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1. Structure-fatigue property relationship in high strength low-carbon martensitic steel

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Abstract: An investigation has been made on the relationship between microstructure and fatique. The results of experiment show that the experimental steel has excellent fatigue strength and good resistance to fatigue crack propagation when tempered at low temperature. The dominant microstructural feature that contributes to fatigue strength is a dislocated martensite matrix and carbides in martensite. For the rate of fatigue crack propagation, the contribution is the orientation difference between adjacent martensite packets, martensite lathes and retained austensite in the form of a thin interlath film. The factors affecting deterioration of fatigue behavior in the tempered martensite embrittlement range are also discussed. (0 refs)

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