

Portable Pneumatic needle-Peening (PPP)



Equipment to reinforce treated surface by continuously-peening the welded toe.



Strength improvement of welded part

■ Feature

- Improves the fatigue life of welded toe (See: Advantage-1)
- Quick treatment
- Space-saving & easy to carry
- AC power / AA size storage battery or commercial dry battery

■ Advantages

- Reduction of stress concentration factor by deforming the welded toe geometry, and also improves fatigue life of welded part by compressive residual stress.
- Closes small cracks at welded toe. (See: Advantage-2)
- Decrease of stress corrosion cracking.

■ Functionality

- Battery enables outdoor working or working at any place that has no electronic power supply.
- Ergonomic design in consideration of safety and easy access to target area.
- Control box controls peening power for stable working.
- Quick-change peening head needle (consumable parts).
- 5m air hose from control box to peening head.

■ Applicable target

- Bridge, shipbuilding, plant, rail vehicle and so on. (For welded structures)

PPP Specification

■ Peening head

Size : (Max Length)297mm, (Max dia.) 55mm

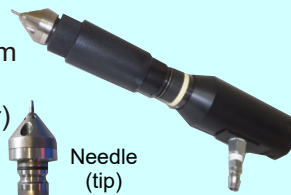
Weight : 2.0kg

Power source : Compressive air (Factory air)

Needle(Pin) : 3mm

Needle(Pin)tip radius : R1.5

- ◆ Peening head transfers impact energy of piston to needle on the tip, and makes the needle continuously-peen the object surface.



■ Control box

Size : W420 H345 D175(mm)

Weight : 7.5kg

Power source : AC Power / AA size storage battery or commercial dry battery

Accessories : eneloop pro® BK-3HCD (Panasonic)

Fast charger for eneloop, others

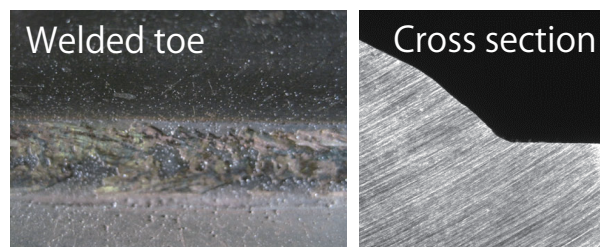
Control function : Air pressure, Air flow rate

- ◆ Control box coordinates and monitors compressive air provided to peening head. It will prevent peening head from working with over controlled flow rate by setting compressive air control range.

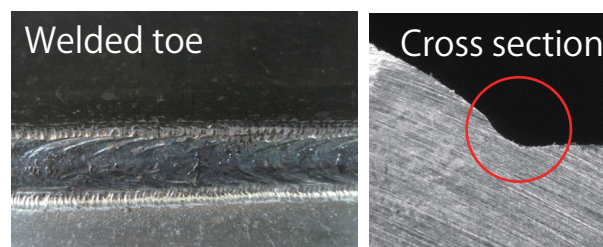


Appearance after PPP treatment

Before PPP treatment (As weld)



After PPP treatment



Advantage-1 (Fatigue test result)

1. Test piece

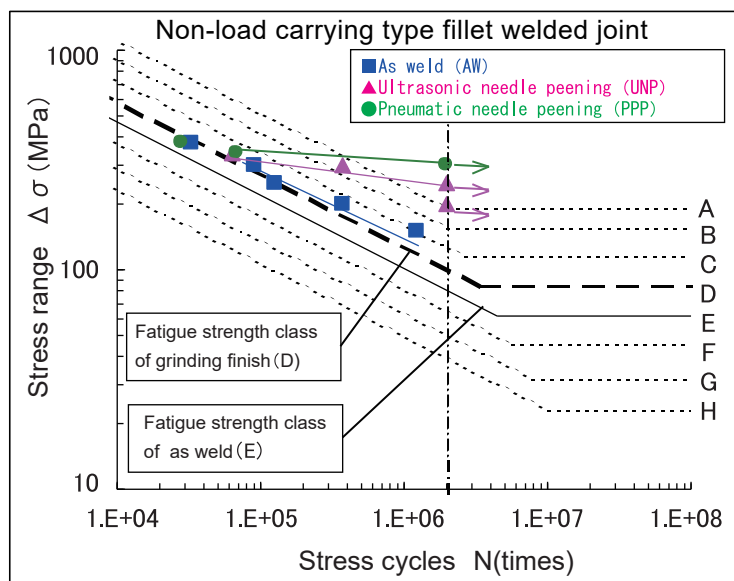
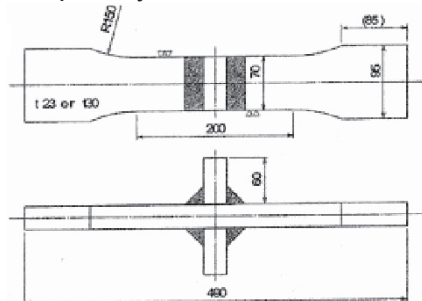
Material SN490(Thickness 30mm max)
Non-load carrying type fillet welded joint

2. Test condition

Load type : pulsating tension
(Stress ratio $R=0.1$)

Stress range $\Delta\sigma$: 100~300MPa

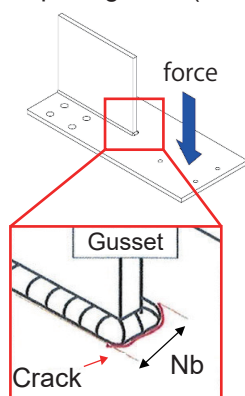
Frequency : $f = 10\text{Hz min}$



Advantage-2 (Small fatigue crack closure by PPP treatment)

Test piece

Out-of-plane gusset (welded test piece)



Crack shape that can be expected to be closed by PPP

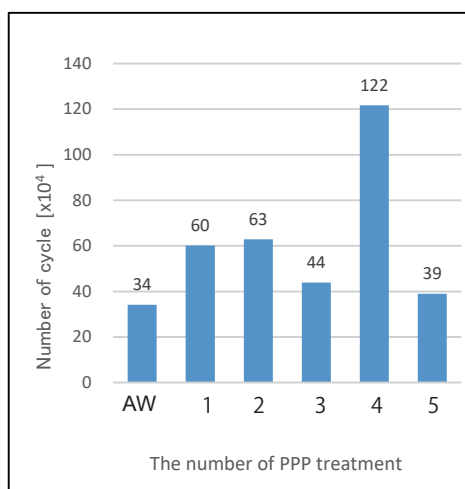


Fig: The fatigue test results at Nb

【Explanation】

Fatigue test was conducted with as-weld test piece. When the fatigue crack length became Nb, the crack was treated by PPP. After the fatigue crack closure by PPP, fatigue test was repeated.

As a result of 5 repetition of crack closure, each fatigue life was longer than as-weld condition.

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