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Abstract

The candidacy of ninth earth abundant material, titanium is supreme when it comes to the higher strength to weight ratio, and higher corrosive resistance. Next generation of jet engines for aerospace industry clearly depends on the manufacturability and improved ability of titanium alloys that can withstand the high temperatures. However, the primary sheets, plates, billets, ingots, or rods are of limited sizes that need to be either machined or welded in order to produce a desired structure with optimal the buy-to-fly ratio. This article primarily summarizes the research in the field of joining of titanium sheets with a direct focus on friction stir welding (FSW). The industrial requirements, whether to weld similar or dissimilar titanium alloys, or of different thicknesses, or even with composites, are often challenged by the selection of the tool, position of the alloying sheets, cooling of the weld nugget, material composition, complex material flow in the wake of the rotating, and traversing tool etc. This article provides a review of FSW of similar and dissimilar titanium alloys focusing on surface, and subsurface properties, such as microstructural, and mechanical properties, texture evolution, current challenges summarizing a possible remedy, encompassing the recent development and research in the field.

Keywords : Friction stir welding; Titanium alloys; Microstructural and mechanical properties; Texture

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