THERMIT WELDING

- ✓ Welding the parts by using liquid thermit steel around the portions to be welded is called thermit welding
- ✓ It is depending on the chemical reaction between iron oxide & aluminium. The reaction of thermit welding is

$$8AL+3Fe_3O_4=4Al_2O_3+9Fe$$

Thermit welding process is classified into two types

- 1. Pressure welding process
- 2. Non Pressure welding process

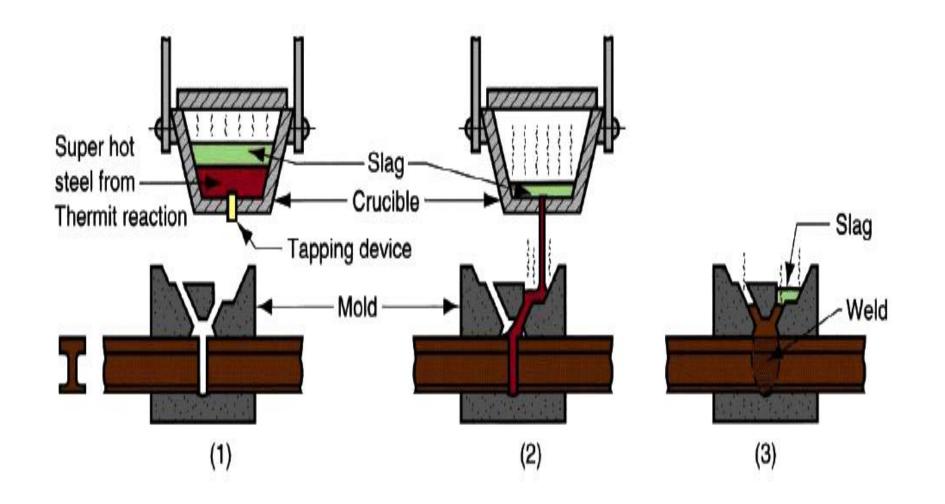
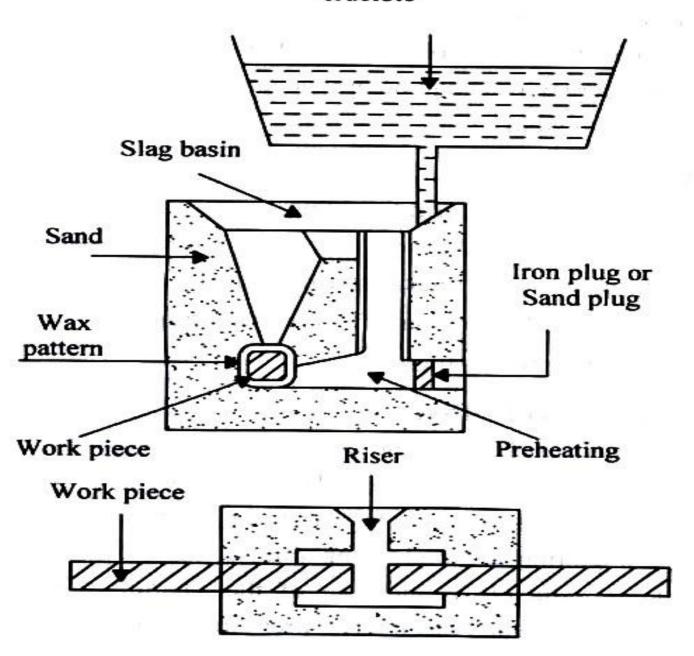


Fig: Thermit welding: (1) Thermit ignited; (2) crucible tapped, superheated metal flows into mold; (3) metal solidifies to produce weld joint.

Automatic crucible



PRESSURE WELDING PROCESS

- ✓ During the pressure welding process, the parts to be welded are butted & enclosed in a mould
- ✓ The mould can be easily removed after the welding of metals.
- ✓ The heated iron slag is poured to the mould and then the aluminium oxide is poured on the parts to be welded
- ✓ This will create the heating of parts & then the pressure is applied on the workpiece to joint

NON PRESSURE WELDING PROCESS

- ✓ The wax pattern is formed in and around the welding parts
- ✓ The sand is rammed around the wax pattern and mould is completed with gate, runner and riser around the joint area.
- ✓ Then the mould is heated and wax is melted, it will give a space between the joint
- ✓ The heated iron slag & aluminium are poured into the mould after solidification of liquid metal

Applications:

- 1. It is used in steel rolling mills
- 2. It is used to weld nin ferrous metals
- 3. Pipes, Cables, Rails, Shafts are made in this process
- 4. Automobile parts are welded by this process