

# FUNDAMENTALS OF WELDING

- 1. Overview of welding technology
- 2. The weld joint
- 3. Physics of welding
- 4. Features of a fusion welded joint



# **Manufacturing Processes**

- casting,
- forming,
- machining and
- welding.
- Selection of manufacturing process depends on:
- complexity of geometry of the component,
- number of units to be produced,
- properties of the materials (physical, chemical, mechanical and ©2012 John Wiley & Sons, Inc. M P Groover, Introduction to Manufacturing Processes
- dimensional properties) to be processed and economics.





d) Joining

# **Joining Process Classification**



#### **Fusion Welding Processes**

#### **Welding Processes**



#### Consumable Electrode

SMAW – Shielded Metal Arc Welding

GMAW – Gas Metal Arc Welding

SAW – Submerged Arc Welding

# Non-Consumable Electrode

GTAW – Gas Tungsten Arc Welding PAW – Plasma Arc Welding

## High Energy Beam

Electron Beam Welding Laser Beam Welding

Welding

Resistance Welding











#### SMAW – Shielded Metal Arc Welding

# **Welding Processes**



- Consumable electrode
  - Flux coated rod
- Flux produces protective gas aro
- Slag keeps oxygen off weld bead during cooling





- General purpose welding—widely used
- Thicknesses 1/8" 3/4"
- Portable

Power... Current I (50 - 300 amps) Voltage V (15 - 45 volts) Power = VI  $\approx$  10 kW

#### GMAW – Gas Metal Arc Welding (MIG)

# **Welding Processes**



- DC reverse polarity hottest arc
- AC unstable arc

- MIG Metal Inert Gas
- Consumable wire electrode
- Shielding provided by gas
- Double productivity of SMAW
- Easily automated



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**Welding Processes** 



- Laser beam produced by a CO2 or YAG Laser
- High penetration, high-speed process
- Concentrated heat = low distortion
- Laser can be shaped/focused & pulsed on/off
- Typically automated & high speed (up to 250 fpm)
- Workpieces up to 1" thick





Typical laser welding applications :

- •Catheters & Other Medical Devices
- •Small Parts and Components
- •Fine Wires
- •Jewelry
- Small Sensors
- •Thin Sheet Materials Down To 0.001" Thick

#### Soldering



## **Soldering**

Solder = Filler metal

- Alloys of Tin (silver, bismuth, lead)
- Melt point typically below 840 F

Flux used to clean joint & prevent oxidation

• separate or in core of wire (rosin-core)

**Tinning** = pre-coating with thin layer of solder

Applications:

- Printed Circuit Board (PCB) manufacture
- Pipe joining (copper pipe)
- Jewelry manufacture





Easy to solder: copper, silver, gold

Difficult to solder: aluminum, stainless steels

#### PCB Soldering

## **Metal Joining Processes**



#### PTH - Pin-Through-Hole connectors

Soldering Iron & Solder Wire

• Heating lead & placing solder



• Heat for 2-3 sec. & place wire opposite iron



• Trim excess lead



# Advantages of Welding as a Fabrication Technique

- Permanent joint is produced, which becomes an integral part of work piece.
- Joints can be stronger than the base metal if good quality filler metal is used.
- Economical method of joining.
- It is not restricted to the factory environment.

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