The strain state of mechanically heterogeneous welded joint with the real square weld subjected to tension at plane deformation

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1. Introduction

Butt welds with the reinforcements (real welds) for technological reasons are frequently used. But analytical methods which are suitable to evaluate the stress strain state of mechanically heterogeneous butt welded joints with reinforcements are not known up till now. Stress strain state of mechanically heterogeneous butt welded joint with the simplified square welds (welds without reinforcements) subjected to tension is analyzed in works [1, 2]. This solution at plane deformation is made on dimensionless coordinates $\xi = x / l$, $\eta = y / l$. In welded joint with the reinforcement the area of central cross-section increases due to relative height of reinforcement $h_{rfc} = h_{rfc}/l$ (see Fig. 1). Therefore strain intensity at this cross-section decreases. But in welded joint with the real butt weld stress concentration at the beginning of reinforcement appears. Therefore strain intensity of hard and mild metals at the external point of contact plane ($\xi^* = 1$) increases.

This paper presents an equation for strain determination in real butt welded joint when height of reinforcement $\overline{h}_{rf c}$ is known. Also a method for optimum value of reinforcement $\overline{h}_{rf opt}$ determination is proposed.

2. Parameters of weld reinforcement

In this work it is accepted that the form of reinforcement is described by arc. For the determination of stress strain state components and stress concentration coefficient α_{σ} these relative values of weld reinforcement must be known (see Fig. 1):

- width $\overline{b}_{rf} = 2 \alpha$; where $\alpha = h / l$ is relative height of the weld;
- radius $\overline{R}_{rf} = R_{rf}/l = (h_{rfc}^2 + \alpha^2)/(2 h_{rfc});$
- height of reinforcement in cross-section which corresponds on η

$$\overline{h}_{rf} = h_{rf} / l = \overline{R}_{rf} \left(\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \vartheta} - \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \theta} \right)$$

where $\sin \theta = \eta / \overline{R}_{rf}$ and $\sin \theta = \alpha / \overline{R}_{rf}$.

A relative height of weld reinforcement \overline{h}_{rfc} can be chosen from interval $0 \le \overline{h}_{rfc} \le \overline{h}_{rfcmax}$. Maximum relative height of the reinforcement, when $4 \text{ mm} \le 2 \ l \le 50 \text{ mm}$, can be determined from the equation $\overline{h}_{rfcmax} \approx 0.42 - 0.21 \ lg \ l$.

3. Butt weld joints with the mild real weld

Determination of stress state. Stiffness of real butt welded joint increases due acting of reinforcement height \bar{h}_{rfc} only in cross-sections $\eta < \alpha$. Therefore stress strain state of base hard metal H and at the contact plane of H and mild weld metal M in real welded joint is determined by the same dependencies as at simplified one. Then nominal stresses at these zones are determined by equations obtained in works [1, 2]

$$\tau_{xy}^* = \tau_{xy}^{H*} = \tau_{xy}^{M*} = pC_p^* \xi$$
(1)

$$\tau_{xy}^{H} = \Phi(\eta^{H}) p C_{p}^{*} \xi$$
⁽²⁾

$$\sigma_x^{H^*} = -\frac{1}{2} f_2\left(\delta^H\right) p C_p^*\left(1 - \xi^2\right) \tag{3}$$

$$\sigma_x^H = -\frac{1}{2} f_2(\eta^H) p C_p^* \left(1 - \xi^2\right)$$
(4)



Fig. 1 Scheme for the calculation of welded joint with the real square mild weld at plane deformation

$$\sigma_x^{M^*} = -\frac{1}{2} f_2(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) p C_p^* \left(1 - \xi^2 \right)$$
⁽⁵⁾

$$\sigma_y^{H^*} = \sigma_x^{H^*} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_i^{H^*}(0) - D^H p C_p^* \xi^2$$
(6)

$$\sigma_{y}^{H} = \sigma_{x}^{H} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\sigma_{i}^{H}(0) - D^{H} \left|\tau_{xy}^{H}(1)\right|\xi^{2}$$
(7)

Upper index * denotes values on the contact plane.

Upper index ^{*H*} and ^{*M*} denotes parameters of hard and mild metals respectively.

$$\sigma_{y}^{M^{*}} = \sigma_{x}^{M^{*}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_{i}^{M^{*}}(0) - D^{M} p C_{p}^{*} \xi^{2}$$
(8)

$$p = \int_{0}^{1} \sigma_{y} d\xi \tag{9}$$

$$p = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \sigma_i^{M^*}(0) + \frac{1}{3} p C_p^* [f_2(\alpha) - D^M]$$
(10)

$$pC_{p}^{*} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}(\gamma_{N} - 1)\sigma_{i}^{M*}(0)}{f_{2}(\delta^{H}) + f_{2}(\alpha) - (C_{1}^{M} D^{M} - D^{H})}$$
(11)

$$\sigma_{i}^{H}(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left\{ p + \frac{1}{3} \left[f_{2}(\eta^{H}) p C_{p}^{*} + \left| \tau_{xy}^{H}(\mathbf{l}) \right| D^{M} \right] \right\} (12)$$

$$\sigma_i^{H^*}(1) = \sqrt{\left[\sigma_i^{H^*}(0) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}D^H pC_p^*\right]^2 + 3\left(pC_p^*\right)^2} \quad (13)$$

$$\sigma_i^{M^*}(1) = \sqrt{\left[\sigma_i^{M^*}(0) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}D^M pC_p^*\right]^2 + 3\left(pC_p^*\right)^2}$$
(14)

where $f_2(\eta)$, $f_2(\eta^H)$ and $\Phi(\eta^H)$ are functions of stresses distribution [1].

For stress strain state determination strain intensity at the centre of contact plane $e_i^*(0)$ must be chosen and the factor of mechanical heterogeneity $\gamma_N = \sigma_i^{H^*}(0)/\sigma_i^{M^*}(0)$ determined.

Parameter D^{M} is determined from equality of strains at external contact plane point, i.e. $e_{v}^{H*}(1) = e_{v}^{M*}(1)$.

Parameter $D^{H} = 0$ when $\sigma_{i}^{H^{*}}(1) \leq \sigma_{e}^{H}$. When material H at the external point of contact plane $\xi^{*} = 1$ is deformed elastic-plastic $(\sigma_{i}^{H^{*}}(1) > \sigma_{e}^{H})$ stress $\sigma_{i}^{H^{*}}(1)$ is calculated from presumption, that potential energy of material H at this point under elastic and elastic-plastic loading is the same [2]. When tensile curve of material H at elastic-plastic zone is approximated by power function

$$\sigma_i^{H*}(1) = \sigma_e^H \left[\frac{\sigma_{if}^{H*}(1)}{\sigma_e^H} \right]^{\frac{2 m_0^H}{m_0^H + 1}}$$
(15)

The intensity of fictitious elastic stress $\sigma_{if}^{H^*}(1)$, which corresponds to $e_i^*(0)$ is calculated from Eq. (13) by substituting pC_{pf}^* instead of pC_p^* . Parameter pC_{pf}^* is calculated by Eq. (11) when $D^H = 0$ and $\gamma_N = \gamma_{Nf}$. Fictitious factor of mechanical heterogeneity $\gamma_{Nf} = \overline{e}_i^{M^*}(0)$. Parameter D^H when $\sigma_i^{H^*}(1) > \sigma_e^H$ is calculated from the equation

$$D^{H} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\sigma_{i}^{H*}(0) - \sqrt{\left[\sigma_{i}^{H*}(1)\right]^{2} - 3\left(pC_{p}^{*}\right)^{2}}}{pC_{p}^{*}}$$
(16)

In any section equilibrium condition
$$p = \int_{0}^{1+\overline{h}_{r_f}} \sigma_y d\xi$$

must be used instead of Eq. (9). Determination of this integral is very complicated. Therefore at first approaching integral equilibrium condition

$$\frac{p}{1+\bar{h}_{rf\,c}} = \int_{0}^{1} \sigma_{y} \, d\xi \tag{17}$$

was accepted.

Stress intensity at the centre of square weld with reinforcement, which relative height \overline{h}_{rfc} , is equal

$$\sigma_{ic}^{M}(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left[\frac{p}{1 + \bar{h}_{rfc}} - \frac{1}{3} p C_{p}^{*} f_{2}(0) \right]$$
(18)

Determination of strains. From Eq. (18) follows that strains at the central cross-section of real square weld is smaller than in the simplified plane weld. Longitudinal strain at this zone

$$e_{yc}^{M} = \frac{\sqrt{3} \sigma_{ic}^{M}(0)}{2 E_{c}^{M}}$$
(19)

where $E_c^{\prime M} = \sigma_{ic}^M / e_{ic}^M$ is secant modulus of mild material loading curve in this zone. Because this solution is approximate the mean longitudinal strain at deformation base \overline{L} is determined in longitudinal section $\xi = 0.5$ from condition that the distribution of strains in direction of η -axis corresponds to the law of square parabola. This condition showed a good agreement with experimental data in welded joint with the simplified weld. Then mean value of longitudinal strains of mild metal $e_{ym}^M = e_y^M (0.5) +$ $+ 2/3 \left[e_{yc}^M - e_y^* (0.5) \right]$, when $e_{yc}^M > e_y^M (0.5)$ and $e_{ym}^M = e_{yc}^M + 1/3 \left[e_y^* (0.5) - e_{yc}^M \right]$, when $e_{yc}^M < e_y^* (0.5)$. Mean longitudinal strain in section $\xi = 0.5$ at deformation

base \overline{L} of the welded joint with the reinforcement, when $\overline{L} > \alpha + 2$, is

$$e_{ym} = \frac{1}{\overline{L}} \left[\left(\overline{L} - \alpha - \overline{l}_{l} \right) e_{yl}^{H} + \frac{\overline{l}_{l}}{3} \left(e_{y}^{*}(0.5) + 2 e_{yl}^{H} \right) + \alpha e_{ym}^{M} \right]$$
(20)

where $\bar{l}_l = 2$ is base metal (in this case hard metal) relative distance from the contact plane in which stress $\sigma_x=0$; $e_{yl}^H = 3 p/(4 E)$ is hard metal strain in cross-section where stress $\sigma_x^H = 0$. At elastic-plastic loading of hard metal $(\sigma_i^H > \sigma_e^H)$ secant modulus $E_l'^H$ must be used instead of E.

When e_{ym} is the same longitudinal strain value at the central cross-section of the weld with reinforcement is

Designations (0), (0.5) and (1) denotes values at longitudinal sections of $\xi = 0$, $\xi = 0.5$ and $\xi = 1$ respectively.

lower than this one in simplified weld (see Fig. 2).

Determination of strain intensity at the external contact plane point of welded joint with the real mild square weld. Longitudinal strains at the central cross-section of real weld decreases with increasing of the reinforcement height \overline{h}_{rfc} (Fig. 2). In this case stress intensity at external point of the contact plane ($\xi^* = 1$) increases due to stress concentration of reinforcement. But this solution does not evaluate strain increasing at this point. Therefore strain intensity at contact plane point $\xi^* = 1$ was determined by the equation

$$e_{i\,max}^* = e_{i\,n} \, K_e \tag{21}$$



Fig. 2 Comparison of longitudinal nominal strains distribution in welded joint with simplified (---) and real mild weld (---) when $\alpha = 0.75$, $\overline{L} = 5$, $e_{ym} = 0.5$ %, 2 l = 10 mm, r = 1 mm, $m_0^H = 0.102$, $m_0^M = 0.069$, $\gamma_e = \sigma_e^H / \sigma_e^M = 1.35$: $l - \overline{h}_{rfc} = 0$; $2 - \overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.05$; $3 - \overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.1$

where K_e is strain concentration coefficient in stress concentration zone at elastic-plastic loading; e_{in} is intensity of nominal strains. In this work it was assumed that $e_{in} = e_i^*(1)$, which is determined from Eqs. (13) - (15) and tensile curve of M or H materials for simplified welded joint.

In work [3] it is determined that strain concentration coefficient proposed by N. Machutov [4]

$$K_{e} = \frac{\alpha_{\sigma}^{\frac{2}{1+m_{0}}} \overline{\sigma}_{in}^{\frac{1-m_{0}}{1+m_{0}}}}{(\alpha_{\sigma} \overline{\sigma}_{in})^{n} \frac{1-m_{0}}{1+m_{0}} [1-(\overline{\sigma}_{in}-1/\alpha_{\sigma})]} \text{ when } \overline{\sigma}_{in} \le 1$$
 (22)

and

$$K_{e} = \frac{\alpha_{\sigma}^{\frac{2}{1+m_{0}}}}{\left(\alpha_{\sigma} \ \overline{\sigma}_{in}\right)^{n} \frac{1-m_{0}}{1+m_{0}} \left[1-\left(\overline{\sigma}_{in}-1/\alpha_{\sigma}\right)\right]} \text{ when } \overline{\sigma}_{in} > 1 \qquad (23)$$

showed good agreement with experimental data. In Eqs. (22) and (23) α_{σ} is stress concentration coefficient at elastic loading; $\overline{\sigma}_{in} = \sigma_{in} / \sigma_e$; m_0 is the power index of material tensile curve which at elastic-plastic zone is approximated by power function; *n* is material coefficient (for steels $n \approx 0.5$).

By G.Neuber [5] it was shown that when the radius of concentrator rounding is small real value of stress concentration coefficient for metals is smaller than α_{σ} . Because metals have a granular structure the radius of concentration rounding can not be smaller than one half size of grain r_g . In work [5] is shown that for steel the value of α_{σ} determined experimentally and theoretically is the same, when fictitious value of one half size of grain $r_{fg} \approx 0.48$ mm is assumed. Therefore when $r \le r_{fg}$ the radius of concentrator rounding r = 0.48 mm must be accepted.

Stress concentration coefficient $\alpha_{\sigma} = \sigma_{i max} / \sigma_{i n}$ increases with increasing of $\overline{h}_{rf c}$ and decreasing of \overline{b}_{rf} .



Fig. 3 Dependence α_{σ} on \overline{h}_{rfc} and \overline{b}_{rf} calculated analytically (------) and determined by FEM (points), when 2l = 20 mm; r = 0.48 mm; the length of finite element edge at the concentration zone $l_e \approx 0.005 l$: • $-\overline{b}_{rf} = 0.8 \ (\alpha = 0.4);$ • $-\overline{b}_{rf} = 1.6 \ (\alpha = 0.8);$ • $-\overline{b}_{rf} = 2.4 \ (\alpha = 1.2);$ • $-\overline{b}_{rf} = 3.2 \ (\alpha = 1.6)$

Dependence α_{σ} on \overline{h}_{rfc} and \overline{b}_{rf} was determined for mechanically homogeneous welded joint by FEM, when $\sigma_{imax} < \sigma_e$ and the rounding radius of reinforcement beginning r = 0.48 mm, is shown in Fig. 3 (points).

From Fig. 3 follows that dependence a_{σ} on \overline{h}_{rfc} and \overline{b}_{rf} when $\overline{h}_{rfc}/\overline{b}_{rf} \le 0.25$ for welded joints may be expressed by the equation

$$\alpha_{\sigma} = 1 + C_l C_r \left(1 + 2 \overline{b}_{rf} \right) lg \left[1 + \frac{\overline{h}_{rf c}}{\overline{b}_{rf}} \left(\frac{25}{1 + \overline{b}_{rf}} \right) \right]$$
(24)

and when $\bar{h}_{rf\,c}/\bar{b}_{rf} > 0.25$, α_{σ} is determined from Eq. (24) by substituting 0.25 instead of $\bar{h}_{rf\,c}/\bar{b}_{rf}$. Where



Fig. 4 Dependence of C_r on r and \overline{h}_{rfc} calculated analytically (-------) and determined by FEM (points), when 2l = 20 mm; the length of finite element edge at the concentration zone $l_e \approx 0.005 l$: • $-\overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.05$ and $\alpha = 0.8$; • $-\overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.1$ and $\alpha = 0.8$; • $-\overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.3$ and $\alpha = 0.4$; • $-\overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.3$ and $\alpha = 1.2$





Fig. 6 Comparison of strain intensity distribution in a welded joint with the real mild weld determined analytically (---) and by FEM (---) when the length of finite element edges at the contact plane zone $l_e \approx (0.1 \times 0.01) l$, $\alpha = 0.75$, $\overline{L} = 5$, $e_{ym} = 0.5$ %, 2 l = 20 mm, r = 0.48 mm, $\gamma_e = \sigma_e^H / \sigma_e^M = 1.35$, $m_0^H = 0.102$, $m_0^M = 0.069$: a and b – on the contact plane; c – on the surface of welded joint

 $C_r = \frac{1 + \left(10 \ \overline{h}_{rfc}\right)^2}{1 + \left(10 \ \overline{h}_{rfc}\right)^2 \sqrt{r/0.48}}$ is the parameter which evalu-

ates rounding radius of weld reinforcement beginning; $C_l = (2 l/20)^{(0.9 \bar{h}_{rfc}+0.1)}$ is the parameter which evaluates thickness of welded sheets. Radius *r* and thickness of sheets 2*l* must be expressed in millimetres. Dependencies of parameter C_r on *r*, \bar{h}_{rfc} and parameter C_l on 2*l* are shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 respectively.

Strain concentration coefficient of mild metal K_e at contact plane (point $\xi^* = 1$) is determined from Eq. (23) by substituting m_0^M and $\overline{\sigma}_i^{M*}(1) = \sigma_i^{M*}(1)/\sigma_e^M$ instead of m_0 and $\overline{\sigma}_{in}$. At contact plane point $\xi^* = 1$ strain concentration coefficient of hard metal K_e is determined from Eq. (22) when $\overline{\sigma}_i^{H*}(1) \le 1$ and Eq. (23) when $\overline{\sigma}_i^{H*}(1) > 1$ by estimating that $m_0 = m_0^H$ and $\overline{\sigma}_{in} = \overline{\sigma}_i^{H*}(1)$.



Fig. 7 Distribution of strain intensity on the surface of welded joint with real mild weld when $\alpha = 0.75$, $\overline{L} = 5$, $e_{ym} = 0.5$ %, 2 l = 10 mm, r = 1 mm, $\gamma_e = \sigma_e^H / \sigma_e^M = 1.35$, $m_0^H = 0.102$, $m_0^M = 0.069$: $l - \overline{h}_{rf c} = 0$ (simplified weld); $2 - \overline{h}_{rf opt} = 0.059$

Strain intensity on the central cross-section of real mild weld $e_{ic}^{M} = \sqrt{3} e_{vc}^{M}/2$.

Strain intensity of H and M metals calculated analytically showed a good agreement with its values determined by FEM (Fig. 6).

Determination of optimum relative value of mild weld reinforcement. From Eqs. (18) and (19) follows that strain intensity in central cross-section of the mild real weld decreases with increasing $\bar{h}_{rf c}$. But in this case stress intensity, as follows from Eq. (21), increases in stress concentration zone at the external contact plane point $\xi^* = 1$. Therefore optimal relative value of reinforcement height $\bar{h}_{rf opt}$ must be determined from condition $e_{ic}^M = e_i^{M*}(1)$ (Fig. 7).

4. Butt welded joints with the hard real weld

Stress strain state determination of simplified welded joint with hard interlayer is presented in works [1, 2]. Stress strain state in mild base metal and on the contact plane of welded joint with the real hard weld and simplified hard weld are the same. In this case stiffness of hard weld increases due to relative height of reinforcement $\overline{h}_{rf c}$. Stress intensity at the centre of real hard weld, which relative height is $\overline{h}_{rf c}$, can be determined by the equation

 $\sigma_{ic}^{H}(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left[\frac{p}{1 + \bar{h}_{rfc}} - \frac{1}{3} p C_{p}^{*} f_{2}(\eta^{H} = 0) \right]$ (25)

Mean longitudinal strain is determined analogically as in simplified weld [1].



Fig. 8 Distribution of strain intensity on the surface of welded joint with the real hard weld when $\alpha^{H} = 0.75$, $\overline{L} = 5$, $e_{ym} = 0.5$ %, 2 l = 10 mm, r = 1 mm, $m_{0}^{H} = 0.102$, $m_{0}^{M} = 0.069$, $\gamma_{e} = \sigma_{e}^{H} / \sigma_{e}^{M} = 1.35$: $l - \overline{h}_{rfc} = 0$ (simplified weld); $2 - \overline{h}_{rfc} = 0.1$

Stiffness of hard weld and strain intensity in stress concentration zone $e_i^{H^*}(1)$ increase with increasing \overline{h}_{rfc} . Strains $e_i^{H^*}(1)$ and $e_i^{M^*}(1)$ are determined analogically as in welded joint with a real mild weld. In this case in Eqs. (2) - (11) α^H and $\delta = 1.2$ must be substituted instead of $\delta^H = 1.2$ and α respectively.

Coefficient α_{σ} is determined from Eq. (24) by evaluating that in this case $\overline{b}_{rf} = 2 \alpha^{H}$.

From Fig. 8 follows that strain intensity at the most heavily loaded zones of welded joint with the hard real weld is larger than in simplified welded joint. Therefore weld reinforcement is recommended to be take off by grinding.

5. Conclusions

1. Strain intensity on the central cross-section e_{ic}^{M} of real mild weld decreases when the relative height of reinforcement $\overline{h}_{rf,c}$ increases.

2. Strain intensity in stress concentration zone $e_i^{M^*}(1)$ at initial point of weld reinforcement increases with increasing of \overline{h}_{rfc} .

3. Optimum value of \overline{h}_{rfc} can be determined by the equality of strain intensities at zones pointed in 1st and 2nd conclusions.

4. Strain intensity in the most heavily loaded zones of welded joint with the real hard weld is lager than in the welded joint with simplified weld.

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DEFORMACIJŲ BŪVIS TEMPIAMOSE MECHANIŠ-KAI NEVIENALYTĖSE SUVIRINTOSE JUNGTYSE SU REALIA PLOKŠČIA SIŪLE ESANT PLOKŠTUMINEI DEFORMACIJAI

Reziumė

Šiame darbe gautos priklausomybės apskaičiuoti deformacijų intensyvumui suvirintųjų jungčių su realia

minkšta ir kieta siūle perkrovimo zonose. Realios minkštos siūlės optimalus santykinis rumbelės aukštis apskaičiuotas iš deformacijų centriniame siūlės skerspjūvyje ir įtempimų koncentracijos zonoje (pradiniame rumbelės taške) intensyvumo lygybės. Kietos siūlės rumbelė padidina deformacijų intensyvumą suvirintosios jungties perkrovimo zonose.

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THE STRAIN STATE OF MECHANICALLY HETEROGENEOUS WELDED JOINT WITH THE REAL SQUARE WELD SUBJECTED TO TENSION AT PLANE DEFORMATION

Summary

Dependencies for the calculation of strain intensity in the most heavily loaded zones of welded joint with the real mild and hard weld are obtained in this paper. The optimum relative height of mild weld reinforcement is obtained from equality of strain intensities in central crosssection and stress concentration zone (initial point of reinforcement). The hard weld reinforcement increase strain intensity in the most heavily loaded zones of welded joint.

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ДЕФОРМИРОВАННОЕ СОСТОЯНИЕ РАСТЯГИВА-ЕМЫХ МЕХАНИЧЕСКИ НЕОДНОРОДНЫХ СВАР-НЫХ СОЕДИНЕНИЙ С РЕАЛЬНЫМ ПЛОСКИМ ШВОМ В УСЛОВИЯХ ПЛОСКОЙ ДЕФОРМАЦИИ

Резюме

В настоящей работе получены зависимости для определения интенсивности деформаций в зонах перегрузки сварного соединения с мягким и жестким швом. Оптимальная высота валика мягкого шва получена из равенства интенсивности деформаций в центральном его сечении и в зоне концентрации напряжений (в начальной точке валика). Валик твердого шва увеличивает интенсивность деформаций в зонах перегрузки сварного соединения.

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