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## Effect of External Pressure on the Burst Strength of Steam Generator Tube

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### Abstract

Tracing the study of the burst test of steam generator tube, few studies have been reported to effect of external pressure acting on secondary-side in service condition. In this study the burst tests of Inconel 690TT were conducted in order to evaluate burst strength characteristics under the effect of external pressure. We obtained the result that the burst strength of Inconel 690TT increased when external pressure increased while both total circumferential elongation and uniform burst elongation were not affected. Also, according to the increased of external pressure, the size of the burst opening became smaller and the tear was getting severe.

1. 가

가 (pressurized water reactor) Ni-Cr-Fe  
 가 Inconel  
 310 330 1 288 2 20 2  
 가  
 U-bend 가 가  
 15 MPa 가 1 5 MPa 7 MPa  
 2 가 (1 3)

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(burst test)

(mandrel test)

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 1 , 가  
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 가 , 가 가  
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Fig. 1 Burst specimen before test

0 MPa, 7 MPa, 12 MPa

Fig. 2 가 (pumps),  
 (booster), (specimen fixture)

2.

Fig. 3

2.1 가  
 , 1,050 15  
 30 704  
 10 (thermal treatment) Inconel  
 690TT Table 1 (2)  
 19.06 mm, 16.94 mm ,  
 1.06 mm (the closed-end  
 burst test) EPRI(electric  
 power research institute)<sup>(4 7)</sup>  
 10 250 mm . Fig.

Table 1 Chemical composition of Inconel 690TT

Element	Ni	Cr	Fe	C	Mn	Si
Comp. (wt%)	58	28 31	7 11	0.015 0.025	0.5	0.5

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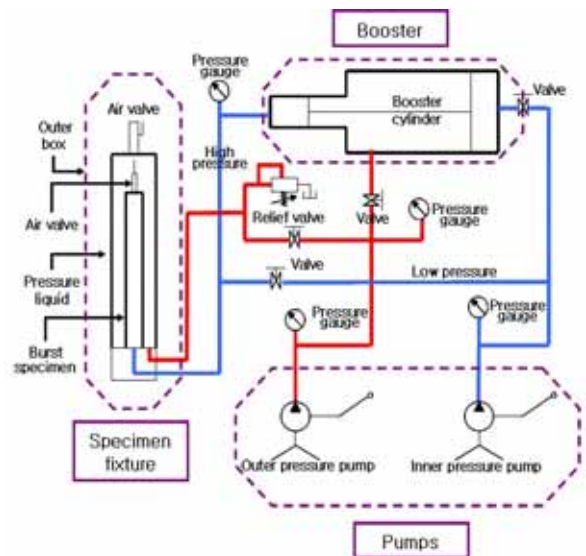


Fig. 2 Circuit diagram of the burst testing system



Fig. 3 Burst pressure test equipment

(low pressure) (high pressure)

5 : 1 1 MPa  
 5 MPa  
 100 MPa  
 150 MPa 가 ,

Fig. 4

150 MPa 가  
 200 MPa

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Fig. 5

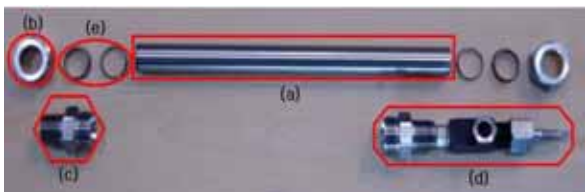


Fig. 4 Assembly of a burst specimen with unflawed tube (a) Inconel 690TT (b) Nipple (c) Plug (d) Air valve (e) Swagelok fitting



Fig. 5 Assembled specimen ready for the burst testing

2.3

가 10 sec

10 msec

15 % 가

(8) EPRI

1.5 15 MPa/sec

가

(surge)

3 5 MPa/sec 가

가

가

가

2.4

가 ,

(ultimate

burst strength, MPa)

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(1)

$$H = \frac{FD}{2t} \quad (1)$$

H : ultimate burst strength, MPa

P : maximum fluid pressure, MPa

D : outside diameter, mm

t : pre-test thickness, mm

(total circumferential elongation, %TCE) ASTM B811<sup>(9)</sup>

(2)

$$\%TCE = - \left( \frac{C_f - C_i}{C_i} \right) \times 100 \quad (2)$$

**Table 2** Burst test results of Inconel 690TT

External pressure (MPa)	$H$ (MPa)	%TCE	%UBE
0	755	24	26
7	809	26	25
12	854	27	25

,  $C_i$ : pretest circumference, mm  
 $C_f$ : post test circumference excluding burst opening, mm  
 (uniform burst elongation, %UBE)  
 KWU Specification NO RE-LE 3384 <sup>(10)</sup>

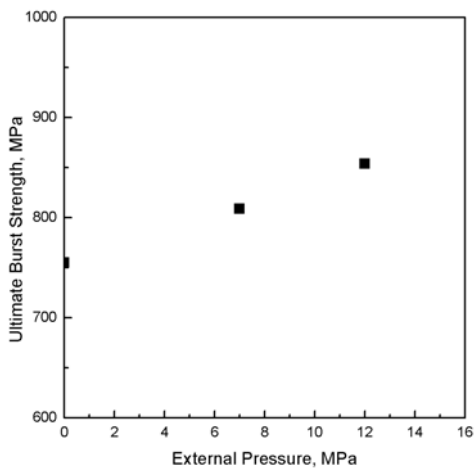
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가 <sup>(11)</sup>

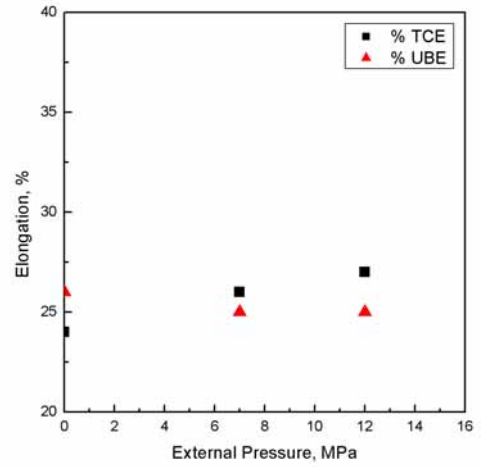
Table 2

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**Fig. 6** Ultimate burst strength versus external pressure of Inconel 690TT



**Fig. 7** Elongation versus external pressure of Inconel 690TT

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Fig. 6

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Fig. 6

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Fig. 7

3%

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( maximum shear stress )

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( distortion energy )

Fig. 8

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Fig. 8

Table 3

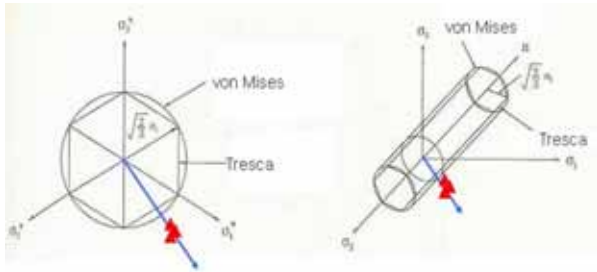


Fig. 8 Yield locus of plane

Table 3 Comparison of failure criteria

External pressure (MPa)	H (MPa)	M.S.S (MPa)	D.E (MPa)
0	755	755	654
7	809	802	695
12	854	842	729

M.S.S : maximum shear stress (Tresca)

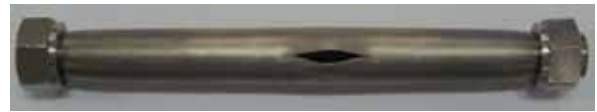
D.E : distortion energy (von Mises)



(a) External pressure = 0 MPa



(b) External pressure = 7 MPa



(c) External pressure = 12 MPa

Fig. 9 Burst specimens after test

3.2 (ductile rupture) (principal stress) 45° (shear slip) 가 . Fig. 9

가 , (burst opening) 가 가

4. 3 Inconel 690TT 가 1. 가

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