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SCROLL TYPE FLUID MACHINE AND METHOD FOR
FORMING SCROLL MEMBERS USED THEREIN

The present invention relates to a scroll type fluid machine which can be employed as a compressor, an expanding machine, or the like, and to a method for molding scroll members used in the fluid machine.

Fig. 19 and Fig. 20 (which is a sectional view taken along the line XX-XX in Fig. 19) of accompanying drawings show one embodiment of a scroll body in a conventional scroll type compressor. A pair of scroll bodies 01, 02 is engaged with each other, with their wraps 01a, 02a deviating from each other in phase as much as an angle of 180° , and with tip ends 01c, 02c of the wraps 01a, 02a closely contacting with inside surfaces 01d, 02d of side plates 01b, 02b. In consequence, when both the scroll bodies are revolved relatively, fluid volumes in sealed chambers 03, 04 defined by the pair of engaged scroll bodies 01, 02 will be reduced gradually while they are moved toward their center, in order to compress a gas in the chambers 03, 04 and to then discharge it through a discharge opening 05 at the central position of the machine.

Techniques for manufacturing this type of scroll members 01, 02 can be classified into two methods. One of them comprises separately preparing the side plates and the wraps, and then combining both to each other. Another method
5 comprises simultaneously and integrally preparing the side plates and the wraps. In the case of the former method, the technique of fixing the wraps to the side plates is less reliable and a working accuracy is also insufficient, and thus the side plates and the wraps, after their fixation, must
10 be finally finished on all of their surfaces which will be in contact with the partner scroll. For this reason, the method in which the scroll members 01, 02 are integrally and simultaneously formed has heretofore been employed.

However, the conventional integral type of fluid machine
15 takes the system that the gas in the sealed chambers 03, 04 is airtightly retained, therefore as shown enlargedly in Fig. 21, angular portions at the corner of base portions of the wraps 01a, 02a and inside surfaces 01d, 02d of the side plates 01b, 02b cannot be rounded and have right angles. As a
20 result, stress will concentrate at these angular corner portions, and the base portions of the wraps 01a, 02a will be poor in strength, depending upon a height of the wraps 01a, 02a and compressive conditions. Further, a repeated application of an engaging force between the wraps 01a, 02a
25 and/or a pressure of the gas in the sealed chambers 03, 04

will lead to the occurrence of cracks and breakage

It can thus be appreciated that the conventional integral method possesses no satisfactory reliability.

The pressure of the gas in the sealed chambers 03, 04 becomes higher as the sealed chambers 03, 04 approach the center of the spiral wraps, and it is to be noted that the stiffness of the spiral wraps 01a, 02a is smaller at their inner end portions, i.e., at their central portions than at other portions thereof. In most cases, accordingly, cracks and breakages have appeared at a base of an inner end portion (at an end in the center of a spiral eddy) of each wrap 01a or 02a, as shown by an arrow in Fig. 23.

If an attempt is made to round the angular portions A_2 at the corners of the bases of the wraps 01a, 02a and the inside surfaces 01d, 02d of the side plates 01b, 02b on condition that the gas in the sealed chambers 03, 04 is airtightly retained, a constitution in Fig. 22 can be conceived.

Moreover, as in Fig. 22, if it is contemplated to round the angular portion at the base corner A_2 of the wrap 01a of the scroll members 01 and the inside surface 01b of the side plate 01b, the respective wraps 01a, 02a of the pair of scroll members 01, 02 must also be rounded on their tip portions B_2 in order to prevent the angular portion A_2 from contacting with the tip portion of the lap 02a of the partner scroll

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member 02.

In short, it is necessary to round off, in the same shape, the angular portions A_2 at the corners of the wraps 01a, 02a and the side plates 01b, 02b of both the scroll members 01, 02 as well as the tip portions B_2 of the corresponding wraps 01a, 02a.

In order to obtain such a structure, an extremely intricate working will be required and costs of the mechanical working will increase noticeably. For this reason, such a constitution can be designed only on a desk, but has not been put into practice.

An object of the present invention is to provide a scroll type fluid machine and a method of forming scroll members used therein, such as to protect, from cracks and breakage troubles, angular portions at the corners of inner end base portions of wraps and inside surfaces of side plates in the eddy center of spiral scroll members.

The present invention resides in a scroll type fluid machine including a pair of scroll members, each having a side plate and a spiral wrap disposed upright on the inside surface of said side plate, the two scroll members being caused to engage each other and being relatively revolved in the relationship of solar motion so that the volume of sealed chambers defined by the engagement of said scroll members changes and the pressure of a fluid taken into said sealed chambers

changes owing to said change in said volume, each said scroll member is formed as an integral body, a corner between the inner end base portion of the said wrap of the said scroll member and the said inside surface of the side plate is rounded, in cross section, with a relatively large radius of curvature such that stress will not be concentrated at the said corner, said both spiral wraps are respectively formed by an outer curve consisting of an involute curve, an inner curve consisting of an involute curve having an inner arc of a radius R, and a connection curve having an arc of a radius r and connecting said outer curve and said inner arc in a smooth manner, and said corner is in a region provided with a small gap or clearance between the said scroll members in such a manner that part or the whole of the inner curve and connection curve between the marginal points of said involute curve determined with a parameter β cannot come in contact with each other, in accordance with the following equations; i.e.,

$$R = \lambda + b\beta + d$$

$$r = b\beta + d$$

$$d = \frac{b^2 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + b\beta\right)^2}{2 \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + b\beta\right)}$$

where λ is the radius of the revolutionary motion between said scroll members and b is the radius of a base circle of said involute curve.

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The present invention also resides in a method for forming scroll members used in a scroll type fluid machine including a pair of scroll members, each having a side plate and a spiral wrap disposed upright on the inside surface of said side plate, both scroll members being caused to engage each other and relatively revolved in the relationship of solar motion so that the volume of sealed chambers defined by the engagement of said scroll members changes and the pressure of a fluid taken into said sealed chambers changes owing to said change in said volume, said method being characterized by roughly working each corner of an inner end base portion of said wrap and said inside surface of said side plate of said scroll member by the use of a cutter, so as to form a rounded surface having a relatively large curvature radius R_1 which is enough to provide said wrap with fatigue strength, and then finishing-cutting, at each corner portion in regions spaced from the innermost end of the wrap, a roundness having a relatively small curvature radius R_2 ($R_2 \leq 0.1 R_1$), which does not contact with a tip end portion of said wrap of the partner scroll member.

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Preferably, the rounded corners are shot-blasted with solid particles of a radius smaller their radius of curvature, to impart a residual compression stress to the rounded regions. Portions of the wraps and side plates not shot-blasted are mechanically finished.

The fluid machine according to the present invention has the effects in the following paragraphs (I) (i) and (ii) as well as (II):

(I) (i) Since the fluid machine is constructed so that stress may not concentrate at the corner of the inside end base portion of the wraps and the inside surface of the side plate of the scroll member, the occurrence of cracks and breakage troubles at the corner can be prevented. In this case, both the scrolls are engaged with each other at the same positions thereof as in the conventional one, and thus the performance is at a level similar to that of the conventional one.

(ii) The round having a curvature radius ℓ is present at the corner of the inside end base portion of the wrap and the inside surface of the side plate, provided with residual compressive stress by shot blasting, has fatigue strength at the rounded portion heightened about 65% more than that of the conventional one, together with the increase in its surface hardness. Further, since the portion where the scroll members are

engaged with each other are mechanically finished in the same way as in the conventional one, it can be avoided that fluid in the sealed chambers leaks therefrom. Accordingly, the performance of the fluid machine does not deteriorate.

(II) At a stress concentration position in each scroll member, i.e., at the corner of the base of the wrap and the inside surface of the side plate, the relatively large round can be roughly formed which is sufficient to ensure the wrap with fatigue strength, and finishing another round can be accomplished in a simple manner of cutting each corner portion of the wrap by the use of a finishing cutter after the rough working. Therefore, the number of the working hours is not increased and the productivity can be improved.

Further, after the rough working, the above-mentioned round can be formed at the corner portion, and this round has the relatively small curvature radius which does not contact with the tip end portion of the wrap of the partner scroll member. Therefore, the scroll type fluid machine of the present invention can prevent the fluid from leaking out through the sealed chambers. In consequence, it can be avoided that its performance deteriorates.

In the drawings;-

Figs. 1 and 2 show a first embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 1 is a partial perspective view

illustrating an inner end portion of a wrap of a scroll member, and Fig. 2 is a partial section taken along the line II-II in Fig. 1;

Figs. 3 and 4 show a second embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 3 is a partial perspective view illustrating the inner end portion of the wrap of the scroll member, and Fig. 4 is a partial section taken along the line IV-IV in Fig. 3;

Figs. 5 to 7 show a third embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating the inner end portion of the wrap of the scroll member, Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken along the line VI-VI in Fig. 5, and Fig. 7 is a sectional view illustrating an engaging state of the pair of scroll wraps in the vicinity of the inner end portion of the wrap in Fig. 5;

Figs. 8 and 9 show a fourth embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the wrap of the scroll member, and Fig. 9 is a sectional view taken along the line IX-IX in Fig. 8;

5 Figs. 10 and 11 show a fifth embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 10 is a partial perspective view illustrating the eddy center of the spiral wrap of the scroll member, and Fig. 11 is a partial section taken along the line XI-XI in Fig. 10;

10 Figs. 12 and 13 show a sixth embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 12 is a partial perspective view of the eddy center of the spiral wrap of the scroll member, and Fig. 13 is a partial section taken along the line XIII-XIII in Fig. 12;

15 Fig. 14 is a diagram comparing the present invention with a conventional one in fatigue strength;

Figs. 15 to 18 show a seventh embodiment of the present invention; Fig. 15 is a partial perspective view illustrating the eddy center of the spiral wrap of the scroll member after the finish working, Fig. 16 is a sectional view taken along the line XVI-XVI in Fig. 15, Fig. 17 is a partial perspective view illustrating the eddy center of the spiral wrap of the scroll member after rough working, and Fig. 18 is a sectional view taken along the line XVIII-XVIII in Fig. 17;

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Figs. 19 to 21 show a conventional scroll member; Fig. 19 is a sectional view taken along the line XIX-XIX in Fig.

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20, Fig. 20 is a sectional view taken along the line XX-XX in Fig. 19; and Fig. 21 is an enlarged section illustrating an angular portion at the corner of a base of the wrap and an inside surface of a side plate;

5 Fig. 22 is a sectional view illustrating an engaging state of the wrap having rounded angular portions A with the other wrap having rounded end portions B of the partner scroll;

10 Fig. 23 is a perspective view of the inner end portion of the lap of the conventional scroll;

Fig. 24 is a sectional view illustrating an engaging state of the inner end portions of the pair of scroll wrap one of which is shown in Fig. 1; and

15 Fig. 25 is a front view illustrating the spiral wrap which has been suggested in Japanese Patent No. 111658/1984.

Embodiment 1

20 The first embodiment of the present invention will be described in detail in reference to Figs. 1 and 2.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, numeral 11 is a scroll member, and numeral 11a is a spiral wrap which is prepared integrally on an inside surface 11d of a side plate 11b by
25 means of casting, forging or injection molding. Contact

surfaces extending outwardly from points a and b may be finally finished in a mechanical manner, and in this connection, the above-mentioned contact surfaces are the portions where the wraps 11a of a pair of scroll members are engaged with each other. On the contrary, a section extending between the points a and b at an inner end portion (an end portion at an eddy center of the spiral wrap) of the wrap 11a is not finished mechanically, and a round at the corner of the base of the wrap 11a and the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b, i.e., a round already formed on a scroll stock is left as it is there.

In this way, the round R having a radius ρ is formed only at the corner of the inner end portion of the wrap 11a and the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b.

As a result, it can be avoided that stress concentrates at the corner of the inner end portion of the wrap 11a and the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b, and the occurrence of the cracks and breakage troubles can be prevented at this corner.

As described above, the position where the round R having the radius ρ is formed is only the inner end portion of the wrap, and it is thus unnecessary to form the rounds on base portions A_2 and tip portions B_2 of the wraps as exhibited in Fig. 22. Therefore, the above-mentioned object of the present invention can be accomplished by an extremely simple

manufacturing method.

The aforesaid points a and b of the inner end portion (the end portion at the eddy center of the spiral wrap) may be positioned arbitrarily within "involute curve-effective limit points which depend upon a parameter β " which is suggested in, for example, Japanese Patent Application No. 111658/1984.

This theory will be described by quoting from this Japanese patent application, and Fig. 25 attached hereto is quoted from Fig. 1 of the aforesaid Japanese application.

Referring to Fig. 25, there is shown a stationary spiral element 701, and reference numerals 711 and 712 are an outer curve and an inner curve, respectively.

It is seen that the outer curve 711 is an involute curve having a starting point A and that a base circle of a radius b, a curvilinear section E-F of the inner curve 712 is of an involute curve having an angular shift of $(\pi - \lambda/b)$ with respect to the outer curve 711. It is also seen that a curvilinear section E-I is of an arc having the same radius R_c as the radius of an end milling cutter, and that a section I-G is an arc having a center O_3 and a radius R_7 . There is shown a connection curve 713 which is of an arc having a radius r and which joints smoothly the outer curve 711 and the inner curve 712.

A point B is a boundary point existing between the outer curve 711 and a connection curve 713, where these curves may

share an identical tangential line. It is seen that it is of an involute curve in the area outside of the point B (on the point C's side), while it becomes an arc in the area inside of the point B (on the point G's side).

5 The point A is the starting point of the outer curve 711, the point C is an arbitrary point existing in the area sufficiently outside of the outer curve 711, and the point F is an arbitrary point existing in the area sufficiently outside of the inner curve 712. The point G is a point of
10 intersection between the arc having a radius R_7 in the inner curve 712 and the connection curve 713, and this point may be on an arbitrary position on an arc having a radius r in the range D-B.

Also, it is notable that this dimensional relationship
15 may hold good in the case of the revolving spiral element.

Now, the radii R_7 and r may be given with the following equations; that is

$$R_7 = \lambda + b\beta + d$$

$$r = b\beta + d$$

20 where λ is the radius of revolutionary motion;
b is the radius of a base circle;

$$d = \frac{b^2 - (\lambda/2 + b\beta)^2}{2(\lambda/2 + b\beta)} \quad \text{and}$$

25 β is a parameter, which represents a marginal range for the choice of an involute curve.

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It is seen that a straight line passing the origin O and defined at the angle of β with respect to the X-axis and the straight line EO_2 and the extension of the straight line BO_1 intersect orthogonally with each other, and that the straight line segments EO_2 and BO_1 are in parallel with each other.

According to the configuration of the spiral element mentioned above, it is noted that when installed in position, the point F on the involute curve at an arbitrary point sufficiently outside of the inner curve of the stationary spiral element 701 will come to contact with the corresponding point on the involute section of the outer curve on the part of the revolving spiral element (not shown), which point of contact will shift gradually radially inwardly as the revolving spiral element moves in revolution. And the point of contact is shifting to the point E on the inner curve 712 of the stationary spiral element 701, contacting with the corresponding point on the outer curve of the revolving spiral element (the same point as the point B on the part of the stationary spiral element). As the revolutionary motion of the spiral element continues still further, it is seen that the both elements are now caused to be moved with a gap of ΔC defined between the curvilinear section E-D-G of the curve 602 and the section E-I-G of the curve 712.

Therefore, it is notable that the contact engagement

between the both spiral elements at the central leading ends thereof will continue till it reaches the point E (in contact with the point B on the complementary spiral element), therefore a small gap of ΔC existing between the two in mutual engagement.

That is to say, in the section between the involute curve-effective limit points E and B which are dependent upon the parameter β , constitution is made so that a small clearance may be present between the spiral members.

The points a and b (in Fig. 1) in each scroll member according to the present invention are arranged at suitable positions within the above-mentioned points E and B, and the portions which extend outside the points a and b (on the side of the involute curve) of the scroll member have the same right angle corners A_1 as in Fig. 21. This constitution permits accomplishing a proper engagement of both the spiral members and providing a good performance, and since both the spiral members are not contact with each other between the points a and b, the suitable rounds can be formed at bases of the laps. Further, the portions where both the scrolls engage with each other are finished by the same final working as in the conventional one, and thus the performance is also the same as in the conventional one.

Needless to say, the corner portions of scroll stocks can be rounded by a mechanical working, as exhibited in Figs.

1 and 2.

Embodiment 2

5 Next, Embodiment 2 of the present invention will be described. With reference to Figs. 3 and 4.

In Embodiment 1 just described, the round R having the shape of the recess, which has been formed at the corner of an inner end base portion of the wrap 11a and the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b of the scroll stock, may be
10 left as it is there.

Alternatively, instead of leaving the recess-shaped round which has been formed on the stock, the corner portion may be rounded in the form of the recess by mechanically working the stock.

15 Embodiment 3

According to Embodiment 1 given above, as shown in Fig. 24 (the sectional view illustrating the engaging condition of both the scrolls in the section between the points a and b in Fig. 1), the round portion R is brought into contact with the
20 tip end portion of the partner lap (which is shown by a one-dot chain line in Fig. 24), since the wrap has a right angle edge and an intact large wall thickness. Therefore, together with the formation of the round R at the corner portion, it is necessary to decrease the wall thickness of the wraps of
25 both the scrolls in compliance with the formed R, though a

little decline in strength occurs owing to the decreased wall thickness.

In Fig. 24, the wrap and the side plate of the partner scroll member 12 are represented by reference numerals 12a and 12b, respectively.

In view of such situations, the rounds R are formed between the points a and b in the vicinity of the inner end base portions of the wraps of both the scrolls, and also on the corresponding tip portions of the wraps of both the scrolls, the rounds R are left as they are, or beveling is carried out so that these tip portions may not contact with the rounds R at the base portions of the wraps.

Embodiment 3 of the present invention will be described in detail in reference to Figs. 5 to 7.

Referring to Figs. 5 to 7, reference numeral 11 is a scroll body, and numerals 11a and 11b are a wrap and a side plate, respectively. Rounds R having radii of ρ , ρ_1 are formed on the base and the tip of the wrap only in the region between points a and b at an inner end portion of the wrap 11a where both the scroll members are not engaged with each other. As for the tip of the wrap, beveling may be carried out. Sizes of the round R and the beveling are suitably decided so that both the scrolls may not contact with each other when driven. The partner scroll member is constituted similarly. By working in such a way, the wraps 11a, 12a are

engaged in the region between the points a and b in Fig. 5 as shown in a sectional view of Fig. 7. In this case, the round R having the radius of ρ is formed at the corner of the wrap and the side plate without reducing the wall thickness of the inner end portion of the wrap at all, with the result that the strength of the wrap can be improved as much as an amount based on the formation of the round R at the corner.

Further, the portions where both the scroll members are engaged with each other are the same as in the conventional one, and thus the performance is also similar to that of the conventional one.

Embodiment 4

In Fig. 2 regarding Embodiment 1, it is suggested to form the large round R at the base of the inner end portion of the wrap of the scroll member. Now, in order to form the above-mentioned large round R at the base of the central wrap with the intention of minimizing a remaining fluid volume at the end of the discharge process, it is contrived (1) to reduce the wall thickness of the wrap as much as an amount corresponding to the round R, and (2) to bevel the tip of the wrap so that it may not contact with the round R at the base of the wrap. However, the concept (1) will render its strength poor and the concept (2) will increase costs disadvantageously because of using a cutter having a peculiar

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shape.

For these reasons, the wall thickness of the wrap is reduced as much as an amount corresponding to $1/2$ of the original R in order to prevent the round R at the inner end
5 base portion of the scroll wrap from contacting with the partner scroll member.

Embodiment 4 of the present invention will be described in detail in reference to Figs. 8 and 9.

Referring to Figs. 8 and 9, numeral 11 is a scroll body,
10 and numeral 11a is a wrap of the scroll body 11. At a high stress generation area, i.e., at the base of an inner end of the wrap 11a, a round R is formed which is the same as the round R shown in Fig. 2 regarding Embodiment 1. The wall
thickness of the wrap is decreased as much as an amount
15 corresponding to $1/2$ of the round R. Reference numeral 11b is a side plate of the scroll body 11.

Such a constitution permits minimizing the reduction in the wall thickness of the wrap and preventing stress from concentrating at the base of the wrap.

20 Since the wall thickness of the wrap is reduced by an amount corresponding to $1/2$ of R with the aim of preventing the round R at the base of the inner end portion of the wrap from contacting with the partner scroll, the decline in the wall thickness of the wrap can be minimized, which fact
25 permits manufacturing the scroll wrap the strength of which is

less lost.

Embodiments 5 and 6

Embodiments 5 and 6 of the present invention will be described in detail in reference to drawings.

In Figs. 10 and 11, Embodiment 5 is shown. A scroll member 11 which is equipped with a spiral wrap 11a and a side plate 11b is integrally molded by rough working such as forging, casting or injection molding. In this case, at an inner end portion of the wrap 11a, i.e., at a corner portion of the wrap 11a and the side plate 11b in a region between points a and b at which the wrap will begin to contact with the wrap of the partner scroll, a round R having a curvature radius of ρ is formed. Afterward, onto the round R of the scroll member which is an unfinished stock, a mixture including solid grains is blown which is prepared by mixing, with a liquid, the solid grains such as steel balls, glass beads or abrasive grains each having a curvature radius of ρ or less. The portions other than the above solid grains-blown portion of the wrap and the whole of the side plate are then finished by means of a mechanical working. The treatment of blowing the solid grains may be carried out after the mechanical working.

In Embodiment 6, as shown in Figs. 12 and 13, a recess may be formed in the side plate at the base of the inner end

portion of the wrap 11a in molding the scroll member integrally, whereby a round R_0 having a curvature radius ρ is formed at the corner of the wrap 11a and the side plate 11b.

According to Embodiment 5, the round having a curvature radius of ρ is present at the corner of the inner end portion of the wrap and the side plate, and this round is provided with compression residual stress by the blow of the solid grains. Further, fatigue strength at the round portion is heightened together with the increase in surface hardness.

Fig. 14 shows a ratio of the fatigue strength of the scroll member PS in the present embodiment to that of a conventional scroll member CS. The results shown therein are obtained under the conditions that a material for the scroll members is an aluminum alloy casting, a used test machine is a Schenk type plane bending fatigue testing machine, a repeated velocity of the test is 1800 cpm, and an ambient temperature is ordinary temperature.

According to these results, the fatigue strength at the above-mentioned round formed in this embodiment is improved about 65% more than that of the conventional one, and at the inner end portion of the wrap, the generation of cracks and breakage troubles is restrained.

Embodiment 7

Embodiment 7 of the present invention will be described

in detail in reference to drawings.

As shown in Figs. 17 and 18, a complete round having a relatively large curvature radius R_1 which is enough to provide a wrap 11a with fatigue strength is roughly formed at a corner of at least an inner end base portion of the wrap 11a and an inside surface 11d of a side plate 11b of a scroll member 11 by the use of an end milling cutter. Afterward, as shown in Figs. 15 and 16, a relatively small round having a curvature radius R_2 which will not contact with a tip end portion of the wrap of the partner scroll member is formed, by the end milling cutter, at a corner of the base of the wrap 11a and the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b within peripheral ranges M and N placed outside points a and b of the wrap 11a of the scroll member 11, and the above-mentioned ranges M and N are sections which will begin to contact with the wrap of the partner scroll member. Further, within a range L between the points a and b, a position of the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b which is placed away from a side surface of the wrap 11a is mainly cut by the end milling cutter, with the aforesaid round having the curvature radius of R_1 left at it is.

These working operations can be accomplished by using the end milling cutter for rough working a bit of which has the curvature radius of R_1 at its tip, and the end milling cutter for finish working a bit of which has the curvature

radius of R_2 at its tip. Further, it is preferred that the curvature radius R_1 is 10 times or more as much as the curvature radius R_2 . At corners of the base portions other

than the stress concentration portion, i.e., the inner end

5 portion of the wrap 11a of the scroll member 11 and the inside surface 11d of the side plate 11b, a right angle

configuration may be formed in a conventional manner, or the relatively small round having the curvature radius R_2 may be formed directly by means of the end milling cutter so that

10 the aforesaid corner portions may not contact with the tip end portion of the wrap of the partner scroll. If a wear-

resistant bottom plate is disposed on the side plate of the scroll member, the tip of the bit of the end milling cutter for finish working should selectively have such a curvature

15 radius R_2 as does not interfere with a curvature radius at an end portion of the bottom plate.

CLAIMS

1. A scroll type fluid machine including a pair of scroll members, each having a side plate and a spiral wrap disposed upright on the inside surface of said side plate, the two scroll members being caused to engage each other and being relatively revolved in the relationship of solar motion so that the volume of sealed chambers defined by the engagement of said scroll members changes and the pressure of a fluid taken into said sealed chambers changes owing to said change in said volume, each said scroll member is formed as an integral body, a corner between the inner end base portion of the said wrap of the said scroll member and the said inside surface of the side plate is rounded, in cross section, with a relatively large radius of curvature such that stress will not be concentrated at the said corner, said both spiral wraps are respectively formed by an outer curve consisting of an involute curve, an inner curve consisting of an involute curve having an inner arc of a radius R , and a connection curve having an arc of a radius r and connecting said outer curve and said inner arc in a smooth manner, and said corner is in a region provided with a small gap or clearance between the said scroll members in such a

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manner that part or the whole of the inner curve and connection curve between the marginal points of said involute curve determined with a parameter β cannot come in contact with each other, in accordance with the following equations; i.e.,

$$R = \lambda + b\beta + d$$

$$r = b\beta + d$$

$$d = \frac{b^2 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + b\beta\right)^2}{2 \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} + b\beta\right)}$$

where λ is the radius of the revolutionary motion between said scroll members and b is the radius of a base circle of said involute curve.

2. The scroll type fluid machine according to Claim 1 wherein the bases of said inner end portions of said wraps of both said scroll members are rounded, and tip end portions of the corresponding wraps are rounded or bevelled so as not to contact with said rounded corners at said bases thereof.

3. The scroll type fluid machine according to Claim 1 wherein the tips of the wraps are rectangular and the wall thickness of each wrap is reduced as much as an amount corresponding to about $1/2$ the radius of the corner roundness on each side of the wrap to prevent



this wrap from contacting with the wrap of the mating scroll.

4. A scroll type fluid machine as claimed in any of the preceding claims, in which the rounded corners have a residual compression stress therein due to shot blasting.

5. A method of forming scroll members for a scroll type fluid machine as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, characterised by roughly working each corner of an inner end base portion of said wrap and said inside surface of said side plate of said scroll member by the use of a cutter, so as to form a rounded surface having a relatively large curvature radius R_1 which is enough to provide said wrap with fatigue strength, and then finishing-cutting, at each corner portion in regions spaced from the innermost end of the wrap, a roundness having a relatively small curvature radius R_2 ($R_2 \leq 0.1 R_1$), which does not contact with a tip end portion of said wrap of the partner scroll member.

6. A method for forming scroll members used in a scroll type fluid machine including a pair of scroll members, each having a side plate and a spiral wrap disposed upright on the inside surface of said side plate, both



scroll members being caused to engage each other and relatively revolved in the relationship of solar motion so that the volume of sealed chambers defined by the engagement of said scroll members changes and the pressure of a fluid taken into said sealed chambers changes owing to said change in said volume, said method being characterized by roughly working each corner of an inner end base portion of said wrap and said inside surface of said side plate of said scroll member by the use of a cutter, so as to form a rounded surface having a relatively large curvature radius R_1 which is enough to provide said wrap with fatigue strength, and then finishing-cutting, at each corner portion in regions spaced from the innermost end of the wrap, a roundness having a relatively small curvature radius R_2 ($R_2 \leq 0.1 R_1$), which does not contact with a tip end portion of said wrap of the partner scroll member.

7. A method as claimed in claim 5 or 6, in which the rounded corners are shot-blasted with solid particles of a radius smaller than the said radius of curvature.

8. A method of forming scroll members used in a scroll-type fluid machine, substantially as herein described with reference to Figures 1 and 2, Figures 3



and 4, Figures 5 to 7, Figures 8 and 9, Figures 10 and 11, Figures 12 and 13 or Figures 15 to 18 of the accompanying drawings.

9. A scroll-type fluid machine, substantially as herein described with reference to Figures 1 and 2, Figures 3 and 4, Figures 5 to 7, Figures 8 and 9, Figures 10 and 11, Figures 12 and 13 or Figures 15 to 18 of the accompanying drawings.
