

# Review on Friction Stir Welding of Dissimilar Alloy

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**Abstract-** In this paper, we are going to study about the welding process in aluminum alloy AA2024 & AA2099. The joining of aluminum alloys was welded by (FSW). The process parameters were obtained by using statistical approach. In this process of welding the temperature difference is created by the response surface method, this difference will help to make an efficient welding of dissimilar materials. The rotational speed and transverse speed of tool over the micro structural and tensile properties should be investigated.

**Keywords-** friction stir welding, Aluminum alloy, Process parameter.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The joining of dissimilar alloy is difficult when compared to the joining process of similar aluminum alloy, Due to the changes in mechanical properties. Chemical composition of the base material.[1]. The alloy material is fixed in the pattern of FSW machine. The rotating tool moves in forward direction towards the workpiece. The optimum rotational speed for processing aluminum alloy is 590-900 rpm, Transverse speed around 15-40mm/min and ratio 3:1[1]. The grain size is directly proportional to the rotational speed.[2]. The tool works on the work piece and depth is given by the stopper and the atoms are collapsed in the middle range of the work piece[3]. It makes a joining process and it is continuous and completes the joining process. Threaded, squared, triangle and hexagon shaped tool pin profile are efficient in material transfer from the top joint to bottom joint by the action of stir. The temperature difference makes a joining of the two aluminum alloys of AA2024 and AA2099. The friction of the work piece and the tool creates the temperature difference in the joining process. The response surface methodology is used for joining the two aluminum alloys. The fig 1.1 shows the methodology of the welding process.

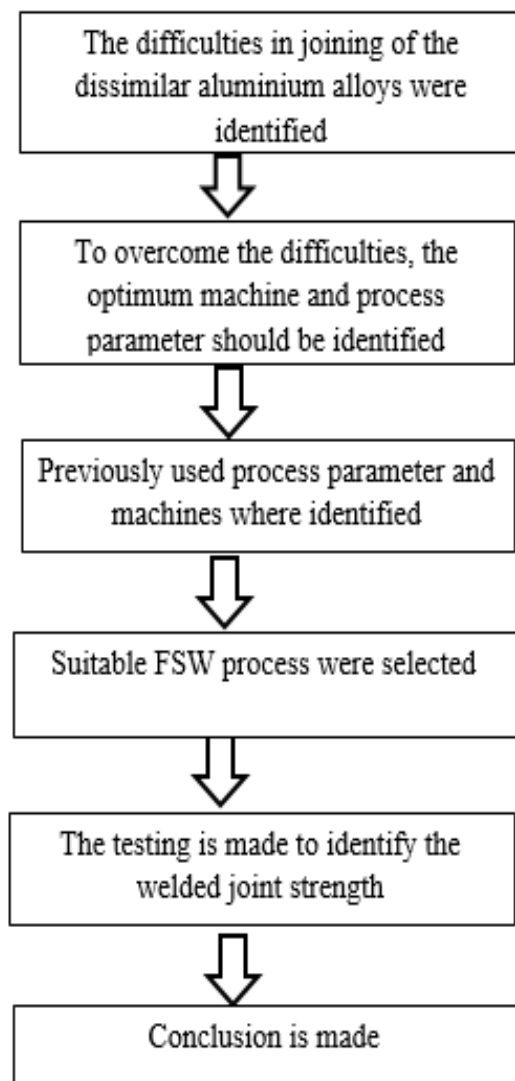


Fig1.1 Methodology

## II. SOLID STATE JOINING TECHNIQUES

### 2.1 DIFFUSION BONDING

It is a joining of two metallic surface by the diffusion of atoms under pressure and temperature over time.

### 2.2 PULSE PLASMA ASSISTED DIFFUSION BONDING

It is a joining of two metallic surfaces by hard pressing and pulsed direct electric current through pins that apply pressure to the sample.

### 2.3 ROTARY FRICTION WELDING

It is the solid state joint that the axial loaded rotational energy is used to form a joint.

### 2.4 FRICTION STIR WELDING

It is the solid state joint that uses friction to plasticize and a stir bit to join the parts together.

## III. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

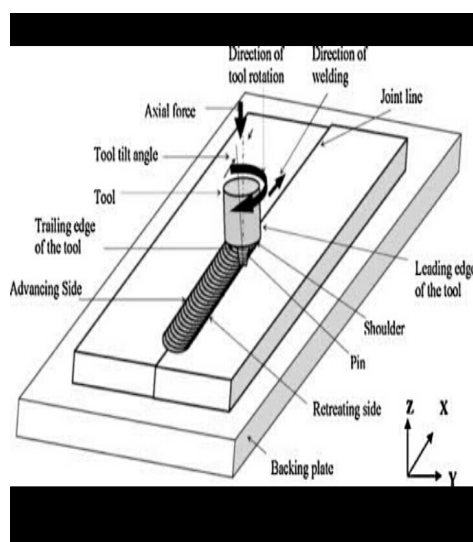


Fig1.2 General arrangements

The fig1.2 shown the general arrangement Of friction stir welding process

The geometric size of the work piece sample is 3mm thick plate. The bar of aluminum alloy is cutter into 100\*50mm rectangular plate. The materials used in this study are AA2024 and AA2099. The chemical composition of the materials is listed below. AA2024 contains the following si-0.10, Mn-0.61, Cu-4.53, Fe-0.20, Zn-0.16, Mg-1.28, Cr-0.010, Ti-0.012, Al-93.01.

AA2099 contains the following si-0.026, Mn-0.29, cu-2.30, Fe-0.027, Zn-0.71, Mg-0.28, cr-0.0003, Ti-0.028, Al-95.39. The welding tool material used in this study was HS186. The different tool profiles were studied for joining process, they are cylinder pin, squared pin and hexagonal pin. Among the 3 tool pin profile the cylinder is very optimum and

hence it selected. The metallurgical characteristics of aluminum alloys are calculate by the energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) method.

## IV. FSW TOOL COMPOSITION AND TOOL GEOMETRY

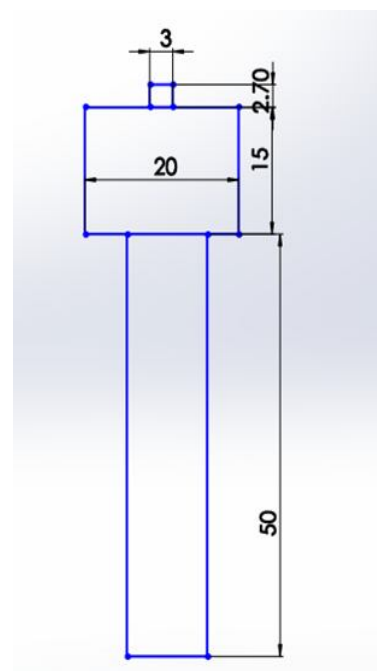


Fig1.3 Tool geometry

The Fig1.3 shows the tool geometry.

The tool used in friction stir welding have the chemical composite.

- FSW of aluminium is an established technique.
- FSW of steels now made possible due to the development of a tool made from Polycrystalline Cubic Boron Nitride (PCBN).
- Tool design constantly being improved to extend tool life
- The material of tool used is high speed steel.

Vivekanandan.P et.al [6] Showed that the mechanical properties of the material which is welded by using fusion welding is defected because of the heat affected zone exists in the welded components the mechanical properties are severely affected by intense heating.

## V. MATERIAL TO BE USED

The material used for the friction stir welding is having a dissimilar properties, both mechanically and chemically. The material used are AA2024 and AA2099.

#### 5.1 COMPOSITIONS OF AA2024

The materials used for this investigation are aluminum alloy AA2024. The standard chemical composition and base material was discussed in introduction. The above

S.NO	COMPONENTS	PERCENTAGE (%)
1.	copper	2.4-3
2.	lithium	1.6-2
3.	zinc	0.4-1
4.	magnesium	0.1-0.5
5.	silicon	0.05

mentioned aluminum alloy (AA2024) are used in the emerging fields of marine, space and aerospace industries. Pipelines, frames and storage tank are manufactured by this method.

#### 5.2 COMPOSITIONS OF AA2099

S.No	COMPONENTS	PERCENTAGE (%)
1.	Aluminum	90
2.	Copper	4.3-4.5
3.	Magnesium	1.3-1.5
4.	manganese	0.2-0.3
5.	Zinc, Bismuth, etc	0.5

The materials used for this investigation are aluminum alloy AA2099. The standard chemical composition and base material was discussed in introduction. The above mentioned aluminum alloy (AA2099) are used in aircraft frames and marine industries.

### VI. BASIC PROPERTIES OF ALUMINUM ALLOY

Aluminum alloy has density of 2.78g/cm<sup>3</sup>, electrical conductivity of 30% IACS, young's modulus of 73GPa, melting point of 500 degree.c, ultimate tensile strength of 140-210mpa and maximum yield strength below 97mpa.

Sivakumar.M et al [5] showed that the other welding process like arc, Laser and fusion welding, the heat source is supplied externally. But in FSW the heat is generated by the joining process itself by means of friction created in tool and work piece. The analysis done on the effect of rotational speed and traverse speed.

Gopala Krishna.G et al [7] has studied the friction stir is developed for the material which is having a less melting. The aluminum alloy has a low melting point. The FSW process is also used for steel and composite materials. The FSW is the solid state welding process; the material is not melted during the joining process.

Sadeesh.P et al [1] attempted to consider as the quality welding process due to the correct amount of heat input provided by the friction between the tool and work piece.

The macrostructure test is made to identify the effective stir of both the base material in the stir is tested on both sides of the base materials by microstructure test.

### VII. BENEFITS OF FSW

- 1) No hot cracks and no gas pores on work samples.
- 2) No shielding gases while performing welding process
- 3) Possibilities of joining dissimilar alloys materials
- 4) Limited weld seam preparation.
- 5) Constant weld quality achieved together with high productivity.
- 6) No UV radiation while performing welding Process.
- 7) No welding fume is generated.

### VIII. CONCLUSION

The mechanical and welding properties are selected in welding process to optimize the FSW process parameters. The welded quality influenced by the tool pin profile. Since fusion welding of dissimilar aluminum is hard, hence (FSW) is the simplest method to join dissimilar materials. FSW plays a revolutionary role in aircraft frames, wings and marine industries.

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