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## **Effects of Nucleation on Solidification and Structure of Ductile Iron**

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### **Abstract**

Among the most important parameters involved in solidification and structure of the cast ductile iron are: the composition, melt temperature, cooling rate, kind and amount of inoculant, and the nucleation procedure. The effect of graphite nodules per unit area on the mechanical properties of the ductile iron has been the subject of intensive research in recent years. In this paper, the effect of nucleation on the percentage of graphite nodules and the structure of cast material has been investigated. In addition, various methods of nucleation has been investigated. The effect of the inoculant size distribution on the microstructure and hardness of ductile iron with respect to thickness of cast material has been studied. It was shown that, it is even possible to produce ductile iron with nodular graphite in sections as thin as 2-3 mm.

**Key words: Ductile Iron, Nucleation, Spheroidal, Graphite, Impact Strength, Mesh**

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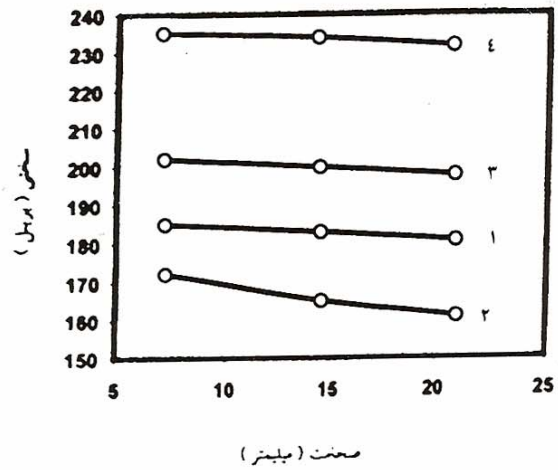
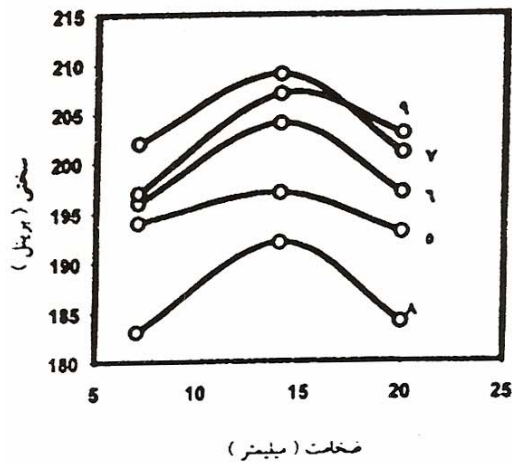
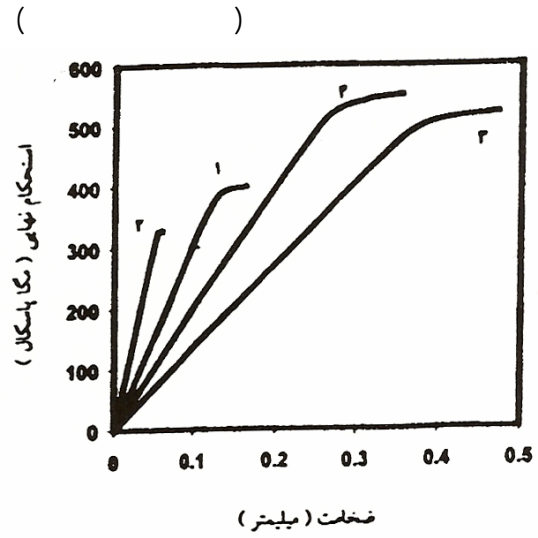
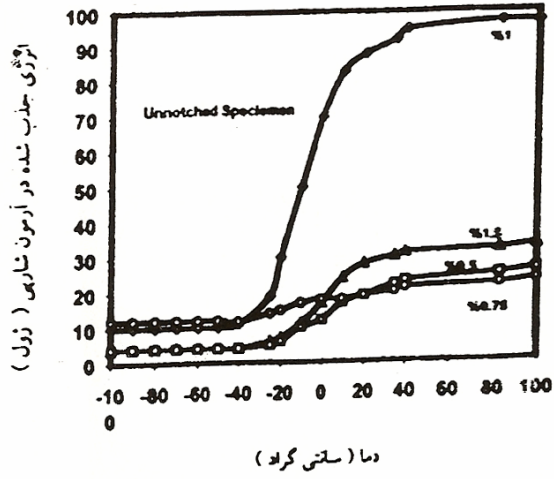
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۷	۱/۲	۲۴	۵۰	۱۲
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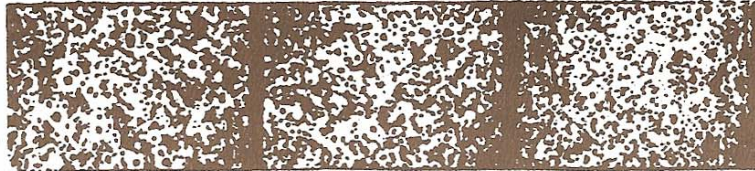
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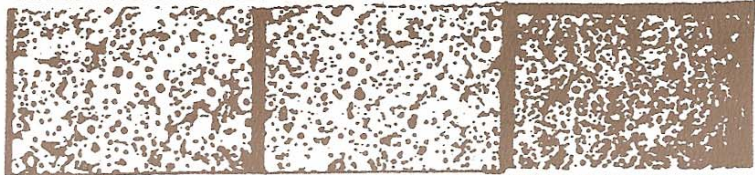
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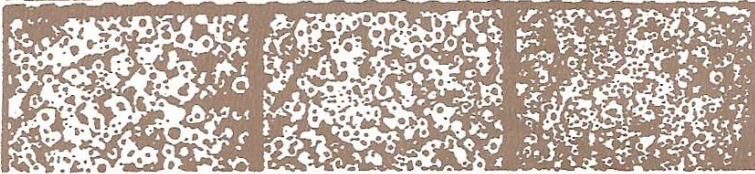
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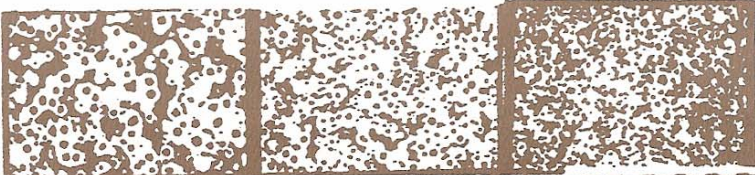
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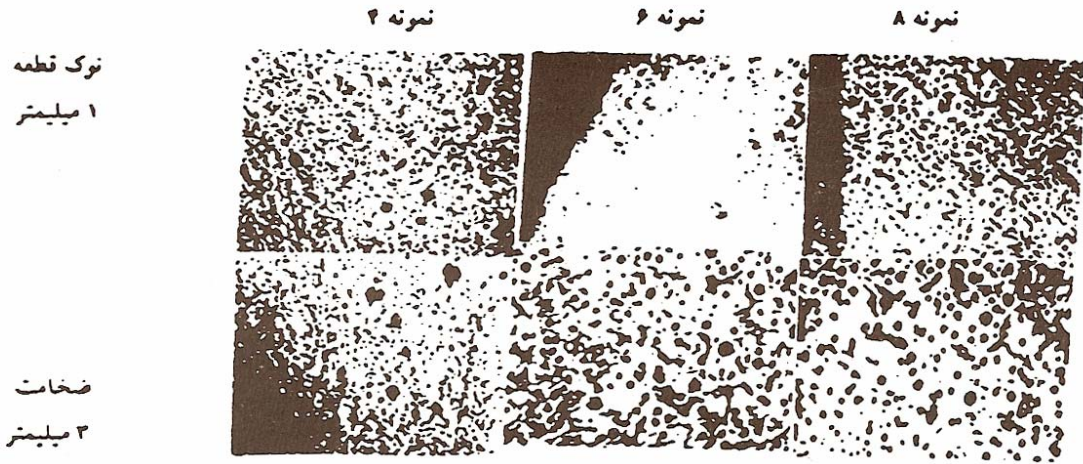
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۳	۴۳۲	۴۵۱	۷/۲	۸۰	۲۰۵
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