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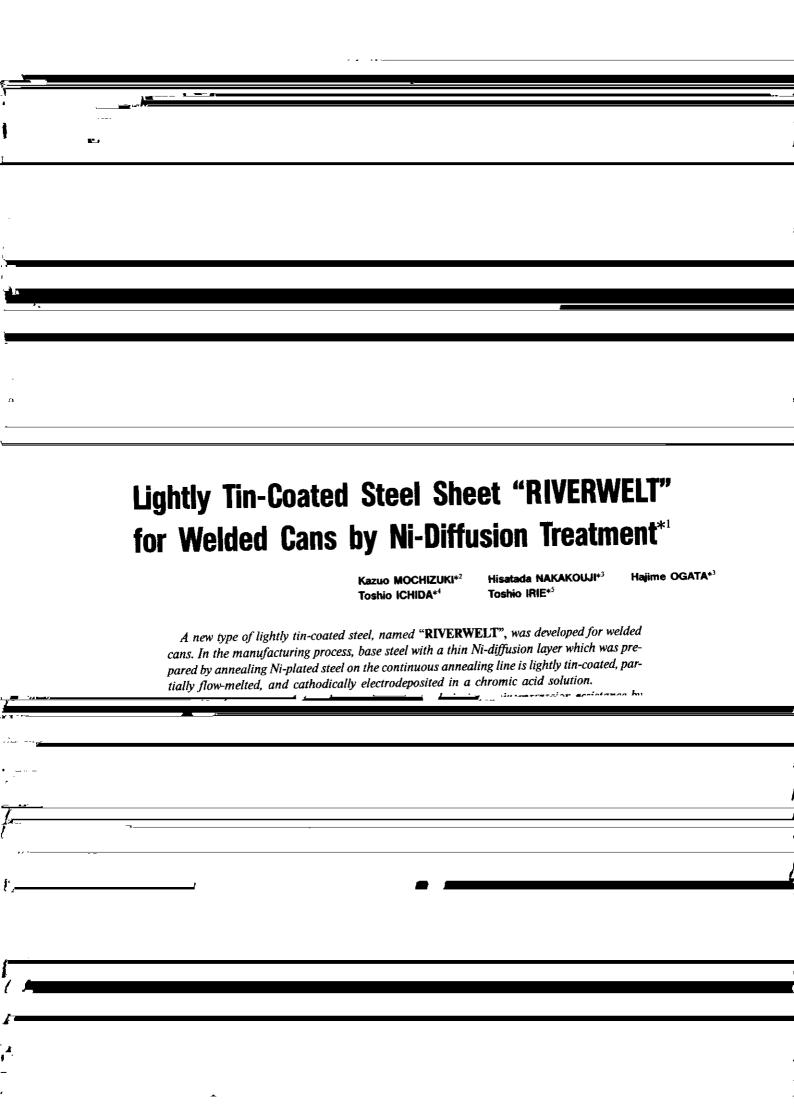
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## Lightly Tin-Coated Steel Sheet "RIVERWELT" for Welded Cans by Ni-Diffusion Treatment

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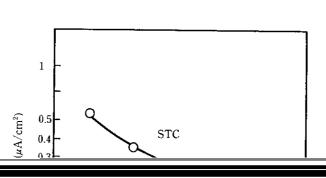
## Synopsis:

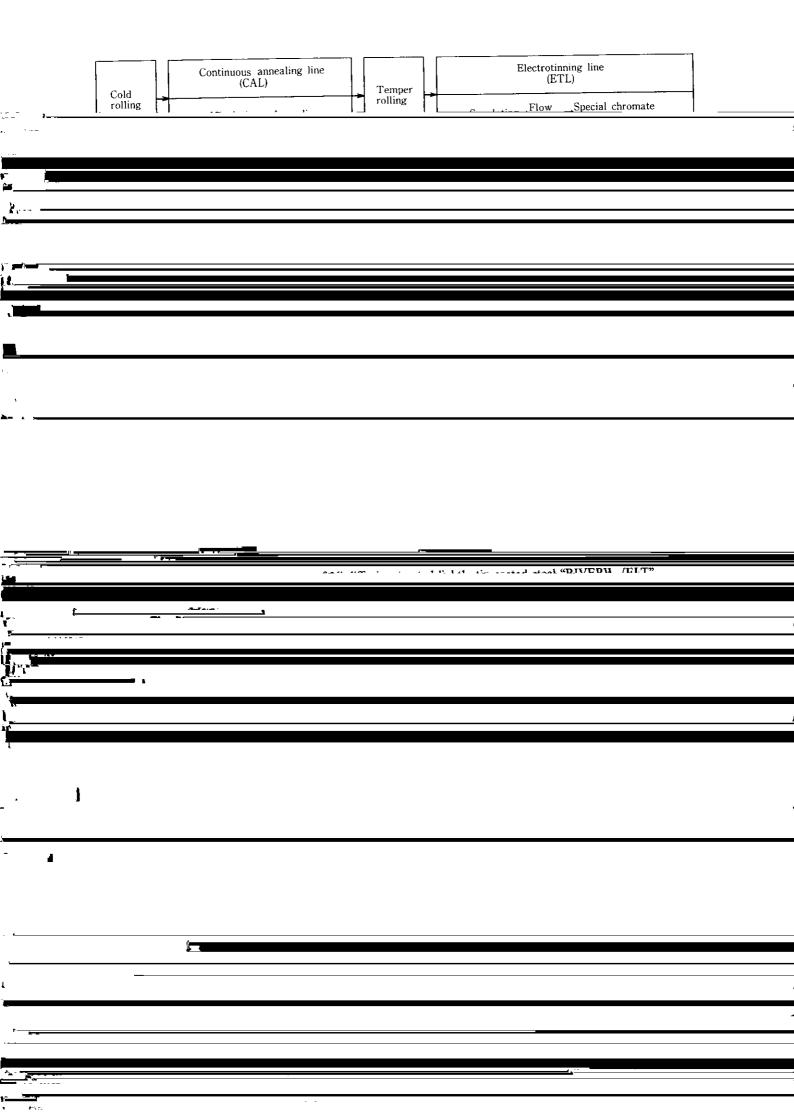
A new type of lightly tin-coated steel, named "RIVERWELT", was developed for welded cans. in the manufacturing process, base steel with a thin Ni-diffusion layer which was prepared by annealing Ni-plated steel on the continuous annealing line is lightly tin-coated, partially flow-melted, and cathodically electrodeposited in a chromic acid solution. The nickel diffusion layer plays an important role in improving corrosion resistance by decreasing the corrosion potential difference between tin deposit and base metal, and by forming a dense and homogeneous Fe(Ni)-Sn alloy layer. RIVERWELT has a good weldability because of the sufficient amount of residual metallic tin after



have been desired as a replacement for No. 25 tinplate. As a result, many types of lightly tin-coated steels (hereinafter called LTS)<sup>1-9)</sup> and nickel-coated steels<sup>5,10)</sup> were developed, and some have been commercialized.

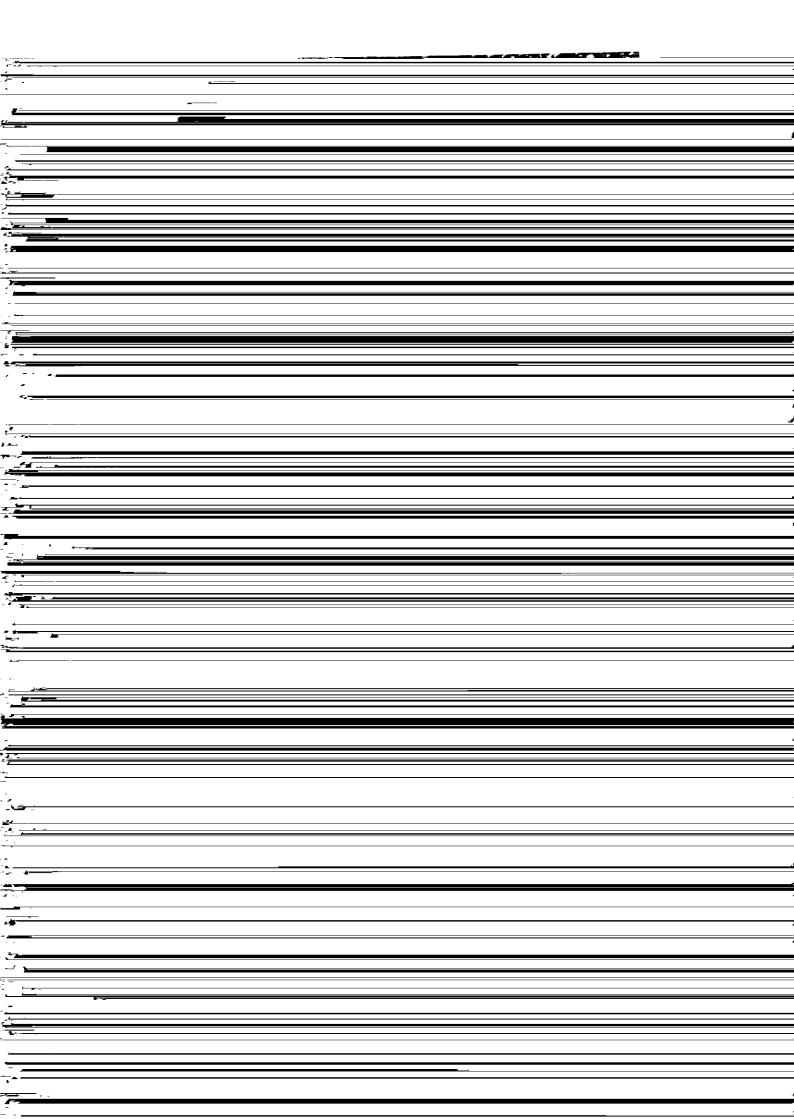
As a result of research and development efforts, Kawasaki Steel came to manufacture surface treated steel sheets with excellent weldability and corrosion resistance which are suitable for food and beverage cans.

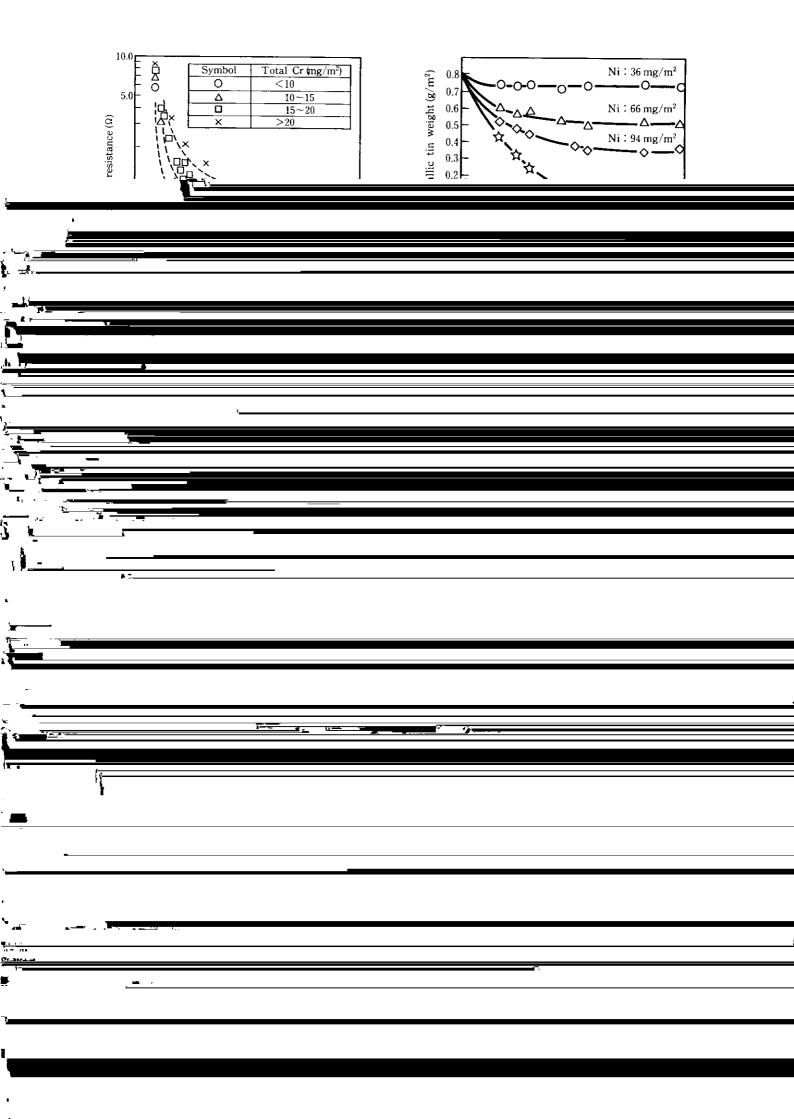




portions was observed. Before annealing 4 Results and Discussion -----After annealing 4.1 Film Structure  $Ni = 0.07 \text{ g/m}^2$ bitrary unit) Results obtained with various analysis devices suggest that the LTS coating film, as illustrated in Fig. 3 is composed of an Ni-diffusion layer (Fe-Ni alloy) formed from the bage or stall and the second

60 min. Sulfide blackening of the bulged and nonbulged





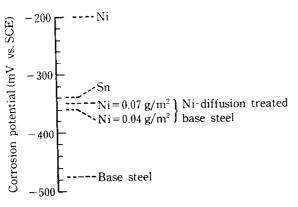


Fig. 9 Corrosion potentials of pure Ni, pure Sn, Nidiffusion treated base steels, and base steel in

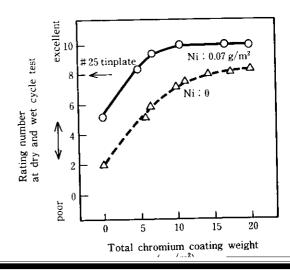


Fig. 10 Effects of Ni-diffusion treatment and total

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width of lacquer film in the UCC test. In this figure, the coating films with a metallic chromium coating weight 0.4 of zero are composed only of hydrated chromium oxides, which are produced by the CDC treatment

