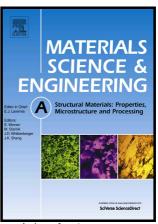
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#### **Abstract**

Proper mechanical stability in retained austenite is a crucial factor for medium Mn steel to attain high strength and excellent ductility. In this paper, intercritical annealing and quenching and partitioning (IA & Q&P) processes are applied to medium Mn steel, to obtain retained austenite with proper mechanical stability. The effect of intercritical annealing temperature on mechanical stability of retained

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