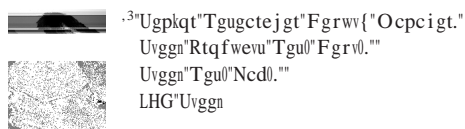


**Abstract:**

*JFE Steel has developed ASME SA-738 Gr. B (ASME: The American Society of Mechanical Engineers) high strength steel plate for reactor containment vessels in response to great demand for new construction of nuclear power plants mainly in America, China, and developing countries. The developed steel has excellent toughness to meet the requirement of exemption rule of post-weld heat treatment (PWHT) in ASME with thickness 44.5 mm or less, and also has good weldability through the reduction of preheat temperature. Heavy section plate around 100 mm thickness has good toughness by reducing impurity levels, and excellent internal qualities can be obtained through the application of a forging and plate rolling process to continuous casting slabs. These developed steels have already been adapted to some nuclear power plants.*

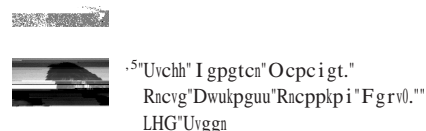
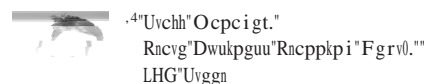
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