Cold plastic forming of ABS plastic pipe: ABS plastic pipe

Kentaro Tsunoda¹, Shinichi Nishida¹, Junshi Ichikawa¹, Yuta Kashitani¹, Yuto, Horigome¹, Naoki Ikeda¹, Daichi Uematsu¹, Makoto Hagiwara¹, Hideto Harada¹ and Nobuyuki Kamei²

¹Gunma University, Japan
²DIP Inc., Japan

This paper describes about cold plastic forming of ABS plastic pipe. Experiment and Finite element method (FEM) analysis of pipe expansion process were operated. The application of ABS plastic pipe for air conditioner is under consideration instead of metal pipe in Japan because of weight saving of air conditioner for lowering the gravity point against earthquake. The parts of ABS plastic pipe is generally produced by injection molding. The processes need the cooling time, and it takes much time. In addition, expensive mold die is needed for each application. Thus, cold plastic forming of ABS plastic pipe was proposed. The cold plastic forming of ABS plastic pipe chosen for this study is hardly studied by other authors. Product ability of cold plastic forming is higher than the injection molding or hot working. And the punch and die shape is simple comparing to these process. In this study, pipe expansion process was operated. The ABS plastic pipe has a 10 mm diameter and 8 mm inner diameter and 1 mm thickness. At first, true stress and true strain curves at any strain rate were measured by ring compression test. Obtained flow stresses was used to FEM analysis. Experimental device for pipe expansion process was made by Dip Inc.. Objective inner diameter was 10 mm. FEM analysis was operated to clarify the deformation behavior such as load-stroke diagram. It was possible to produce the expanded ABS pipe. The whitening of worked pipe and strain recovery was observed. Analysis result was indicated the good agreement comparing to experimental result in load-stroke diagram.

Recent Publications


Biography

Kentaro Tsunoda is pursuing his 4th undergraduate. He studied cold plastic forming of plastic pipe at Gunma University, Japan. He has done his research at the Faculty of Mechanical engineering of the Gunma University. He has attended two conferences presenting his research works.