

## Influences of boron and silicon in insert alloys on microstructure and isothermal solidification during TLP bonding of a duplex stainless steel using MBF-35 and MBF-30

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### Abstract

The influences of B and Si in the filler metals on microstructure and isothermal solidification during transient liquid-phase (TLP) bonding of a nitrogen-containing duplex stainless steel with MBF-30 (Ni-4.5wt.%Si-3.2wt.%B) and MBF-35 (Ni-7.3wt.%Si-2.2wt.%B), were studied at the temperature range of 1030-1090°C with various times from 60 s to 3600 s under a vacuum of approximately  $10^{-5}$  Torr. In case of the former, BN, Ni<sub>3</sub>B and Ni<sub>3</sub>Si precipitates were formed in the bonding region. BN and Ni<sub>3</sub>Si secondary phases were present in the joint for the latter case. The formation of Ni<sub>3</sub>B within the joint centerline is dependent on B content. The morphology of Ni<sub>3</sub>Si is dominated by Si concentration. A difference between the times for complete isothermal solidification obtained by the experiments and the conventional TLP bonding diffusion model was observed when using MBF-35. According to the simulated results, the isothermal solidification completion time for MBF-35 case was smaller than that in MBF-30. However, this experimental value obtained using MBF-35 was notably larger than that obtained using MBF-30. Isothermal solidification of liquid MBF-30 is controlled by the first isothermal solidification regime dependent on B diffusion model, whereas that of liquid MBF-35 experiences two isothermal solidification regimes and is mainly controlled by the second isothermal solidification dependent on Si diffusion model. In addition, only if Si content exceeds a critical value, the slower 2nd solidification regime will commence.

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