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**LIST OF SYMBOLS**

$\varepsilon'_a$	Fatigue ductility coefficient
$\varepsilon_a$	Total strain amplitude
$\sigma'_f$	Fatigue strength coefficient
$\sigma'_m$	Mean stress
$b$	Fatigue strength exponent
$c$	Fatigue ductility exponent
$E$	Modulus of elasticity
$N_f$	Fatigue life
$S_a$	Alternating stress
$S_f$	Reversed fatigue limit
$S_m$	Mean stress
$S_u$	Ultimate tensile strength

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

ASAME	Automated Strain Analysis and Measurement Environment
AISI	American Iron and Steel Institute
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Material
CAD	Computer Aided Design
CM	Coffin Mansion
FEA	Finite Element Analysis
FEM	Finite Element Method
FLC	Forming Limit Curve
FLD	Forming Limit Diagram
HAZ	Heat Affected Zone
HCF	High Cycle Fatigue
HSS	High Strength Steel
LCF	Low Cycle Fatigue
LDH	Limiting Dome Height
NVH	Noise, Vibration, Harshness
S-N	Total Life
SAE	Society of Automotive Engineers
SAETRAN	Tensile Mean Loading History
SAESUS	Compressive Loading History
SAEBKT	Zero Mean Loading
SWT	Smith-Watson-Topper
TET10	Tetrahedral 10
TWB	Tailor Welded Blanks