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Presents methods proven successful in practice. Covers design procedures, such as safe-life, fail-safe, forecasting of service reliability, monitoring, and inspection; macroscopic and microscopic aspects of fatigue behavior; principles for determining fatigue crack growth and final fracture; scatter of data and statistical methods; environmental factors; and fatigue of joints and compounds. Contains design do's and don'ts and example problems.

From the Inside Flap

Drawing from the vast accumulation of research and design experience from 1860 to 1980, this book presents methods which have been proven successful in avoiding fatigue failure of metals. It achieves brevity by omitting interesting research results which have not yet led to practical applications. Data presented for many of the metals include not only traditional fatigue limits but also the more modern parameters derived from strain controlled tests and from crack propagation tests. Hard-to-find data information is provided on self (or residual) stresses produced by heat treating and shot peening, on crack propagation thresholds, and on the scatter found by investigators in their fatigue tests. The authors emphasize the importance of self-stresses and stress concentrations since these concepts provide a key to successful fatigue design. The methods for analysis and testing of products or components explained in this book range from the simplest to the most complex. They have all been used by practicing engineers. The advantages and disadvantages of the various methods are discussed so that engineers can make informed choices. "Dos and Don'ts in Design" follow most chapters. Example problems, in addition to more than 100 other problems and more than 300 references, enhance the book.

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