

# **Cold rolling shop**

## 01. Hot annealing and pickling

Before pickling, the strip is annealed in an oxidizing-atmosphere furnace to ensure that the microstructure is regenerated and all mechanical properties are recovered.

The annealing process removes oxides and bloom scales from the material surface.

### 02. Cold rolling shop

Stainless Steel strip becomes progressively thinner, between 0.25 mm and 6 mm, and harder during cold-rolling. So the material should be annealed to recover the initial mechanical properties.

### 03. Bright annealing and pickling

This process is carried out in a controlled-atmosphere furnace, usually cracked ammonia, in order to avoid later pickling. BA, bright finish is obtained.

### 04. Finishing

- SKIN-PASS mill
  - The strip can be smoothing rolled as one further step to improve the surface smoothness and the appearance of the stainless steel. 2B and BA finishes are obtained.
- CUTTING
  - There are different types of cutting: slitter line, shearing line, circle cutting or formats.
- PACKING AND EXPEDITION