SCOPE OF USE

The ceramic whirl gates, the so called slag traps, are widely used mainly in steel and ductile cast iron foundries. These parts of the gating systems are operated on the principle of different volume density of melt, slag and others impurities. The whirl gates are installed in the casting routes. The molten metal from the casting route is thrown inside the vessel. During this rotational motion the particles float towards the melt surface on the principle of different densities. Calm and cleaned metal is led through the distribution channels into the mould.
ADVANTAGES

• absorbs the primary melt shock and calms the flow by converting the turbulent flow into the laminar one
• filters small and large impurities and the major part of drawn air
• eliminates defects caused by human error in case of low technological discipline
• is large enough to catch even higher volumes of impurities
• in case of ladles with sliding closures catches filler particles
• does not create secondary inclusions
• metal does not “freeze” due to bad heat capacity
• guarantees stable flow (compared with the filters, the whirl gate cannot be clogged)
• does not slow metal flow rate

WORKFLOW

LADLE
STOPPER ROD
LADLE NOZZLE
CERAMIC FUNNEL
CERAMIC TUBES
CERAMIC WHIRL GATE
IMPURITIES AND BUBBLES

PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

The following photograph, showing one of more whirl gates used in parallel for press ram casting, weight of 140 tons, is a good example of use of the whirl gate and its impact on quality.
Casting of this press ram cast resulted in problems with slag leak. When the whirl gate residues were examined, a high quantity of slag and impurities was found in exhausts. Taking in view the problems during casting, employees of the foundry were surprised pleasantly that the cast is “sound” absolutely.

BASIC PARAMETERS

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