

METHOD FOR IDENTIFICATION AND REPAIR OF INDICATIONS IN HARDWARE

ABSTRACT

A method for identifying and repairing indications open to the surface of a turbine component 62, such as cracks or other tight crevices that may develop during turbine engine operation. The process includes cleaning the component of debris, dirt or other foreign material that may otherwise mask the presence of the indications. This is followed by applying a fluorescent penetrant 66 to the surface of the component 62. Without removing the penetrant 66, the article 62 is visually inspected under normal lighting conditions and repair alloy 76 is applied as needed to areas requiring repair. Next, the article 62 is inspected under an ultraviolet light 72, at which time very tight indications not otherwise detectable by the unaided eye are identified as areas requiring repair and repair alloy 76 is applied to these additional areas, by an automatic and/or manual process. Without removing the penetrant 66, the article 62 is then heated to an elevated temperature sufficient to liquify at least a portion of the repair alloy 76 to accomplish the repair.

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