases toughness and resistance to oxidation and corrosion.
- Chromium - Improves hardness, abrasion resistance, and corrosion resistance.
- Molybdenum - Enhances strength at high temperatures and improves wear resistance.
- Copper - Improves corrosion resistance and increases strength.

## ## Effect of Impurities on cast Iron

Impurities can have significant effects on the properties and quality of cast iron.

These can include:-

1. Sulfur -  
→ Sulfur can form iron sulfide (FeS), which is brittle and reduces the overall strength and ductility of cast iron.  
→ It can also affect machinability

and surface finish.

2. Phosphorus - Phosphorus incl increases the fluidity of the molten iron but makes the material more brittle, reducing its toughness.

- High phosphorus content can cause cast iron to be more prone to fracture under stress.

3. Oxygen -

- Oxygen can form oxides in cast iron, affecting its integrity and causing surface defects.

- High oxygen content can decrease strength and increase brittleness.

4. Silicon -

- Silicon is a desirable impurity in cast iron, as it enhances fluidity and helps to control the formation of graphite, contributing to a smoother casting process.

- However, too much silicon can cause ~~exp~~ excessive formation of graphite and lead to poor mechanical properties.

6. Carbon -

- While carbon is a primary element in cast iron, excessive amounts can make

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- the iron excessively brittle or prone to cracking.
- The form in which carbon exists (graphite vs cementite) greatly affects the mechanical properties of the cast iron.

→ In conclusion, while certain impurities are unavoidable, controlling their levels is essential for producing high-quality cast iron with the desired mechanical properties. Proper alloying and purification processes are necessary to mitigate the ~~offe~~ effect of impurities.

## # steels

Steel is an alloy primarily composed of iron and carbon, with varying amounts of other elements such as manganese, chromium, nickel and vanadium to improve its properties.

- Key characteristics of steel:
1. Strength
  2. Ductility
  3. Toughness
  4. Corrosion resistance
  5. Weldability

## → Types of steel

1. Carbon steel
2. Alloy steel
3. Stainless steel
4. Tool steel
5. High-Speed steel
6. Structural steel

## # Impurities and their effect on steel :-

Impurities can have a significant impact on the properties of steel. They are usually unwanted elements that are present in trace amounts during the steel production process. The main impurities found in steel include sulfur, phosphorus, oxygen, nitrogen, and carbon. Their effects include:

1. Sulfur - It can lead to brittleness in steel, especially at high temperature, causing a phenomenon known as "hot shortness".

This makes the steel less ductile and more prone to cracking during hot working processes like forging.

2. Phosphorus - This impurity reduces steel's toughness and ductility, particularly a

lower temperatures. High phosphorus content can make steel brittle, a problem known as "cold shortness".

3. Oxygen - Oxygen can form oxides in steel, weakening its structure and making it more prone to corrosion. It also affects the strength and durability of the steel.

4. Nitrogen - Nitrogen can enhance the strength and hardness of steel but may reduce its workability. In stainless steels, however, nitrogen is used deliberately in controlled amounts to improve corrosion resistance.

5. Carbon - Carbon is a major alloying element in steel. The amount of carbon in steel determines its hardness, strength and ductility. Too much carbon, however, can make the steel too brittle.

## # Alloy steel

Alloy steel are steels that contains other elements in addition to carbon, such as chromium, nickel, vanadium or molybdenum.

These additional elements are added to improve specific properties, such as:

- Strength
- Corrosion resistance
- Toughness

Common alloy steel include:

- Chromium steel
- Nickel steel
- Manganese steel
- Tool steels

### \*\*\* # Stainless steel:

#### 1. Austenitic stainless steel

- ⊙ Composition: Primarily iron, chromium (16 - 26%), and nickel (8 - 22%).
- ⊙ Properties: High corrosion resistance, good formability and excellent weldability.
- ⊙ Common grades: 304, 316 (with 316 having added molybdenum for better corrosion resistance)
- ⊙ Uses: kitchen equipment, chemical processing equipment, food processing and medical devices.

#### 2. Ferritic stainless steel:

- ⊙ Composition: Contains chromium (10.5 - 30%) but very little or no nickel.
- ⊙ Properties: Magnetic, with good corrosion

resistance and moderate strength. It's less expensive than austenitic stainless steel but lacks the toughness of austenitic grades.

Common grades: 430, 446

Uses: Automotive exhaust systems, appliances, and some cookware.

### 3. Martensitic stainless steel

Composition - Contains higher carbon content (0.1 - 1.2%) in addition to chromium (12-18%).

Properties: High hardness, strength, and wear resistance, but less corrosion resistance compared to austenitic and ferritic grades.

Common grades: 410, 420, 440C.

Uses: Cutlery, surgical instruments & valve parts.

### 4. Duplex stainless steel:

Composition - A mix of austenitic and ferritic stainless steel, containing around 18-28% chromium & 4-8% nickel.

Properties - Offers a balance b/w the

Strength & toughness of ferritic steel & the corrosion resistance of austenitic steel.

① Common Grades: 2205

① Uses: Off-shore oil rigs, chemical plants, and desalination plants.

5. Precipitation - Hardening stainless steel:

① Composition: - Contains alloying elements like aluminum, copper or titanium to enhance the strength via heat treatment processes.

① Properties: High strength, good corrosion resistance, and the ability to be hardened by heat treatment.

① Common Grades: 17-4 PH, 15-5 PH.

① Uses: Aerospace, military, and high-strength industrial applications.

\* Non-ferrous metal - Types - Aluminium - Aluminium alloy

Non-ferrous metals are metals that do not contain significant amounts of iron, which makes them resistant to rust.

and corrosion.

### → Aluminium (Al)

Aluminium is one of the most common non-ferrous metals, and it has various alloys with distinct properties.

#### ⊙ Properties :-

Lightweight, non-corrosive, excellent electrical and thermal conductivity, high strength-to-weight ratio.

#### ⊙ Uses :-

Widely used in aerospace, transportation (cars, airplanes), packaging (aluminium foil), and electrical conductors.

### → Aluminium Alloys

Aluminium alloys are mixtures of aluminium with other metals like copper, magnesium, manganese, silicon and zinc. The alloying improves properties such as strength, hardness, and resistance to corrosion. They are typically ~~as~~ classified into two categories :-

1. Wrought Aluminium Alloys :- These are alloys that are shaped by processes such as rolling, extruding, or

forging.

2. Cast Aluminum Alloys: These alloys are typically poured into molds to create shapes.

→ Key Advantages of Aluminum Alloys:-

① Lightweight: Ideal for applications where weight reduction is important.

② Corrosion Resistance: Most aluminum alloys are highly resistant to corrosion, especially in marine environment.

③ Strength: Alloys can be engineered to meet specific strength needs.

④ Recyclability: Aluminum is highly recyclable without losing its properties.

# Aluminum and its alloy are integral to many industries due to their versatility and performance.

★ Copper - copper alloy, types. Bearing metals - types, properties

→ Copper and Copper Alloys



## \* # Copper (Cu) :-

### ⊙ Properties :

- i) Excellent electrical conductivity
- ii) Good thermal conductivity
- iii) Corrosion Resistance
- iv) Malleability and ductility
- v) Antibacterial

### ⊙ Uses :

Electrical wiring, plumbing, roofing, industrial machinery, and coins.

## \* # Copper Alloys

Copper alloys are mixtures of copper and other elements, enhancing its properties like strength, hardness, corrosion resistance, or machinability.

Key copper alloys include :-

### \*\*\* 1. Brass (Copper - Zinc Alloys)

- ⊙ Composition : Copper and zinc, with varying zinc content.

### \* ⊙ Properties :

- i) Good strength and ductility.
- ii) Excellent corrosion resistance especially in marine environments.
- iii) Gold-like appearance

- \* ⊙ Uses : Coins, musical instruments, fittings, and decorative items.

## 2. Bronze (Copper - Tin Alloys)

⊙ Composition: Copper and tin, sometimes with other elements like phosphorus, aluminum, or silicon.

⊙ Properties:

- i) High corrosion resistance, especially in seawater.
- ii) Hard and wear-resistant.
- iii) Low friction, making it ideal for bearings.

⊙ Uses - ship building, sculptures, bearings, electrical connectors.

## 3. Copper - Nickel Alloys (Cu - Ni)

⊙ Composition: Copper and nickel (usually 10-30% nickel).

⊙ Properties:

- i) Excellent resistance to corrosion, especially in marine environments.
- ii) High strength and good thermal conductivity.

⊙ Uses - Marine engineering, coinage, heat exchangers.

## 4. Copper - Phosphorus Alloys:

⊙ Composition: Copper & phosphorus

- ⊙ Properties:
- i) Good wear resistance
  - ii) Can be used in brazing materials.

① Uses : Electrical components, brazing materials

5. Copper - Aluminum Alloy (Aluminum Bronze) :

① Composition : Copper and aluminum (typically 5-12% aluminum).

① Properties :

i) Strong with good resistance to corrosion.

ii) Used in marine and aerospace applications.

① Uses : Propellers, turbine blades, marine fittings.

→ Bearing metals - types, properties

Bearing metals are materials specifically designed for use in bearing, which are mechanical components that reduce friction and wear between moving parts. These metals are essential in applications like engines, machines, and other equipment that require smooth rotation or movement. Below are some common types of bearing metals, along with their properties :

1. Bronze Alloys (e.g. Tin bronze, phosphor bronze)

① Types : Tin bronze ( $\text{CuSn}$ ), phosphor bronze ( $\text{CuSnP}$ ), Aluminum bronze ( $\text{CuAl}$ )

① Properties : i) High strength and hardness

ii) Good wear resistance and low friction.

- iii) Excellent corrosion resistance.
- iv) Suitable for high-load, low-speed applications.
- v) Offers good machinability.

Application: Used in heavy machinery, marine, and automotive applications.

## 2. Babbitt Metals

Types: Tin based babbitt ( $CuSn + Sb$ ), Lead-based Babbitt ( $CuPb + Sn$ ), Aluminum-based babbitt.

Properties:

- i) Excellent conformability to shaft surface.
- ii) Low coefficient of friction.
- iii) Good anti-wear properties.
- iv) Low-melting point.

Applications: Often used in high-speed, low-to-medium load bearings, such as in engines and motors.

## 3. Steel Alloys

Types: Chromium steel, High-carbon steel, stainless steel.

- Properties:
- i) High hardness & strength
  - ii) Good resistance to wear
  - iii) Corrosion resistance.

- ⊙ Applications: Used in automotive engines, turbines and industrial machinery.

#### \*\*\* 4. Aluminum Alloys

- ⊙ Types: Aluminum-silicon (Al-Si), Aluminum-copper (Al-Cu), Aluminum-zinc (Al-Zn)

- ⊙ Properties:
  - Lightweight and good strength-to-weight ratio

ii) Excellent corrosion resistance

iii) Moderate wear resistance

iv) Good thermal conductivity

- ⊙ Applications: Used in light-load applications, where weight reduction is important, such as in aerospace and automotive sectors.

#### 5. Copper Alloy

- ⊙ Types: Copper-nickel (Cu-Ni), Copper-tin (Cu-Sn)

- ⊙ Properties:

i) Good corrosion resistance, particularly in marine environments.

ii) Excellent heat conductivity

iii) Good resistance wear & high loads.

- ⊙ Applications: Used in marine applications, heavy-duty bearings, and high-temperature environment.

## 6. Lead Alloys

- ① Types: Lead-tin (PbSn), Lead-antimony (PbSn)
- ② Properties:
  - i) Very low friction & good conformability
  - ii) Ability to withstand heavy loads and shock.
  - iii) Poor corrosion resistance (hence not ideal for all environments).
- ③ Applications: Often used in low-speed, heavy-load bearings, such as in large turbines, and industrial machinery.

## → Properties of Ideal Bearing Metals

- ① Low friction
- ② High wear resistance
- ③ Conformability
- ④ Strength
- ⑤ Corrosion resistance

★ Non metallic materials - rubber, glass, ceramics, polymers, composite, ~~polymer~~ material - properties and application of each

### ★ ★ ★ 1. Rubber

Properties:

- i) Elasticity
- ii) Durability

- ii) ~~Durability~~ Water resistance
- iv) Electrical insulator
- v) Thermal stability

### Applications :

- i) Automotive Industry
- ii) Footwear
- iii) Medical
- iv) Consumer Products
- v) Construction

## \* 2. Glass

### Properties :

- i) Transparency
- ii) Brittle
- iii) Heat resistance
- iv) Chemical resistance
- v) Electrical insulator

### Applications :-

- i) Construction
- ii) Electronics
- iii) Packaging
- iv) Medical
- v) Art and Decoration

## \* 3. Ceramics

### Properties :

- i) Hardness
- ii) Brittleness

- iii) High temperature resistance
- iv) Electrical insulation
- v) Chemical resistance

#### Applications :

- i) Construction
- ii) Electronics
- iii) Aerospace & Engineering
- iv) Medical
- v) Household Items

#### 4. Polymers

##### Properties :

- i) Lightweight
- ii) Flexibility
- iii) Durability
- iv) Electrical insulating properties
- v) Thermal insulation

##### Applications :

- i) Packaging
- ii) Textiles
- iii) Medical
- iv) Automotive
- v) Electronics

#### 4.5. Composite Materials

##### Properties :

- i) Strength - to - weight ratio
- ii) Durability

- iii) Customizability
- iv) High performance

Applications :

- i) Aerospace
- ii) Automotive
- iii) Sports Equipment
- iv) Construction
- v) Marine

\*\*\* Heat treatment - Aim of heat treatment.  
Heat treatment techniques.

→ Heat treatment

Heat treatment is a process used to alter the physical and sometimes chemical properties of a material (typically metals and alloy) through controlled heating and cooling.

→ Aim of heat treatment :

- ⊙ Increase hardness and strength
- ⊙ Improve ductility and toughness
- ⊙ Relieve Internal stresses
- ⊙ Refine Grain Structure
- ⊙ Enhance Machinability

→ Heat treatment techniques :-

1. Annealing - Softening, relieving stress, improve ductility.

2. Quenching - Rapid cooling to increase hardness.
3. Tempering - Adjusting hardness and increasing toughness.
4. Normalizing - Refining grain structure for uniform properties.
5. Hardening - Increasing hardness through rapid cooling.
6. Case hardening - Hardening the surface while maintaining a tough core.
7. Austempering - Creating a tough wear-resistant structure.
8. Spheroidizing - Making materials easier to machine by producing a soft structure.
9. Precipitation Hardening - Strengthening alloys by precipitating fine particles.
10. Induction / Laser Hardening - Surface hardening with rapid heating & cooling.

\*\*\* Annealing and its types. Normalizing, hardening, tempering.

→ Annealing is a heat treatment process used to alter the physical and sometimes chemical properties of a material, usually metal, to increase its ductility and reduce hardness.

Annealing helps to relieve internal stresses, improve machinability, and increase.

the material's softness.

→ Types of Annealing :

1. Full Annealing

⊙ This process involves heating the materials (often steel) to a high temperature, typically above the critical temperature, and then allowing it to cool slowly, usually in a furnace.

It is used to soften the materials and improve its workability.

2. Process Annealing :

⊙ This type of annealing involves heating the material to a temperature just below the critical point, followed by cooling it at a controlled rate.

⊙ It is often used for low-carbon steels to relieve internal stresses & improve machinability.

3. Stress Relief Annealing :

⊙ This is a lower temperature annealing process that is used to relieve stresses induced during previous mechanical operations (like machining or welding).

① The material is heated to a temperature below its critical point, held for a period, and then slowly cooled.

#### 4. Spheroidizing :

① This process is typically applied to high-carbon steels and involves heating the material to a temperature just below the critical point for an extended period to allow the carbon to form spherical carbide particles.

② The result is improved machinability.

#### Related Heat Treatment Processes :

##### 1. Normalizing :

① Normalizing involves heating a metal, typically steel, to a temperature above its critical point and then allowing it to cool in air.

② This process refines the grain structure of the material and can enhance its strength & hardness. It's often used to improve the mechanical properties of castings and forging.

## 2. Hardening :

① Hardening is the process of heating the material to a temperature above its critical point and then rapidly cooling it, typically in water, oil or air.

② This rapid cooling causes the material to become harder but also more brittle. It is often followed by tempering to adjust hardness and brittleness.

## 3. Tempering

① Tempering is typically done after hardening to reduce brittleness and increase toughness.

② It involves reheating the hardened material to a temperature below its critical point and then allowing it to cool. The temperature and duration of tempering influence the final properties, like hardness, strength, and ductility.

\* Martempering, austempering, hardenability, surface hardening.

1. **Martempering**: This is a heat treatment process that involves quenching a steel component in a medium, typically molten salt or oil, at a temperature above the martensite start (Ms) temperature. The goal is to reduce the thermal gradient between the outer and inner parts of the material to avoid the formation of cracks and to obtain a more uniform microstructure, which makes the material less susceptible to stress. After this, the material is cooled to room temperature.

2. **Austempering**: Austempering is a heat treatment process that involves heating the material to a temperature above the critical range and then cooling it in a medium (usually salt) to a temperature just above the martensite start temperature. The material is held at this temperature for a period, allowing the full formation of a bainitic

structure, which offers a combination of good strength and toughness. This process is often used for steels and cast irons.

3. Hardenability: This refers to the ability of a material, particularly steel, to harden when subjected to heat treatment. It is largely influenced by the chemical composition of the material, especially the carbon content, as well as its alloying elements like manganese, chromium and nickel. Materials with higher hardenability can achieve uniform hardness even in thicker sections, whereas materials with low hardenability may only be able to harden on the surface, with the core remaining softer.

4. Surface Hardening: Surface hardening is a process where only the outer layer of a material is hardened, leaving the inner core soft. This is often achieved through processes like carburizing, nitriding, or induction hardening. The purpose of surface hardening is to improve the wear resistance,

fatigue resistance, and overall durability of a component without sacrificing its toughness and ductility, especially for parts that are subjected to high friction or stress on the surface.

\* Case Carburizing, nitriding, cyaniding, flame hardening and induction hardening

The terms - carburizing, nitriding, cyaniding, flame hardening, and induction hardening - refer to various heat treatment processes used to enhance the surface hardness and wear resistance of metals, especially steel. Here's brief explanation of each process:-

1. Carburizing

Carburizing is a process in which carbon is added to the surface of low-carbon steel by heating it in a carbon-rich environment (usually in a furnace or with gas).

Purpose:-

This increases the carbon content at the surface of the steel, creating a

hardened surface while maintaining a soft more ductile core.

Common Use :

Carburizing is typically used for parts like gears, shafts, and crankshafts, where a tough core is required but a hard, wear resistant surface is also needed.

## 2. Nitriding

Nitriding is a process where nitrogen is introduced into the surface of a steel part, usually by heating it in ammonia gas or other nitrogen sources.

Purpose :

The nitrogen reacts with the metal to form hard nitrides, which significantly increase surface hardness, wear resistance and fatigue strength.

Common Use :

Nitriding is often used for tools, dies, and parts subjected to wear and corrosion, as it also provides excellent corrosion resistance.

### 3. Cyaniding

Cyaniding is a process similar to carburizing, where a steel part is exposed to a mixture of cyanide salts (typically sodium cyanide or potassium cyanide) to introduce both carbon & nitrogen into the surface of the steel.

#### Purpose:

This process increases the surface hardness of steel, improving wear resistance and fatigue strength.

#### Common Use:

It is used for parts like gears, sprockets, and small components, but due to the toxic nature of cyanide, it is less commonly used than carburizing or nitriding.

### 4. Flame Hardening

Flame Hardening involves heating the surface of metal using an oxy-acetylene or oxy-propane flame & then quickly cooling it with water or air.

#### Purpose:

The rapid heating and cooling process hardens only the surface of the part.

while leaving the interior relatively unaffected. This creates a hard, wear-resistant surface.

Common use:

Flame hardening is typically applied to large parts like rollers, crank shafts, and gears that need a hard surface for wear resistance but do not require deep hardening.

### 5. Induction Hardening

Induction hardening uses electromagnetic induction to heat the surface of a steel part, followed by quenching (rapid cooling, usually with water or oil).

Purpose:

The induction process hardens only the surface of the part, leaving the core material unaffected. This is controlled by adjusting the depth of the heat and the quenching method.

Common use:

Induction hardening is used for components like shafts, gears, and other parts that need surface hardening with a tough core.