Case Study #15

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The following series of slides document the results of using Redux EF40L fluxes at 15 International Foundries to eliminate slag buildup on refractory walls of coreless induction furnaces, extend refractory life and clean ladles. Additional details on increases in refractory life are presently not available because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Case Study 15 - Objective: Clean slag build-up from Coreless Induction furnace walls and extend lining life



Field Trial of REDUX EF40L in a 500 kg
Coreless Induction Furnace at
International Foundry "O" pouring Ductile Iron

Background details at Foundry "O"

- ➤ Metal Producing SG Iron
- ➤ Furnace- Coreless Induction Furnace with 500 kg capacity
- ➤ Power- 550 KW
- ➤ Melting Time per Heat- Approx. 35 to 37 Min
- ➤ Tapping Temperature: 1530°C to 1535°C
- ➤ Redux per Heat- 0.05 % of liquid metal capacity

Condition of the Furnace prior to the Redux EF40 Trial



Prior to adding
Redux EF40L to
the furnace

Redux Trial details at Foundry "O"

Redux addition per Heat-0.05 % of liquid metal capacity

Trial Details

Before charging further scrap and foundry returns, added 250 grams Redux EF40L

Redux EF40L was added for 2 consecutive heats

Condition of the furnace after just 2 Redux EF40L treatments



- Liquid slag generated appeared at the melt line
- ➤ There was no slag sticking or building up on the furnace lining after just 2 treatments of Redux
- ➤ Foundry "O" plans to continue to add Redux EF40 on all future heats to determine effect on lining life.

Side by Side comparison of before and just 2 Redux Treatments



Initial Furnace Condition



After 2 Redux additions

Manufacturer of Redux EF40L recommends that Redux be Used continuously to show Refractory Life increases of 75 to 200%