

Fundamentals of Casting

Four Families of Shape-Producing Manufacturing Processes

1. Casting
2. Material Removal
3. Deformation Processes
4. Consolidation Processes

Two Types of Sand Casting

1. Expendable mold

- Sand
- Shell
- Investment
- Lost foam

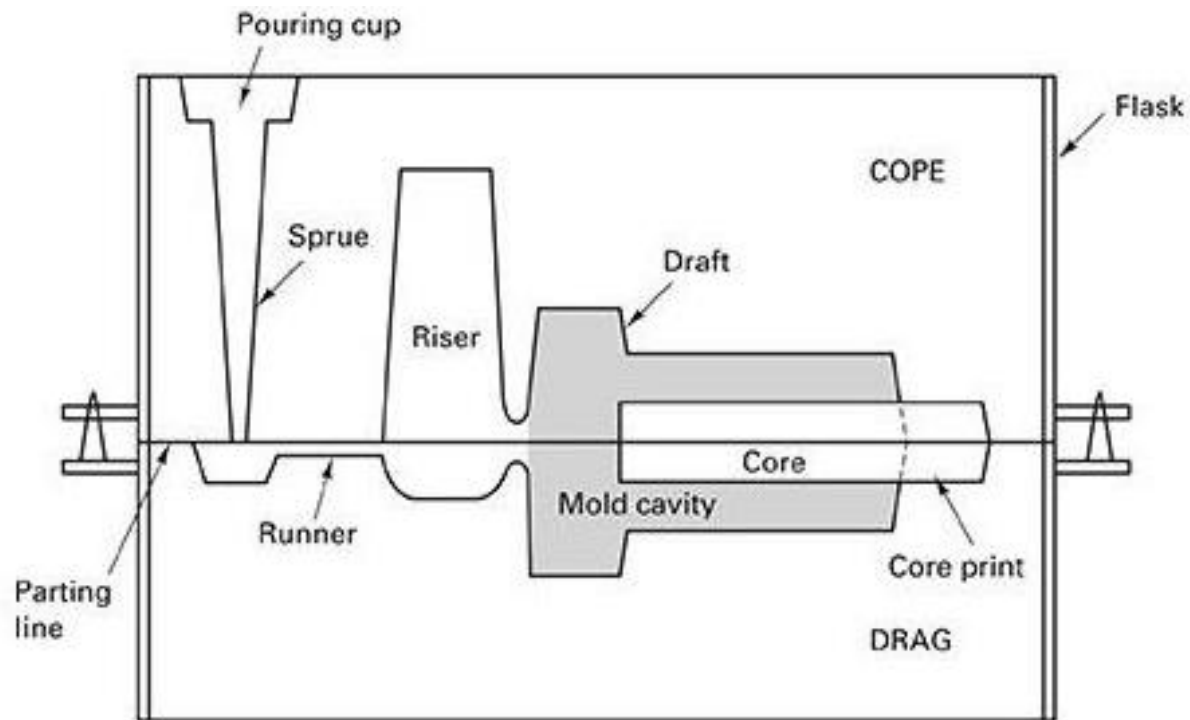
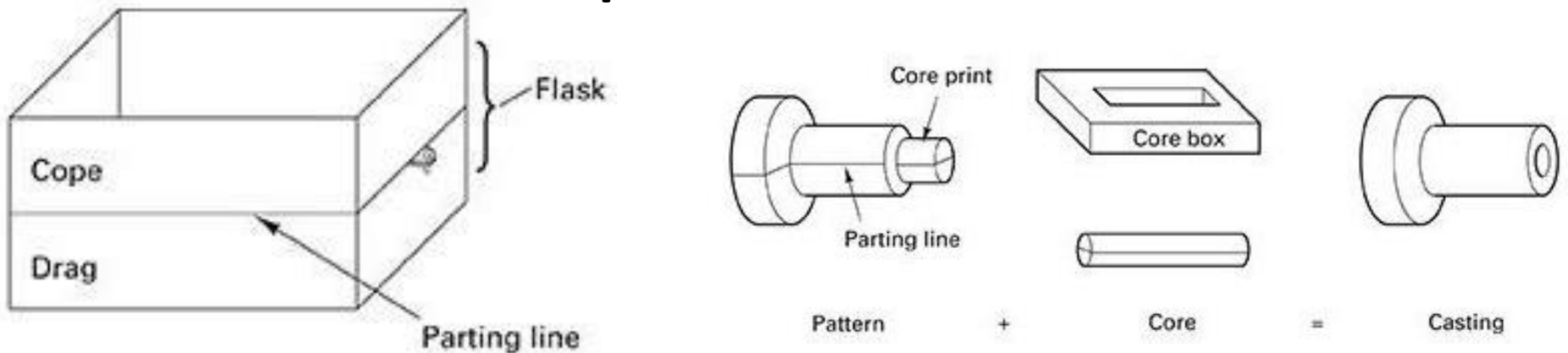
2. Multiple-use mold

- Die
- Permanent mold

Six Requirements of Casting Processes

1. Mold Cavity
2. Melting
3. Pouring
4. Solidification
5. Mold Removal
6. Cleaning, Finishing, and Inspection

Two-part sand mold



Solidification Stages

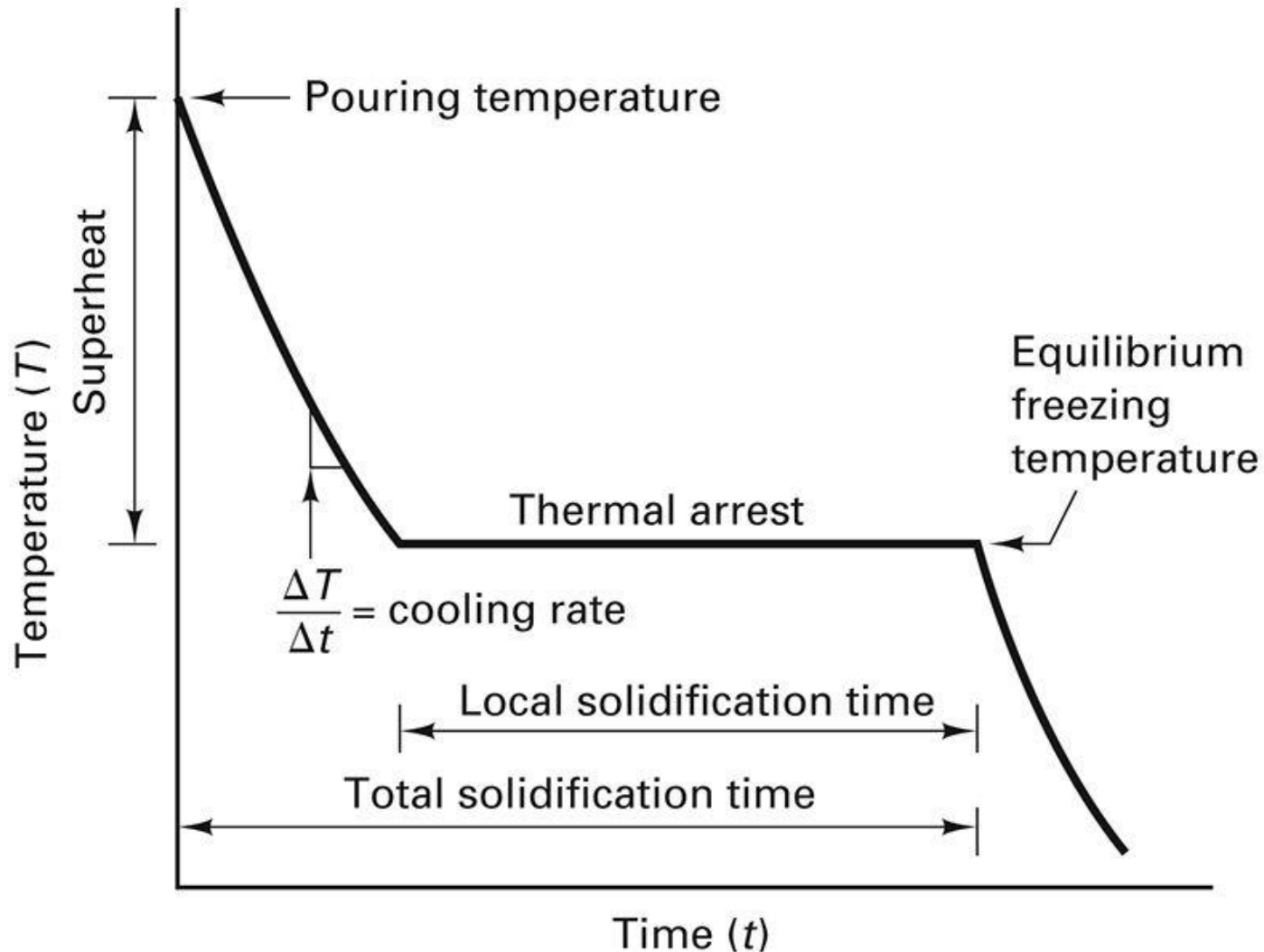
1. Nucleation

- Begins at mold walls
- Each nucleation site produces a grain
- Introduction of impurities promotes fine grains

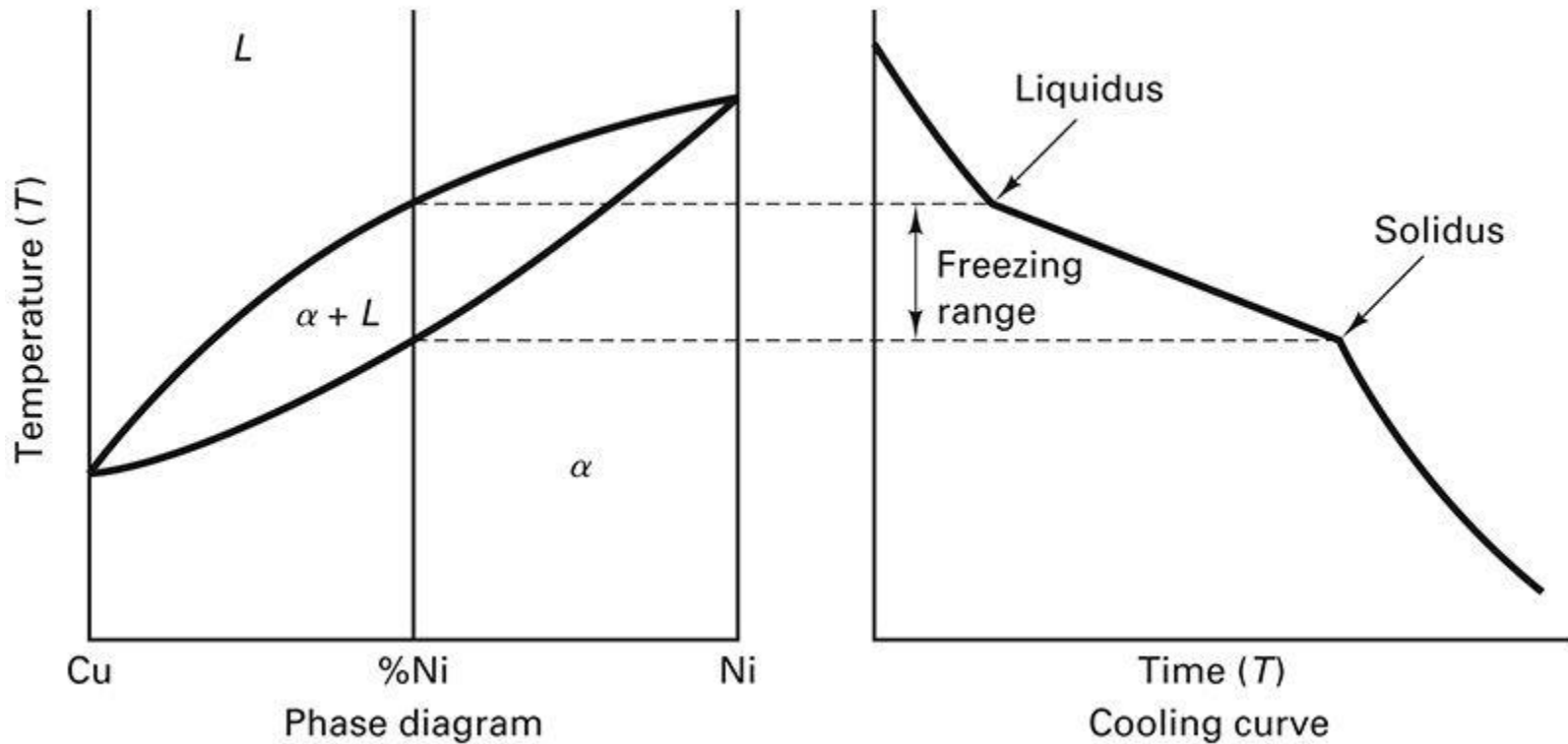
2. Grain growth

- Growth of nucleated grains
- Control direction to assure solid casting
- Smallest grains at casting wall

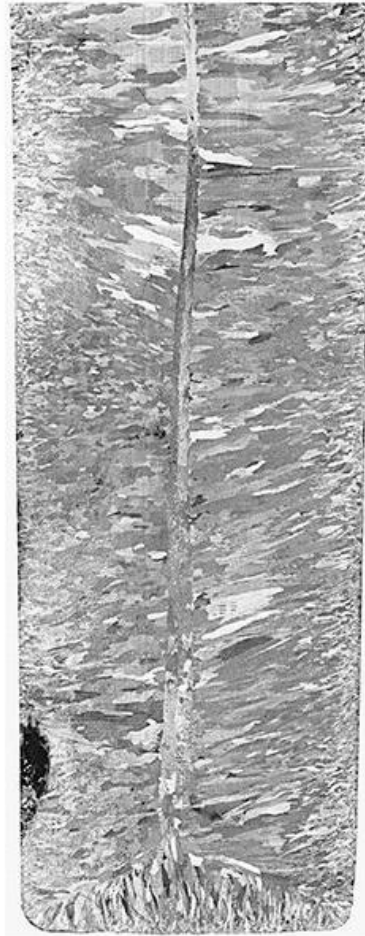
Metal cooling curve eutectic composition



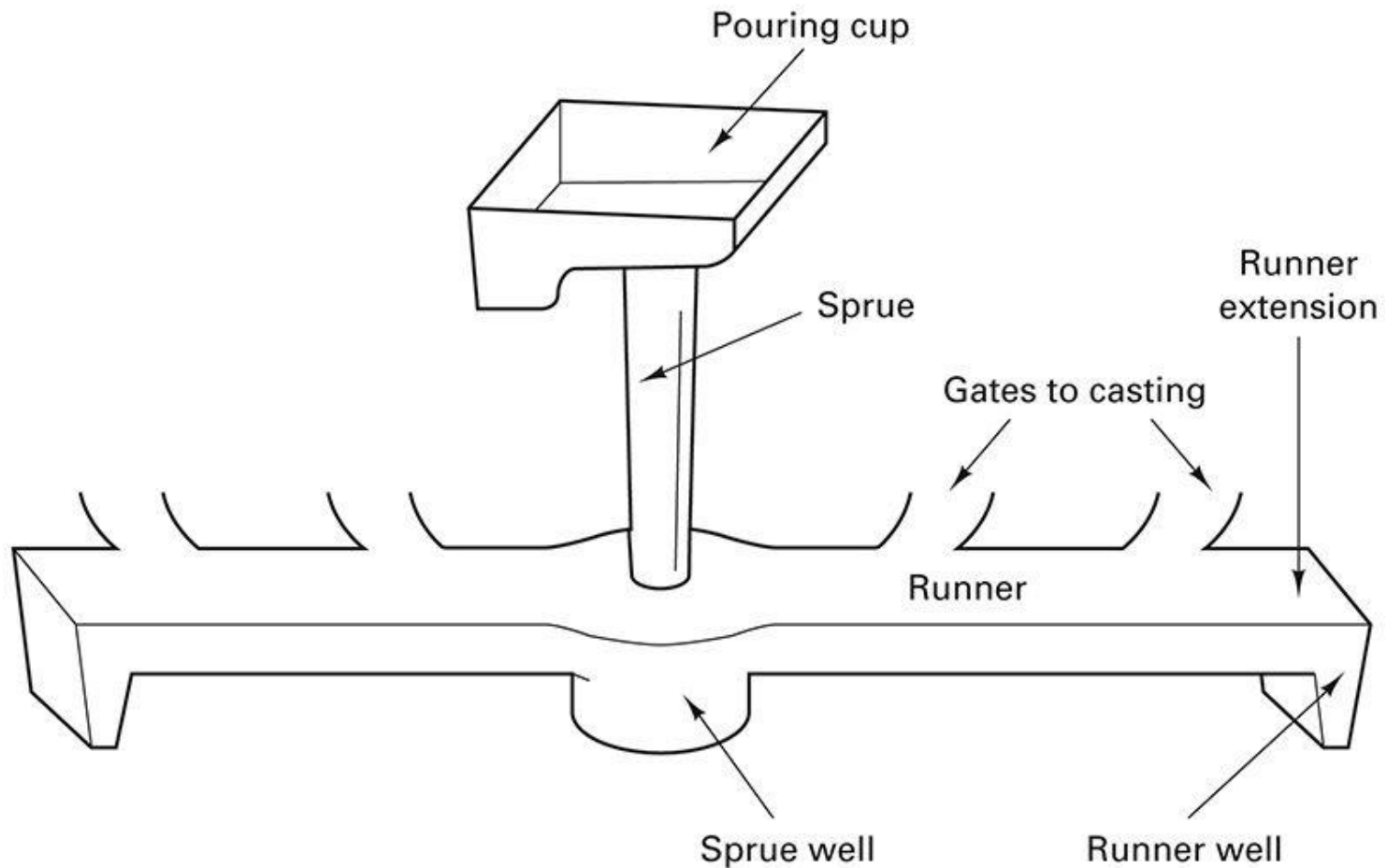
Phase Diagram and Cooling Curve Cu-Ni



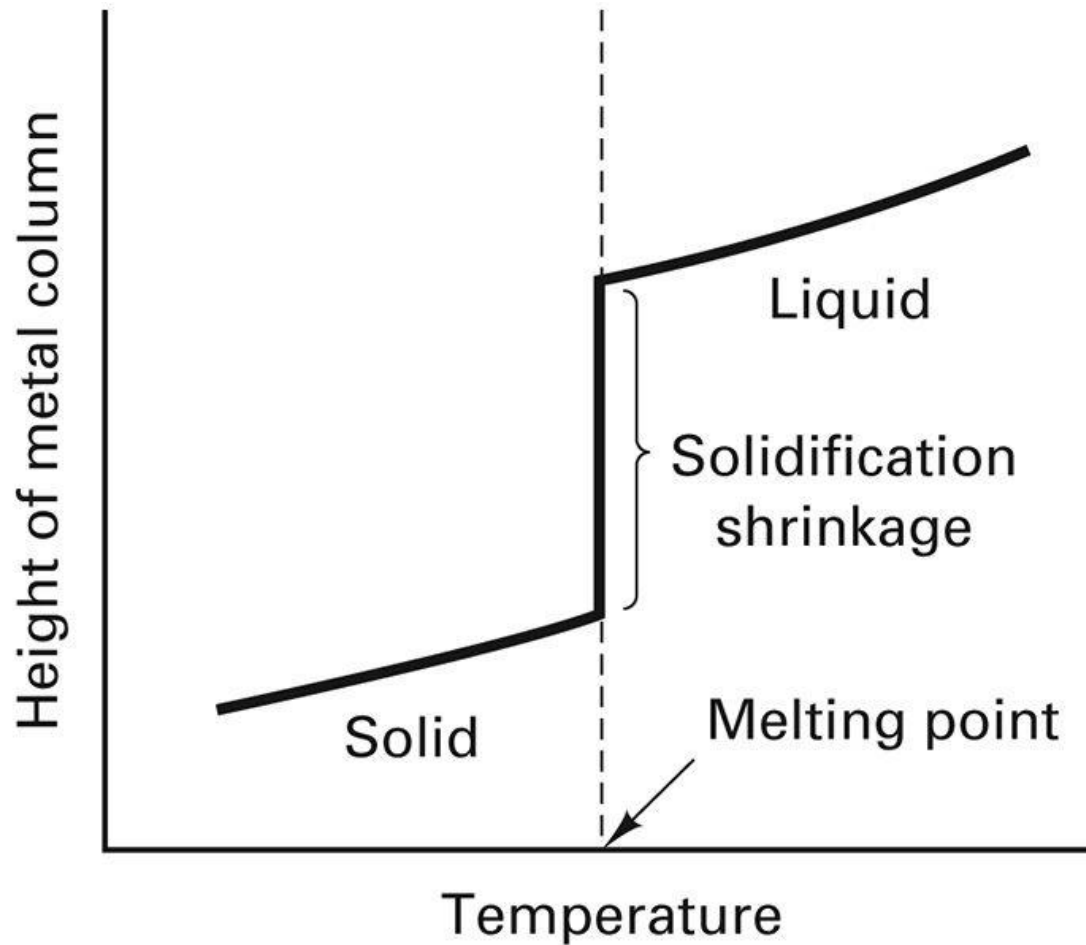
Internal structure of cast metal bar



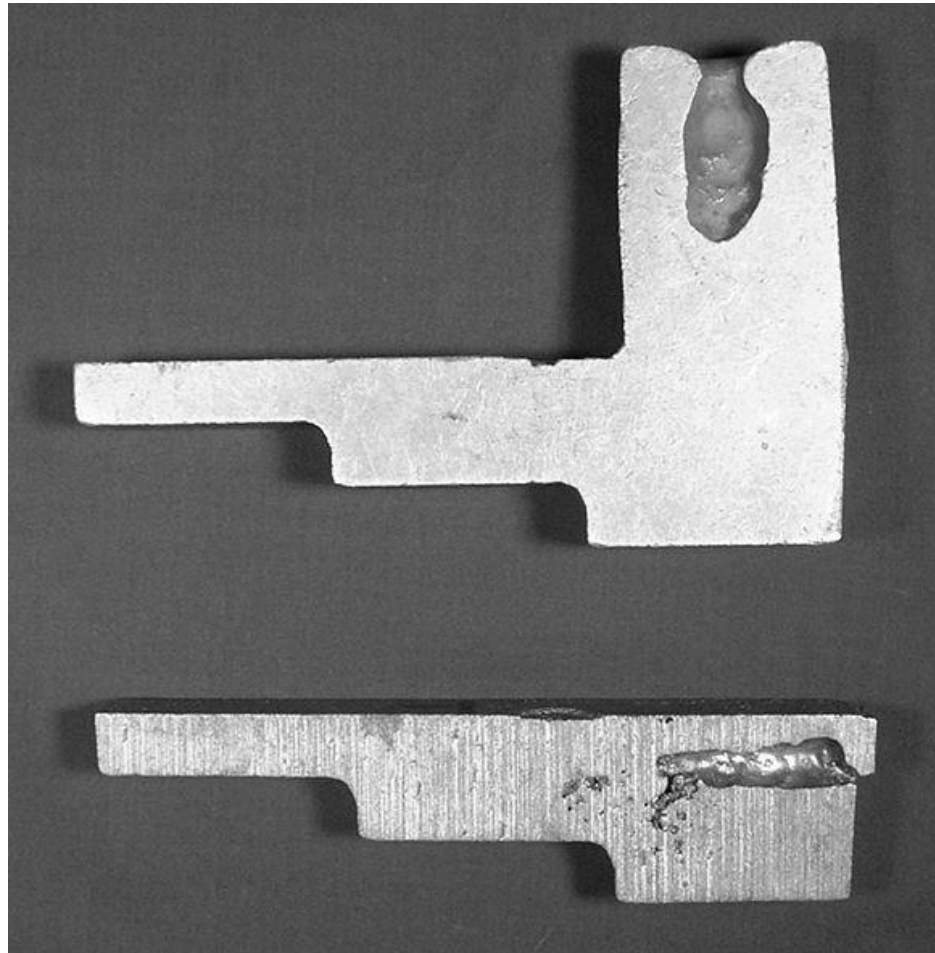
Gating system for sand mold



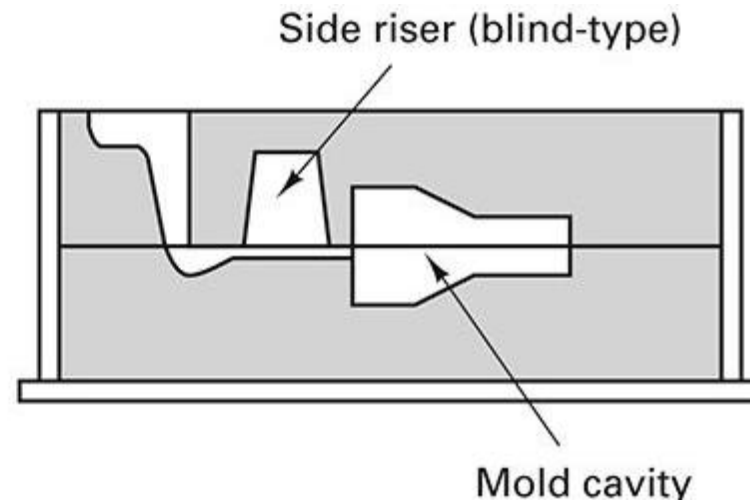
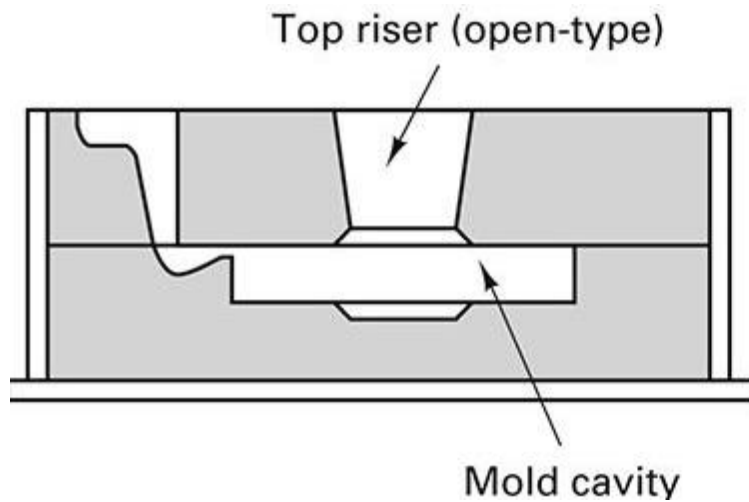
Dimensional changes of metal column



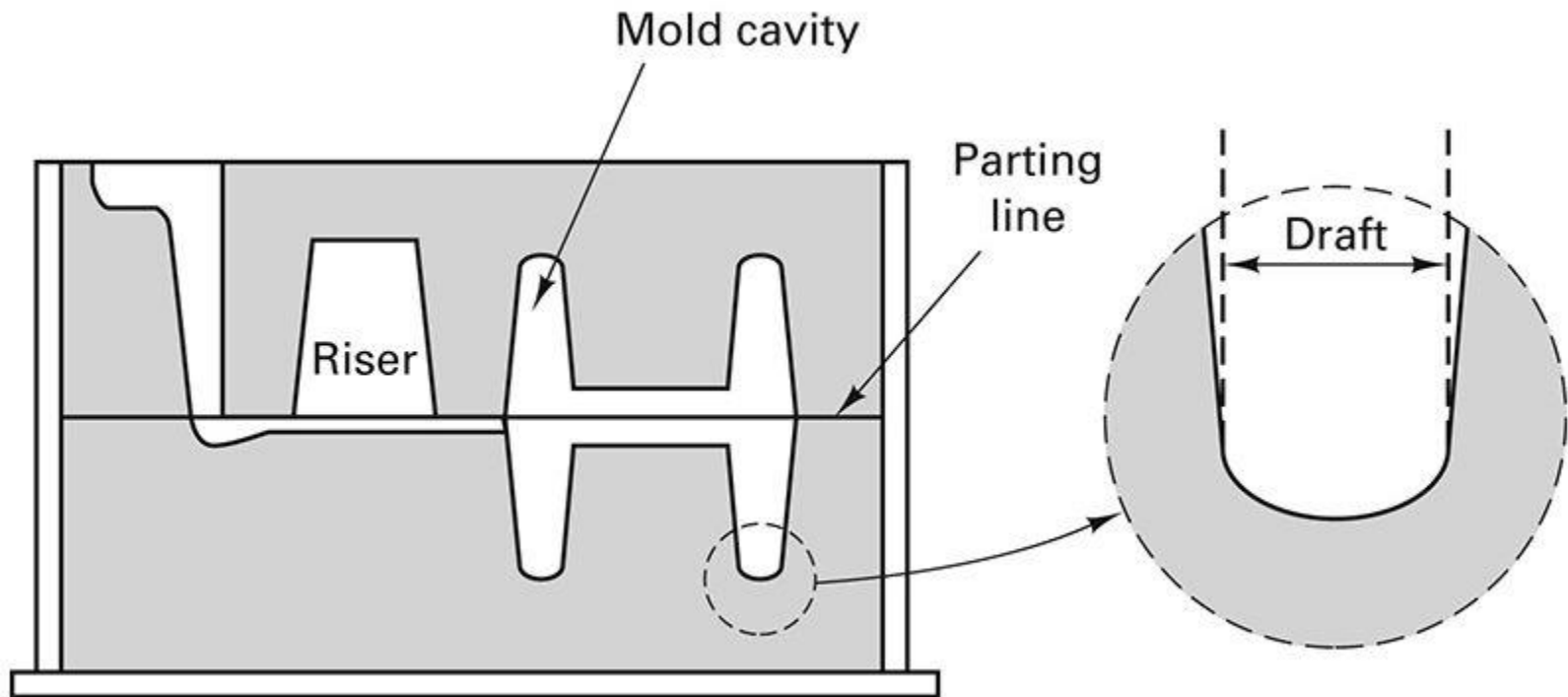
Shrinkage shift to riser



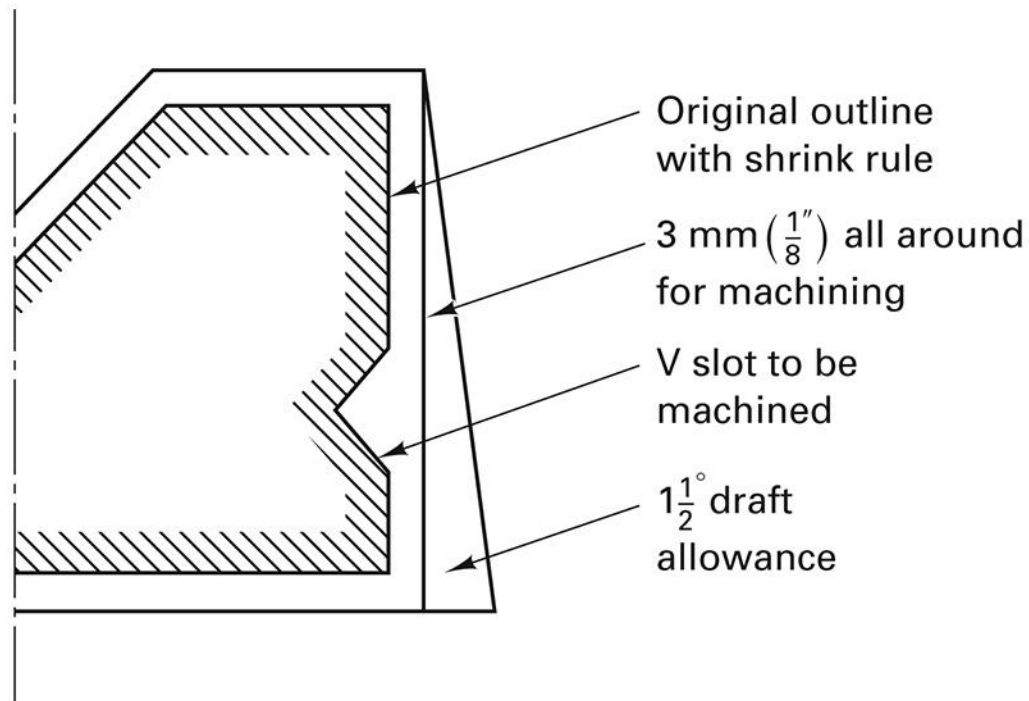
Riser types



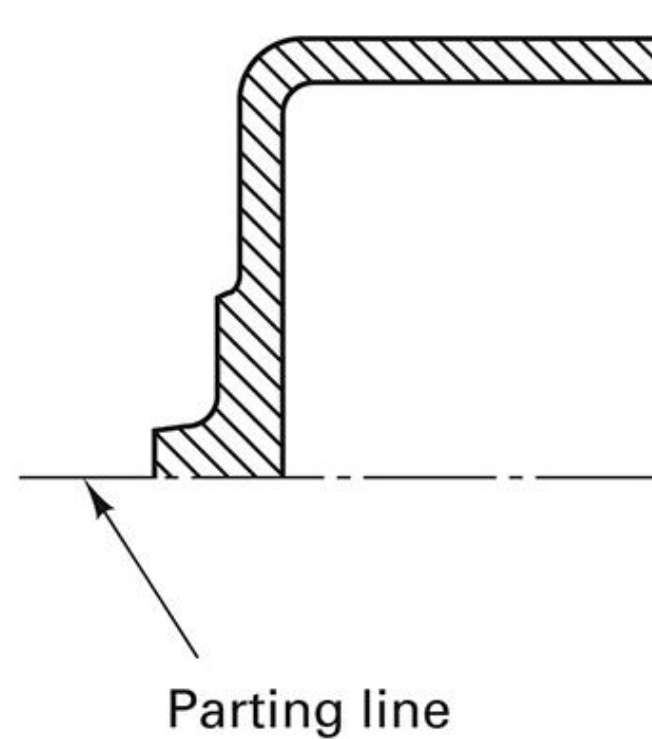
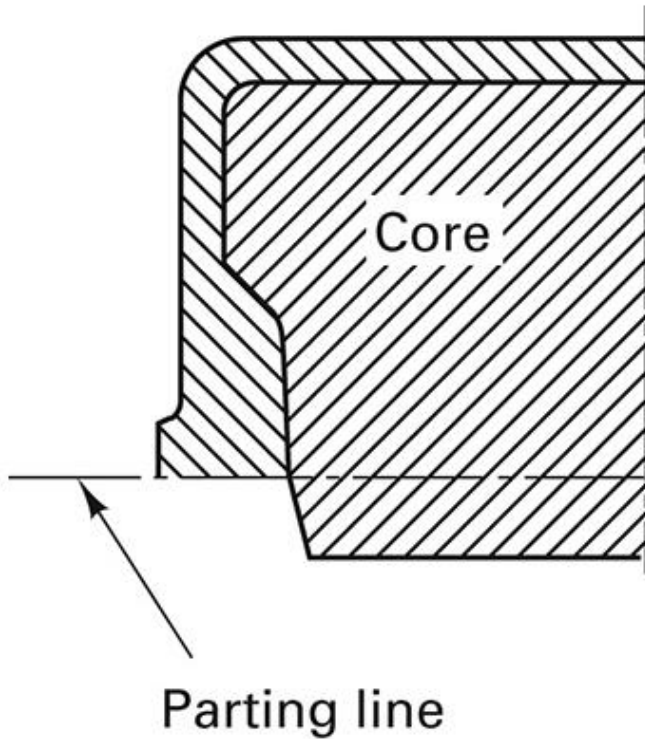
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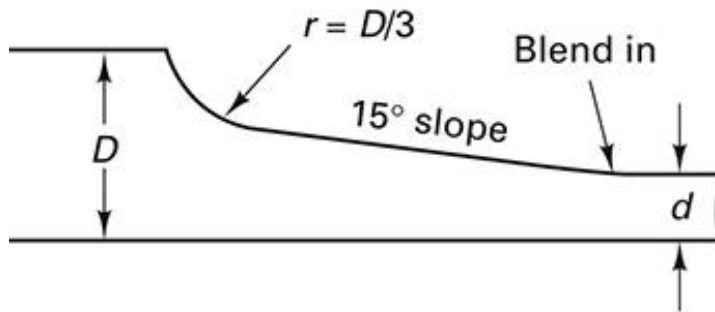
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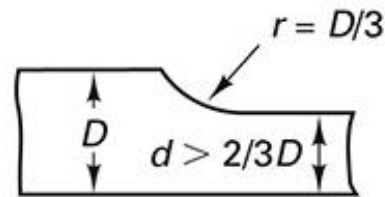
Eliminate Dry-sand Core



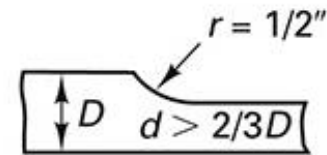
Section Change Transition



If $D > 1.5''$ and $d < 2D/3$,
then $r = D/3$ with a 15° slope between
the two parts

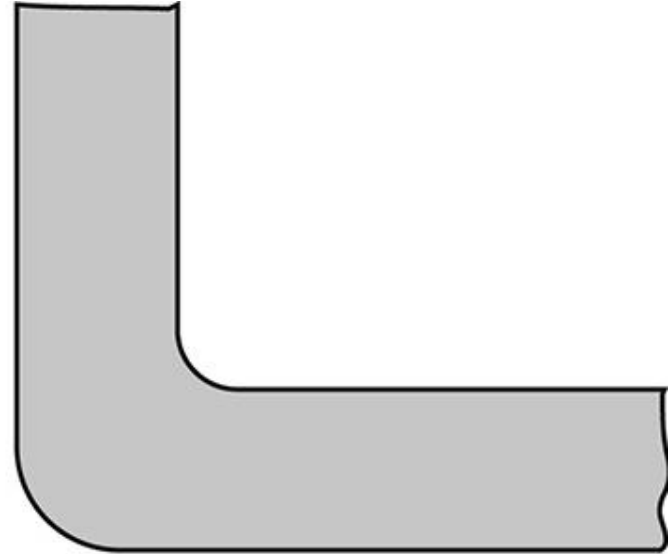
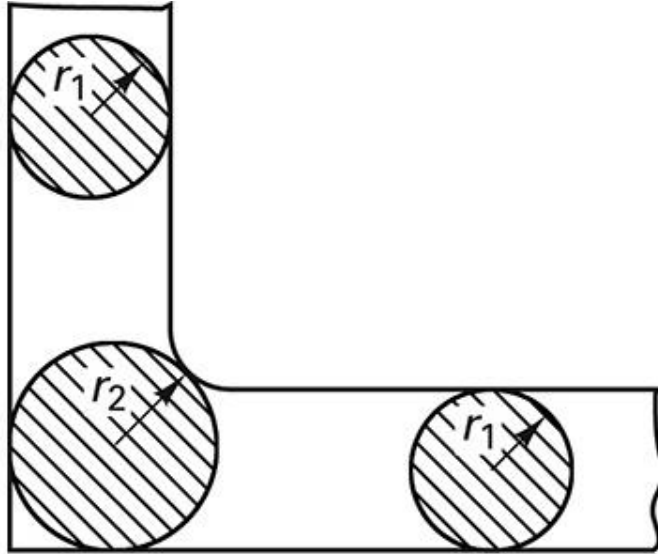


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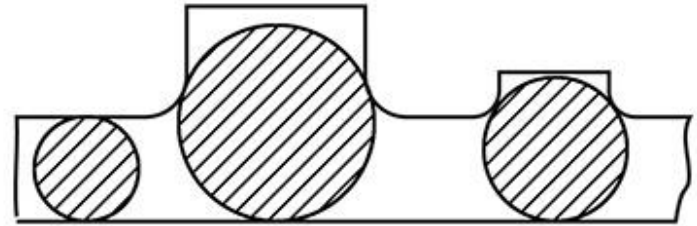
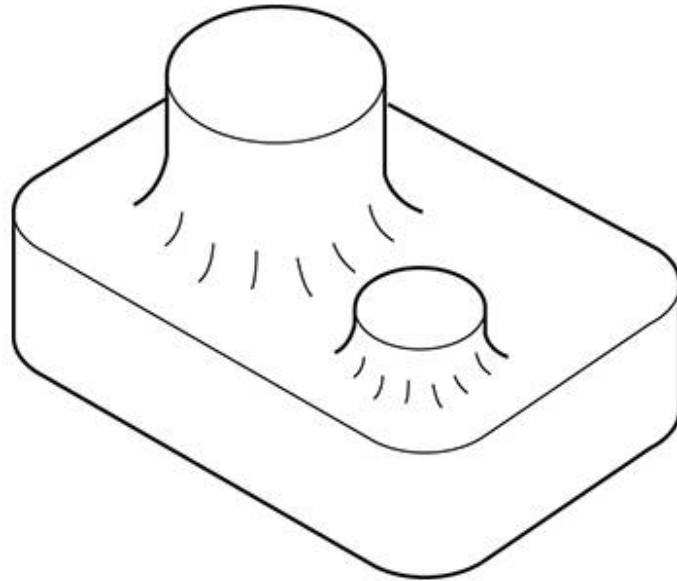


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Hot Spots



Intersecting section hot spots



Attached Riser

