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# Modeling of Size Effect on Tensile Flow Stress of Sheet Metal in Microforming

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This investigation considers the size effect on the deformation behavior of simple tension in microforming and thus proposes a simple model of the tensile flow stress of sheet metal. Experimental results reveal that the measure of the flow stress can be represented as a hyperbolic function

$\tanh(T/D)$ , which is a function of

$T/D$  (sheet thickness/grain size). The predicted flow stress agrees very well with the published experiment. Notably, a specimen with smaller grains has lower normalized flow stress for a given

$T/D$ . Since the material properties of the macroscale specimen do not pertain to the microscale, a critical condition  $(T/D)_c$  that distinguishes the macroscale from the microscale in the tensile flow stress is subsequently proposed, based on the "affected zone" model, the pile-up theory of dislocations, and the Hall–Petch relation. The distribution of the predicted  $(T/D)_c$  is similar to the experimental finding that the

$(T/D)_c$  decreases as the grain size increases. However, the orientation-dependent factor

$\beta$  is sensitive to

$(T/D)_c$ . Hence, further study of the orientation-dependent factor

$\beta$  is necessary to obtain a more accurate

$(T/D)_c$  and, thus, to evaluate and understand better the tensile flow stress of sheet metal in microforming.

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