

EVOLUTION OF THE MICROSTRUCTURAL PARAMETERS OF COLD WORK Ti-6-Al-4V ALLOY.

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Abstract: The aim of this work is to investigate cold worked Ti-6Al-4V alloy. The alloy was examined by X-ray diffraction using Rietveld refinement method. MAUD software (Materials Analysis Using Diffraction) was used to analyze the microstructural parameters evolution (crystallite size, root mean square strain (r.m.s) and dislocation density. The Crystallite size is smaller in the β -phase compared to the α -phase. Microstrain and dislocation density are higher in the β -phase than those found in the α -phase for the as received material. The microstructural parameters of Ti-6Al-4V alloy exhibit typical values of cold deformation state. The results show that the deformation process reduces the crystallite size (coherent diffraction domains) from 520 nm in the α -phase. Consequently, the r.m.s increases from 5×10^{-4} to 32×10^{-4} and the dislocation density increases from 2.92×10^{10} to $4.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}^{-2}$ after 85 % thickness reduction.

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