The Analysis of the Shot Velocity Thrown from the Nozzle and the Bladed Wheel

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Abstract
Shot is thrown from the nozzle by compressed air flow and from the bladed wheel by centrifugal force. Practically, the shot velocity is an important factor of peening intensity.

The following functions of shot velocity have been drawn from the equation of motion of shot in nozzle and on blade. On air pressure type, shot velocity is the function of air velocity, density of air and shot, nozzle length and diameter of shot. On centrifugal type, shot velocity is the function of revolutionary speed of wheel and blade length.

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Shot peening, shot velocity, peening intensity, coverage.

Nomenclature
A: geometry of shot: sphere ($\pi r^2$)
C: centrifugal force
Cd: drag coefficient
D: nozzle length
f: resistance of flow
F: reverse force of centrifugal force
g: gravity
L: length of blade
m: mass of shot
N: r.p.m. of bladed wheel
R: distance of flight
2r: diameter of shot (sphere)
V: velocity
Va: air velocity
Vd: dropped velocity of shot
Vi: initial velocity of shot
Vr: radial velocity of shot
Vs: shot velocity
Vt: tangential velocity of shot
x: displacement from center
$\mu$: coefficient of friction
$\rho$: density
$\rho_a$: density of gas
$\rho_s$: density of shot
$\alpha$: rotating angle of blade (t sec)

1. Introduction
Peening intensity consists of velocity of shot, size and hardness of shot, angle of impingement, quantity thrown per second, and shape of pattern.

For the comparison of research results from different investigation, it is practically useful to state Almen intensity in addition to velocity and other factors. But it is not so easy to know shot velocity.

In practice, shot velocity is controlled by air pressure or the revolutionary speed of bladed wheel. In the critical aspect, it is useful to know the function of shot velocity. Theoretically, shot velocity can be obtained through the equation of motion of shot in air flow and on blade of wheel.

2. Air Pressure Type Solution
Figure 1 shows nozzle section of air pressure type. Shot is accelerated by air flow and get away from nozzle. The equation of motion of shot and force are shown in Fig. 1.

\[ m \frac{dz}{dt} = F \]
\[ F = C_d \cdot A \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_a \cdot V_a^2. \]

Fig. 1. Nozzle and the equation of motion of shot.

The force is the resistance of object in high speed gas flow as well known in aerodynamics [1]. Shot velocity can be obtained through the following process as the formula (1).

\[ V_s = 0.0311 \left( \frac{D}{r \cdot \rho_s} \right)^{1/2} \cdot V_a \]  

(1)

Example: a) steel shot $V_s = 39.4$ m/s ($\rho_s = 7.8$)
b) glass shot $V_s = 69.5$ m/s ($\rho_s = 2.5$)
3. Centrifugal Type Solution

Figure 2 shows the principle of bladed wheel for centrifugal type. Shot is accelerated on blade by centrifugal force and other forces, then get away from blade. The equation of motion of shot and forces are shown in Fig. 2. The forces on shot are centrifugal force and others from gravity which change with rotation of wheel. Shot velocity can be obtained through the following process as the formula (2).

\[
m \frac{dv}{dt} = C - f = m \omega^2 - \mu mg \sin \omega t - m g \cos \omega t
\]

\[
\sin \omega t, \cos \omega t = \pm 1 \ldots \ldots \text{max value}
\]

Fig. 2. Bladed wheel and the equation of motion of shot.

\[
V_f = L \omega = [x \omega^2 + (1 + \mu)] dx
\]

\[
0 \rightarrow 0
\]

\[
V_f = \omega L, \ V_s = (V_f - V) \ \text{rad}
\]

\[
V_s = \sqrt{2} V_f (1 + \frac{L \omega^2}{V_f^2} g L)^{\frac{1}{2}}
\]

\[
= 2 \sqrt{2\pi} L \cdot N \quad (2)
\]

\[
= 1.48 \times 10^4 L \cdot N \quad (\text{m/sec})
\]

L (mm), N (r.p.m.)

Example: L = 150 mm, N = 2000 r.p.m.

\[
V = 1.48 \times 10^4 \times 150 \times 2000 = 44.4 \text{ m/s}
\]

4. Real Velocity of Centrifugal Type

When shot is freely thrown from bladed wheel, shot velocity is Vs as shown in Fig. 3 (a). Practically, bladed wheel is covered by the cage as shown in Fig. 3 (b). When shot reached the cage, radial velocity is vanished and tangential velocity remain but centrifugal force is acting on shot. Before throwing out from wheel, shot is collected at inside of the cage. The velocity of the collected at the end of blade is about tangential, because acting time of centrifugal force on them is too short at the opened zone of cage as shown in Fig. 3 (b).

Then the velocities of shot thrown from bladed wheel are not constant from the maximum Vs to the minimum Vt.

Fig. 3. Shot velocity thrown from bladed wheel (a) free throw, (b) throw from cage.

5. Velocity Drop by Air Resistance

Flying pellet or object is received resistance from air, then the relation between the ratio of velocity drop and flying distance obtained as formula (3) from the equation of motion of shot (as sphere) as shown in Fig. 4 and from similar process.

\[
\frac{m \frac{dv}{dt}}{-F} = F = Cd \cdot A \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \rho_a \cdot V^2.
\]

Fig. 4. Air resistance for flying shot (sphere).
Example: 10% speed down distance of flight $R$ is

$$V_d = 0.9 \, V_i, \, C_d = 1, \, r = 0.5\text{mm},$$

$$\rho_s = 7.8 \text{ (steel)}, \, \rho_a = 1.29 \times 10^3 \text{ (air)}$$

$$R = \frac{8}{3} \times 0.5 \times 7.8 \div 1.29 \times 10^3 \times (-0.046)$$

$$= 0.371m$$

6. Conclusion

Theoretical shot velocities were obtained from the equation of motion of shot as sphere. Formula (1) is for air pressure type. Formula (2) is for centrifugal type. Formula (3) is the relation of ratio on velocity drop and flying distance.

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