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This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the classic 1948 edition of Metals Handbook--the last "regular" edition to be contained in one volume. The 1948 edition was the inspiration for the first Metals Handbook Desk Edition, published almost 15 years ago. This Second Edition is intended to serve the same function as its two predecessors: to provide an accessible, convenient, and practical single-volume first reference to all of metals technology.

It was with some trepidation that ASM International entered into the project to revise and update the Desk Edition. The task seemed overwhelming. The ASM Handbook series had grown to 20 current volumes--almost twice as many as were in existence when the first Desk Edition was compiled. Would it be possible to create a work that included all of the vital information from the first edition, plus the most significant knowledge and data compiled in the years since its release, and still remain within the physical limits of a single volume?

We believe that the new Metals Handbook Desk Editionmore than meets that objective. The credit for this monumental achievement belongs to Joseph R. Davis. Joe was Handbook Editor for many years at ASM, and his extraordinary knowledge of the handbooks along with his considerable editorial skills made him uniquely qualified to oversee this project. We are grateful to Joe for his hard work and for his commitment to creating the best Desk Edition possible. To assist in this effort, Joe assembled an outstanding Editorial Advisory Board, made up of many longtime handbook contributors and friends of ASM, and we extend our thanks to them as well. We also wish to recognize the ASM editorial and production staff members for their dedicated efforts on this Volume.

Of course, we are especially grateful to the thousands of metallurgy professionals who have contributed to ASM Handbooks over the past 75 years. Their willingness to share their knowledge and expertise--as authors, reviewers, volume organizers, and Handbook Committee members--has made this book possible. With their ongoing support, ASM Handbooks will continue to thrive for at least another 75 years.

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Preface

The Metals Handbook Desk Edition is intended to serve as a comprehensive single-volume reference source on the properties, selection, processing, testing, and characterization of metals and their alloys. Although the information presented in this Volume is drawn principally from the 20 volumes of the ASM Handbook series, it should not be considered simply an abridged version of the larger work. Instead, the Metals Handbook Desk Edition draws upon the complete arsenal of ASM products--both print and electronic--as well as other key sources of information originating from other publications, company literature, technical societies, and government agencies.

Volume Content

Because of the familiarity, success, and ease-of-use of the original Desk Edition published in 1984, it was determined from the outset of the project that the editorial approach and outline for the new edition should follow in a similar manner. The challenge in successfully revising the first edition was to determine what strategic additions (or reductions) and improvements should be made. Complicating this task was the fact that a complete edition cycle of the ASM Handbook (including completely new volumes on corrosion, tribology, materials characterization, and other topics) had been published since the earlier edition was produced. To ensure that the best product possible resulted from the revision/updating process, a 12-member Editorial Advisory Board representing industry, academia, and research laboratories was formed. All board members have been key contributors to the Handbook series or have been involved with other important ASM activities over the past decade. Under their guidance, an outline was established for the second edition that divided the book into five major parts: General Information; Irons, Steels, and High-Performance Alloys; Nonferrous Alloys and Special-Purpose Materials; Processing; and Testing, Inspection, and Materials Characterization.

General Information contains a glossary of more than 3000 terms, a collection of common engineering tables, and graphs comparing properties of metals and nonmetals. It also includes contributions on crystal structure, practical uses of phase diagrams, engineering design, and factors to be considered in the materials selection process.

Irons, Steels, and High-Performance Alloys. Emphasis is placed on properties and selection of ferrous alloys and heat-resistant superalloys. Important relationships between structure and properties in irons and steels are described. The effects of modern steelmaking practices on properties are examined, as is the influence of improved melting/refining methods on superalloy performance. New or expanded information is presented on austempered ductile irons, high-strength low-alloy steels, stainless steels(including duplex stainless steels), and powder metallurgy steels.

Nonferrous Alloys and Special-Purpose Materials comprises 14 major sections that describe the properties and selection of conventional (structural) nonferrous alloys and materials used for such special-purpose applications as magnetic or electrical devices, biomedical devices, and advanced aircraft/aerospace components. Metal-matrix composites and structural intermetallics--more recently developed materials not covered in the previous Desk Edition--are also described.

Processing. Processes extending through the entire life-cycle of a component are described, including extractive metallurgy, casting, forming, heat treatment, joining, surface cleaning, finishing and coating, and recycling. An entirely new section on powder metallurgy has also been added. The increased coverage of recycling technology reflects the response of the metals industry to environmental concerns.

Testing, Inspection, and Materials Characterization. In addition to offering information on failure analysis, fractography, nondestructive testing, mechanical testing, and metallography, a new section describes in practical terms the selection of characterization methods for bulk elemental analysis, bulk microstructural analysis, and surface analysis. New information on wear testing and tests for evaluating stress-corrosion cracking and hydrogen embrittlement is also presented.

Acknowledgments

Before acknowledging contributors to the present volume, it is important to recognize the outstanding work of the first edition's editors: Timothy L. Gall and Howard E. Boyer (sadly, Howard passed away in 1990). Tim was truly the driving force behind the original Desk Edition. His vision, combined with Howard's superlative technical craftsmanship, resulted in what most consider the "flagship" publication of ASM.

In order to build upon the foundation of the first edition, the present editor had to call on many old friends and colleagues. In addition to serving on the Editorial Advisory Board, the following individuals were major contributors to the second edition: Kenneth H. Eckelmeyer (Sandia National Laboratories)authored the Section "Materials Characterization" and coauthored the article "Very High Density Metals." Ken, who has contributed numerous handbook articles over the years, was also a key member of the Organizing Committee for Materials Characterization, Volume 10 of the ASM Handbook, published in 1986. George F. Vander Voort (Buehler Ltd.) revised the Section "Metallography" and contributed to the Section "Fractography." George, who is the most prolific author in the 75 year history of the Metals/ASM Handbook, has contributed definitive reviews on embrittlement mechanisms in irons and steel, the use of light microscopy for metallographic and fractographic analysis, and image analysis for quantitative determination of microstructural constituents. Rodney R. Boyer (Boeing Commercial Airplane Group) revised the Section "Titanium and Titanium Alloys" and helped revise other articles throughout the Handbook that deal with titanium alloys. Rod also served as the principal editor of the Materials Properties Handbook: Titanium Alloys, published by ASM in 1994. Thomas S. Piwonka (University of Alabama) authored the Section "Casting." Tom also served as a section chairman and contributing author for Casting, Volume 15 of the ASM Handbook, published in 1988. Peter J. Blau (Oak Ridge National Laboratory) authored the article "Wear Testing." Peter also served as volume chairman of Friction, Lubrication, and Wear Technology, Volume 18 of the ASM Handbook, published in 1992.

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As a result of the collective experience and talent of all those listed above, the rich tradition of the Metals Handbook continues. Whether in print form, CD-ROM format, via the Internet, or some other remarkable vehicle made possible by the computer age, it will undoubtedly continue to serve the metallurgical community well into the next millennium. The best is yet to come!

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Structure and Properties of Metals

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Ferrous Powder Metallurgy Materials

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Tool Steels

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Stainless Steels

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Superalloys

For more detailed information on superalloys, the reader is referred to the ASM Specialty Handbook: Heat-Resistant Materials (see, in particular, pages 219 to 344).

Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys

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Titanium and Titanium Alloys

For more detailed information on titanium and titanium alloys, the reader is referred to the Materials Properties Handbook: Titanium Alloys published by ASM International in 1994 and to Properties and Selection: Nonferrous Alloys and Special-Purpose Materials, Volume 2 of ASM Handbook, 1990 (see pages 586 to 660).

Zinc and Zinc Alloys

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Tin and Tin Alloys

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Lead and Lead Alloys

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Nickel and Nickel Alloys

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Special-Purpose Materials

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Powder Metallurgy

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Heat Treating

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Recycling and Life-Cycle Analysis

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Failure Analysis

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Fractography

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Nondestructive Testing

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