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Improvement of Properties of Rods and Bars by Continuous Forging Process

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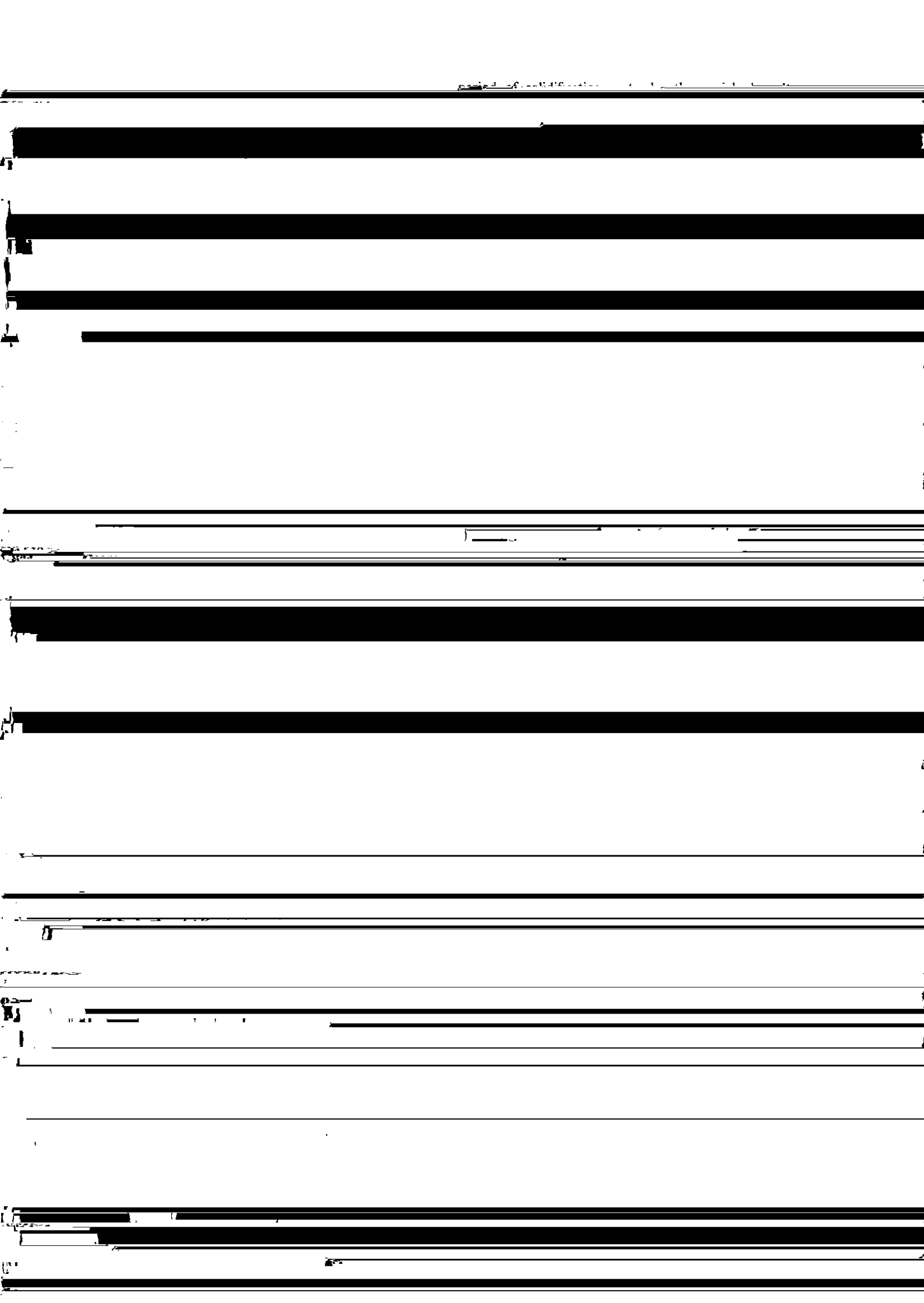
Synopsis :

Kawasaki Steel has developed a continuous forging process capable of producing rods and bars with neither center segregation nor center porocities. This method also makes it possible to control the center segregation ratio less than 1.0. The application of this method has improved a rolling-contact fatigue life of bearing steel, and has annihilated inner porocities of big size diameter bars made from continuously cast bloom. By utilizing the negative segregation obtained by this method, the carbon steel bars for machine structural use can be easily drilled at center portion due to a decrease in hardness. The alloy steel rods for machine structural use also can be drawn at high

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C: Check analysis of bloom (5 mm ϕ drill)
C₀: Ladle analysis

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Conventional

3 Quality of High-Function Rod and Bar Products

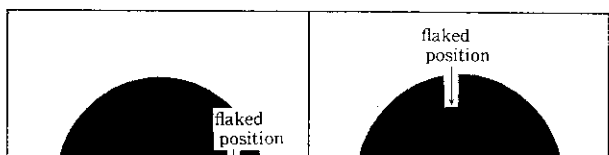
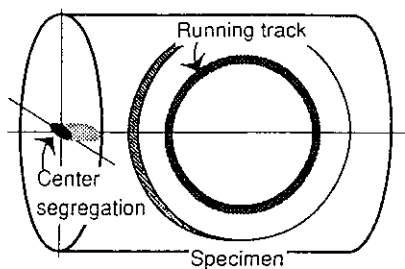
steel for ball use of bearing

(mm)

kgf/cm²

Steel grade	C	Si	Mn	P	S	Cr
JIS SUJ2	0.99	0.26	0.40	0.017	0.003	1.34

Item	Value
Size of contacting ball	9.525 mm ϕ
Hertz maximum contact stress	5 260 N/mm ²
Rotating speed	1 800 cpm
Lubricating oil	#68 Turbine oil



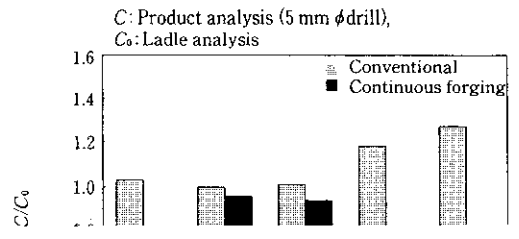
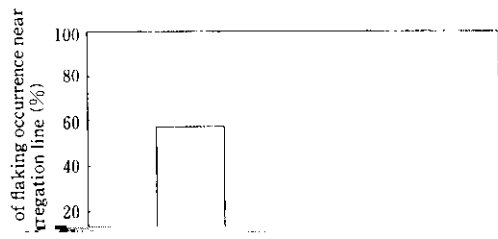


Figure 8 shows the results of a drilling test. Tool life was evaluated by the total length drilled until drilling

terminated to omit the annealing process, but when the drilling speed is increased to 1000 ft/min

than with the conventional material.

treatment processes with continuously forged products.

3.4 Increased Ductility in High Carbon Steel Rods

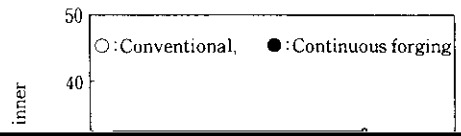
3.5 Higher Strength Obtained by Adoption of Higher Carbon Contents

Both strength and ductility are required in final products produced by drawing high carbon steel rods.

ventional rods with controlled segregation and ...

3.6 Continuous Casting of Large Diameter Round Bar

The solidification and contraction of billets causes po-
sition of the billet center. Conventional casting



4 Conclusions

As described above, the continuous forging process not only improves the quality of rod and bar products, but also makes it possible to improve the productivity of