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Preface

Following the long tradition of the Schuler Company, the Metal Forming Handbook presents the scientific fundamentals of metal forming technology in a way which is both compact and easily understood. Thus, this book makes the theory and practice of this field accessible to teaching and practical implementation.

The first Schuler “Metal Forming Handbook” was published in 1930. The last edition of 1966, already revised four times, was translated into a number of languages, and met with resounding approval around the globe.

Over the last 30 years, the field of forming technology has been radically changed by a number of innovations. New forming techniques and extended product design possibilities have been developed and introduced. This Metal Forming Handbook has been fundamentally revised to take account of these technological changes. It is both a textbook and a reference work whose initial chapters are concerned to provide a survey of the fundamental processes of forming technology and press design. The book then goes on to provide an in-depth study of the major fields of sheet metal forming, cutting, hydroforming and solid forming. A large number of relevant calculations offers state of the art solutions in the field of metal forming technology. In presenting technical explanations, particular emphasis was placed on easily understandable graphic visualization. All illustrations and diagrams were compiled using a standardized system of functionally oriented color codes with a view to aiding the reader’s understanding.

It is sincerely hoped that this Handbook helps not only disseminate specialized knowledge but also provides an impetus for dialogue between the fields of production engineering, production line construction, teaching and research.

This Handbook is the product of dedicated commitment and the wide range of specialized knowledge contributed by many employees of the SCHULER Group in close cooperation with Prof. Dr.-Ing. H. Hoffmann and Dipl.-Ing. M. Kasparbauer of the *utg*, Institute for Metal Forming and Casting at the Technical University of Munich. In close cooperation with the SCHULER team, they have created a solid foundation for the practical and scientific competence presented in this Handbook. We wish to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to all those involved.

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Index of formula symbols

α	rib angle, bending angle, clearance angle, die opening angle, corner angle for blanking	◦ ◦ ◦ ◦
α_1	required bending angle	◦
α_2	desired bending angle	◦
β	draw ratio, corner angle when bending	◦
β_{tot}	total draw ratio	
β_{max}	maximum draw ratio	
ε	elongation, starting measurement	
ε_A	relative cross section change	%
η	efficiency	
η_A	degree of utilization of the sheet metal, utilization force	
η_F	forming efficiency factor	
μ	coefficient of friction	
V	volumetric flow	1/s
σ	stress	N/mm ²
σ_m	mean stress	N/mm ²
σ_{max}	largest stress	N/mm ²
σ_{md}	mean comparative stress	N/mm ²
σ_{min}	smallest stress	N/mm ²
σ_N	normal contact stress	N/mm ²
σ_r	radial stress	N/mm ²

σ_t	tangential stress	N/mm ²
σ_v	comparative stress, effective stress	N/mm ²
σ_z	critical buckling stress	N/mm ²
σ_1	greatest principle stress	N/mm ²
σ_2	mean principle stress	N/mm ²
σ_3	smallest principle stress	N/mm ²
τ_R	frictional shear stress	N/mm ²
φ	degree of deformation, strain, logarithmic/true strain	
$\dot{\varphi}$	strain rate, deformation rate, deformation speed	
φ_B	fracture strain	
φ_g	principle deformation	
$\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$	deformation in main directions	
A	surface	mm ²
a	blanking plate measurement, rim width, leg length during bending, slot width	mm mm
A ₀	initial surface, surface of blank cross section	mm ²
a ₁	blanking punch dimension	mm
A ₁	surface of blank cross section, end surface	mm ²
A ₅ , A ₈₀	ultimate elongation	%
A _G	ejector surface, surface area under pressure by the ejector	mm ²
a _R	space between the rows	mm
A _S	sheared surface	mm ²
A _{St}	cross section of the punch, surface area of hole punch	mm ² mm ²
A _Z	blank surface, area of the blank	mm ²
b	web width, leg length during bending, strip width, section width	mm mm
B	deflection	mm
b _A	shell-shaped tear width	mm
b _E	die roll width	mm
b _S	strip width	mm
c	material coefficient	
D	blank diameter, plate diameter, mandrel diameter	mm mm

d	inner diameter, hole diameter, (perforating) punch diameter	mm mm
d'	inside diameter of bottom die	mm
d ₀	blank diameter, initial billet diameter	mm
d ₁	diameter of the draw punch in the first drawing operation, punch diameter, end diameter	mm mm
d ₂	upper cup diameter, outside diameter	mm
d ₃	outside flange diameter	mm
e	off-center position of force application	mm
E	elasticity module	N/mm ²
F	force	kN
f ₁ , f ₂ , f ₃	offset factors	
F _A	ejection force	kN
F _B	blank holder force	kN
F _b	bending force	kN
F _G	counterforce	kN
F _{Ga}	ejection force	kN
F _{Ges}	total machine force	kN
F _N	normal force	kN
F _{N0}	rated press force, nominal load	kN
F _R	radial tension force, friction force, vee-ring force	kN
F _{Ra}	stripping force	kN
F _{Re}	reaction force	kN
F _S	blanking force for punch with flat ground work surface, shearing force	kN kN
F _{ST}	slide force	kN
F _t	tangential compression force	kN
F _U	pressing force, forming force, maximum drawing force	kN kN
g	gravitational acceleration	m/s ²
h	forming path, drawing stroke, distance, height, punch displacement; lubrication gap	mm mm μm
H	plate thickness	mm
h ₀	initial billet height, height of blank	mm

h_1	final height of a body after compression	mm
h_1'	intermediate height, height of the truncated cone	mm
h_2	cup height	mm
h_E	die roll height	mm
h_G	flash height	mm
h_R, H_R	height of vee-ring	mm
h_{S1}	smooth cut section in case of fracture	%
h_{S2}	minimal smooth cut section in case of shell-shaped fracture	%
i	side cutter scrap	mm
k	correction factor	
$k_{2\alpha}$	correction coefficient (angle)	
k_f	flow stress	N/mm ²
k_{f0}	flow stress at the start of the forming process	N/mm ²
k_{f1}	flow stress towards the end of the forming process	N/mm ²
k_{fm}	mean stability factor	N/mm ²
k_h	correction coefficient (height)	
k_R	springback factor	
k_S	shearing resistance, shearing strength, relative blanking force	N/mm ² N/mm ²
k_w	deformation resistance	N/mm ²
k_{wm}	mean deformation resistance	N/mm ²
l	rib length	mm
L	strip length, mandrel length	mm
l_a	rim length	mm
l_e	web length, strip length	mm
l_R	length of vee-ring	mm
l_S	length of sheared contour cut	mm
m	mass, module of a gear	kg
M_x	eccentric moment of load around the x axis	kNm
M_y	eccentric moment of load around the y axis	kNm
P	performance, drive power	W, kW
p	pressure	N/mm ²
p_B	specific blank holder pressure	N/mm ²

p_G	average compressive stress on the counterpunch	N/mm^2
p_i	internal pressure	N/mm^2
p_j	compressive stress at the wall of the bottom die	N/mm^2
p_m	mean (hydraustatic) pressure	N/mm^2
p_{St}	average compressive stress on the punch, average forming pressure	N/mm^2 N/mm^2
q_G	specific counterforce, counterpressure	N/mm^2
r	radius	mm
R	corner radius	mm
r_a	external radius of an inside contour	mm
R_a	external radius of an outside contour	mm
R_{eL}	lower yield strength	N/mm^2
$R_{p0,2}$	compression limit	N/mm^2
r_i	inside bending radius, internal radius of an inside contour	mm mm
R_i	internal radius of an outside contour	mm
r_{i1}	inside radius at the die	mm
r_{i2}	inside radius at the workpiece	mm
R_m	tensile strength of the material	N/mm^2
R_t	surface roughness	μm
R_w	roller radius	mm
R_z	surface roughness	μm
s	sheet metal thickness, wall thickness, blank thickness	mm mm
s_R	position of the center of force (x_s - und y_s : coordinates of the force), center of gravity	mm
t	pitch	mm
t_w	roller pitch	mm
u	blanking clearance	mm
U	speed/stroking speed, cut contour circumferences, punch perimeter	1/min mm
v	counterbalance value during bending, compensation factor	mm mm
V	feed step, volume	mm mm^3

V_0	starting volume, overall volume, part volume	mm^3
V_1	intermediate volume, compensation value	mm^3
V_1'	intermediate volume, compensation value	mm^3
V_2	intermediate volume, compensation value	mm^3
V_d	volume displaced during deformation	mm^3
W	deformation/forming work	Nm, kNm J, kJ
w	die width	mm
W_b	bending work	Nm
W_d	drawing work on double-action presses, draw energy of a double-action press	Nm, kNm Nm, kNm
W_e	drawing work on single-action presses, draw energy of a single-action press	Nm, kNm Nm, kNm
w_{id}	referenced deformation work, specific forming work	Nmm/mm^3
W_N	nominal work for continuous stroking	Nm, kNm
W_S	blanking work, blanking energy, shearing work	Nm, kNm
x	correction factor	
x_s	location of the resulting blanking force in the x direction	mm
y_s	location of the resulting blanking force in the y direction	mm
z	no. of teeth of a gear, no. of workpieces	
z_w	roller feed value	mm