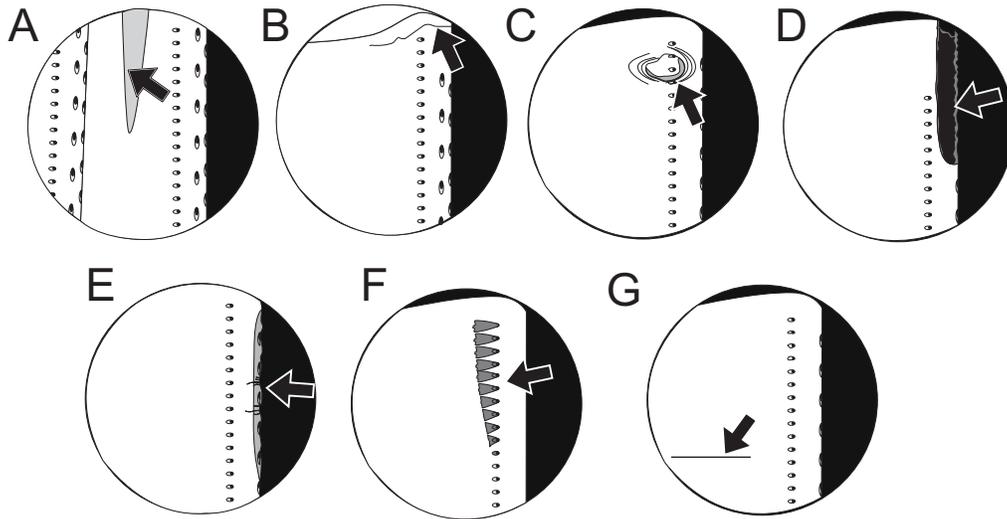


To find and identify the failures are a precondition for a successful diagnosis and therapy.



Ill. 4.1-7

Ill. 4.1-7: Some typical pictures of **high pressure turbine blades**, as the examiner views in the **borescope**, are represented as examples (see also Lit.4.1-4 and Lit. 4.1-5).

“**A**”: **Local oxidation damage**, also in connection with **hot gas corrosion**, in the area of a component specific **hot spot**, where the film cooling air is insufficiently effective. The protective **diffusion coating** is here already consumed, the base material becomes visible.

“**B**”: Typical **thermal fatigue crack** with delayed crack growth (Ill. 3.3-9) on one guide vane in the **transition to the outer shroud**.

“**C**”: **OOD (Impact through internal foreign objects)** on a rotor blade (secondary failure see “**D**” in Ill. 3.3-10). Typical for the turbine is the area on the suction side of the leading edge region. Foreign objects in the high pressure turbine are, e.g., **coke particles** from the combustor (carbon impact) or released ceramic particles from the **thermal barriers** (Ill. 3.2.3-4).

“**D**”: **Burnt leading edge** (“**E**”) in the tip region of a turbine rotor blade without shroud. Cause of the over temperature can be an inner **blockage of the cooling air hole** (e.g., a closed dust removal opening) or a narrowing of the cooling air hole, as a consequence of a deformation (OOD, “**C**”).

“**E**”: **Heavy oxidation** (burning) and thermal fatigue cracks on the leading edge of a turbine blade. This typical appearance at local over temperatures is also called the **orange peel effect**.

“**F**”: Turbine rotor blades from which foreign material, e.g., **labyrinth or abradable abrasions** from the compressor (Ill. 3.1.2.4-4), emerges out of the film cooling holes and melt.

„**G**“: **Black line** on direction of the flow can originate from coked oil and is in this case not dangerous. But if it is a matter of an internal crack, **originated from the cooling structure of the blade** (Ill. 4.1-5) a fracture of the blade must be expected.