

Common Casting Defects :-

① Mould Shift :- It results in a mismatching of the top & bottom parts of a casting, usually at the parting line.

- Causes :- It occurs due to :-
- Misalignment of pattern parts, due to worn or damaged patterns.
 - Misalignment of moulding box or flask equipment.

→ Remedies :- This defect can be prevented by ensuring proper alignment of the pattern, moulding boxes, correct mounting of pattern on pattern plates etc.

② Core Shift :- It is an abnormal variation of the dimensions which are dependent on core position.

- Causes :- Misalignment of cores in assembling cored moulds.
- Undersized or oversized core prints.
 - By using incorrect size of chaplet.

→ Remedies:- This defect can be eliminated by providing the core at the proper place and must be gapped properly in the sand.

③ Swell:- It is an enlargement of the mould cavity by molten metal mass, resulting in localised or general enlargement of the casting.

→ Causes:- Due to insufficient ramming of sand.
• Due to insufficient weighting of the mould during casting.
• Due to pouring of molten metal too rapidly.

→ Remedies:- The swells are avoided by the proper ramming of sand & uniform of molten metal into the mould.

④ Sand Wash:- It usually occurs near the in-gates as rough lumps on the surface of a casting. The sand that has been washed away appears on the upper surfaces of the castings as rough holes or depressions.

→ Causes:- Soft ramming of sand
• Weak sand
• Poor pattern
• Insufficient draft.

→ Remedies:- This defect is avoided by the proper ramming of sand.

⑤ Hot Tear:- It is an internal or external ragged discontinuity in the metal casting resulting from hindered contraction occurring just after the metal has solidified.

→ Causes:- Abrupt changes in section, inadequate filletting of inside corners, & improper placement of chills.

- Poor collapsibility of mould & core materials which will place extra stress on certain details.
- Improper pouring temperature.

→ Remedies:- In order to eliminate this defect, abrupt changes in section should be avoided. The pouring temp. should be correct & there should be even rate of cooling.

⑥ Sand Blow or Blow Hole:- It is excessively smooth depression on the outer surface of a casting. This defect is also called blow hole.

→ Causes:- This defect occurs due to high moisture content in moulding sand.

- low permeability of sand.
- Hard ramming of sand
- Defective gating system.

⇒ Remedies :- This defect can be removed by proper venting, completely drying up the mould, selecting proper sand with required permeability & proper ingate system for the flow of molten metal.

④ Cold Shuts and Missions :- These occur when the mould cavity is not completely filled and an incomplete casting results.

⇒ Causes :- Too small gates.

- Too many restrictions in the gating system.
- Pouring head is too low,
- Faulty venting of the moulds.

⇒ Remedies :- In order to eliminate these defects, the casting should be designed keeping in mind the fundamental principles of gating and riser.

- The thin sections should be preheated & the molten metal should be poured at the correct temp.

⇒ The following Residual stresses in Casting Process:-

- Different section of a non-uniform cross-section casting solidify at different rates depending on their cross-section areas.
- This results in varying amount of contraction in different parts, produces high internal stresses, which may cause tearing or cracking of casting.
- High residual internal area stresses can be avoided by placing chills over large cross-sectional areas so that whole of casting tools at uniform rate.
- Another method of controlling such stresses is take out casting at an average temperature of around 750°C and putting it in an insulated pit and allowed to cool at $5.5^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{hour}$.
- It may be mentioned that any temp. gradient above 540°C does not gives to elastic strain because same is relaxed to plastic strain due to high rate of creep.

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Hot Working

Cold Working

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working temp. is above the recrystallization temp.• Hardening due to plastic deformation is completely eliminated by recovery & new grain formation.• Poor surface finish due to oxidation.• Density of metal is inc^d due to new grain formation.• Lighter equipment is used.• Less loading is required.• Eg. → Hot forging, hot rolling, hot spinning, hot extrusion, hot drawing etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working temp. is below the recrystallization temp.• No hardening due to low temp.• Better surface finish.• No such effect in the density of metal.• Heavier equipment is used.• Large application is required.• Eg. → Cold rolling, cold extrusion, press work like bending, shearing, drawing etc. |
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