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Welding - A Joining Process

- Welding is: - a collection of processes for joining materials - economically important - versatile ...joins hundreds of metals and alloys, e.g. steels, aluminium, nickel, copper, titanium, zirconium ...in thickness from .01 mm to 600 mm and more



Competing Joining Processes

- Welding pressure vessels, ships
- Brazing gas turbine vanes
- Soldering electronic component assembly
- Bolting structural steel, machine parts
- Riveting truck bodies, aircraft skins
- Adhesives aircraft
- Integral construction
 - casting, forging, powder metallurgy, machining



 The course will focus mainly on electric fusion welding processes and their applications in engineering construction

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Course Topics

- Welding Processes
- Welding Metallurgy
- Weld Quality
- Weldment Design

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Teaching Format

- 1 to 1-1/2 hour presentation by lecturer
 Students ask questions to confirm or clarify points and respond to questions posed by lecturer.
- Tutorial
 - Class discussion of tutorial questions and topics of interest

Self Study

- Students study reference material.

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What is a Weld?

"A weld is a localized coalescence of metals brought about by the application of heat, with or without fusion, the addition of filler metal or the application of pressure"

American Welding Society

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Requirements for a Welding Process

- Energy source
- Means for removal and exclusion of contaminants
- Control of weld metallurgy

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Pre-Industrial Joining Methods

Soldering and brazing

Early civilizations joined metals for weapons, tools and jewellery

Forge welding

During the Iron Age it was discovered that pieces of iron could be joined by heating and hammering

Riveting and bolting

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Invention of Fusion Welding

Electric arc

- Experiments showed that electric arcs could melt metals
- In 1885, Bernados was awarded the first patent on electric fusion welding

Flames

- The French chemist LeChatelier realized that oxygen-acetylene flames were also capable of melting metal
- Resistance Welding
 - Joule discovered that electrical resistance heating could be used to join metals

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- Welding used for production of military and civilian items in the western world during the 1940s
- New welding processes and techniques were subsequently developed
- Continued improvements in quality, performance, and cost

Welding Process Classification



Source: PT Houldcroft Welding Process Technology,, Cambridge University Press

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