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**STEEL SURFACE CHARACTERIZATION WITH DIFFERENT COMPOSITION  
AND VARYING TOOL GEOMETRY BY SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPY**

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In this paper we analyzed a possible application of scanning probe microscopy techniques in characterization of lathe steel processing. We investigated the influence that variation of tip curvature has onto topographic and magnetic properties of two common steel samples (AiSi302 and AiSi316). The tip curvatures used were 0.8 mm, 1 mm, and 1.2 mm while other parameters were fixed. We used all three tip curvatures on each of two samples, and obtained the total of six different settings. It can be seen that, aside from expected change in topography and processed surface granulation size due to change in tool geometry, also different magnetic properties arise as a consequence of variation of knife tip curvature. We conducted a standard surface characterization in order to provide a new possible guideline for quality assessment and or determine future surface structure integrity of processed materials. We present the resulting images showing the topography, magnetic force, conductivity and phase image surface examination of chosen samples.

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**MECHANOCHEMICAL SYNTHESIS OF ZnO NANOSTRUCTURED POWDER  
USING A DIFFERENT ORGANIC SURFACTANTS AND ITS INFLUENCE  
ON THE PARTICLES SIZE AND MORFOLOGY**

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Pure zinc oxide (ZnO) nanostructured powder was prepared by mechanochemical method followed by heat-treatment in a planetary ball-mill using agate jars and alumina balls. The frequency of the rotation of jars around the common axis was 180 per minute, activation times were from 30 min to 4 h. Mechanochemical processing involves the mechanical activation of reactant mixture in a liquid phase (wet milling). We studied influence of organic surfactants on reduction of ZnO particles size, their shape and size distribution. As a process controlling agent (PCA), we used different organic compounds such as oxalic acid, oleic acid and isopropanol. After milling procedure, intermediate compounds were calcinated in air to form ZnO powder. Powders characterization was preformed using X-ray diffraction method (XRD) and scanning electron microscopy (SEM).