



## **Steel Making**

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#### TATA STEEL

## **BOF Steel Making**





## **Electric Steel Making**





#### **Raw Materials for EAF Steel Making**



- EAF is generally used to make carbon steels and alloy steels primarily by recycling ferrous scraps
- Worldwide, scrap covers 75% of the raw material for EAF, while DRI & HBI covers 15% and balance 10% by hot metal
- Scrap: depends on grade of steel and sort of charge scrap available commercially in the market
  - Content of alloying elements
  - Content of harmful elements (S, P, Zn)
- DRI: Product of direct reduction of iron ore in the solid state
- HBI: Premium form of DRI that has been compacted at a temperature  $>650 \circ C$

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## TSJ Steel Making Facilities [TSJ~10 MT]



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## **Primary Steel Making**



#### **HM Desulphurization**



- Pre-treatment of hot metal
- Requires bath agitation
- Removal of Sulphur from Hot metal
- DeS by injecting CaC2 & Mg:
- Additions:

TA STEEL

 $\begin{array}{ll} CaC_2 + S & (CaS) + 2C \\ Mg + S & (MgS) \end{array}$ 

#### **Basic Oxygen Furnace**



- Oxygen blowing
- Removal of C, Si & P
- Tapping: Ferro alloy additions to achieve design chemistry for strength and properties
- Additions: CPC/GPC Mn met/HCFeMn/MCFeMn Al/FeSi: for deoxidation

#### **Online Purging**



- Homogenization of steel with respect to chemistry as per additions
- Argon (inert) gas is used for homogenization
- Alloying as per requirement
- Oxygen and Temperature measurement before sending to Caster (for Direct heats) and Secondary Steel Processing Unit (RH/LF/CASOB)

## **Secondary Steel Making**



#### **RH Degasser**



- Vacuum Degassing (<=1 mbar) to make Ultra low carbon steel
- Argon injection to lift the steel
- Floatation and removal of inclusion
- Micro-alloy addition

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- Oxygen blowing for temperature rise
- MFB: heating of vessel/O2 blow

#### Ladle Furnace



- Electrode for arcing to raise temperature
- Desulphurization of steel by slag making
- Floatation and removal of inclusion
- Ca treatment: inclusion modification
- Homogenization of steel with respect to composition by Ar purging

#### CASOB



- For heating, Al to O2 ratio as per stoichiometric calculation
- Allows alloy additions to be made under an inert argon environment
- Slag Killing for reducing (Fe+MnO)
- Ripple purging: inclusion floatation
- Ca treatment for inclusion modification

## **Clean Steel Making**



#### **Clean Steel Practice at BOF**

#### **Desulphurization of Hot Metal:**

- Initial & Final raking to ensure no S reversal from slag
- Low Re-blow: To avoid N pick up
- Dart Use: Ensure no slag carry over
- IR Camera: Slag detection during tapping to avoid slag carry over
- No pooled iron: For S control, clean scrap is used
- Bottom purging with Inert gas (Ar) for homogenization

#### Clean Steel Practice at RH/LF

#### Ladle Furnace:

- Slag refining practice
- Flotation and removal of inclusion by metal stirring, ripple purging etc.
- Ca Treatment: Inclusion modification
- Micro alloying and finer adjustment of composition

#### **RH Degasser:**

- Ultra Low 'C' steels
- Inclusion floatation by process control e.g. bottom purging, sequence of alloying, float time etc.

#### **Clean Steel Practice at Caster**

#### **Caster:**

- Vertical mould for Improved floatation of Inclusions and gas Bubbles
- Flow Control mold to optimize quality and speed of caster
- Ladle slag detection
- N2 Control: Shroud, SEN & Tundish Covering
- Tundish furniture (dams/weirs) for flow direction and turbulence reduction
- Basic flux: to capture inclusion

### **Future Challenges**





- XF (eXtra Formable) steel, TWIP (TWinning Induced Plasticity),
- CP (Complex Phase), Mart (Martensitic) Steel, FB (Ferrite and Bainite)

- Demand is increasing for high strength and • highly formable and weldable steel at lower cost
- Such steels require very high level of alloying • and special casting conditions which are a big challenge Steelmaking & Casting operations respectively

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# Thank You

