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STEEL TUBING, WELDED
0.95Cr - 0.20Mo (0.28 - 0.33C) (SAE 4130)

1. SCOPE:

- 1.1 Type: This specification covers an aircraft-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of welded tubing.
- 1.2 Application: Primarily for general use where welding and moderate tensile properties are required. Extensively used when minimum tensile strength of 160,000 psi (1130 MPa) is required after proper heat treatment.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS: The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of Aerospace Material Specifications (AMS) shall apply. The applicable issue of other documents shall be as specified in AMS 2350.

- 2.1 SAE Publications: Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2253 - Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
 AMS 2259 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
 AMS 2301 - Aircraft Quality Steel Cleanliness, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
 AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods
 AMS 2370 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Wrought Products Except Forgings and Forging Stock
 AMS 2640 - Magnetic Particle Inspection

- 2.2 ASTM Publications: Available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

ASTM A370 - Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
 ASTM E112 - Estimating the Average Grain Size of Metals
 ASTM E350 - Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

- 2.3 Government Publications: Available from Commanding Officer, Naval Publications and Forms Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

2.3.1 Federal Standards:

Federal Test Method Standard No. 151 - Metals; Test Methods

2.3.2 Military Standards:

MIL-STD-163 - Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage

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3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 **Composition:** Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E350, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other approved analytical methods:

	min	max
Carbon	0.28	0.33
Manganese	0.40	0.60
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.80	1.10
Molybdenum	0.15	0.25
Nickel	--	0.25
Copper	--	0.35

3.1.1 **Check Analysis:** Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS 2259.

3.2 **Condition:** Cold finished and either normalized and tempered, stress relieved, or otherwise heat treated.

3.3 **Fabrication:** Tubing shall be produced by a welded and drawn process. The external finishes may be produced by any method which will provide the required surface condition and not affect the limits of wall thickness, with the exception that centerless ground finish is not acceptable. A light polish to improve surface appearance may be employed.

3.3.1 Tubing shall be processed to remove completely the weld bead and any dimensional indication of the presence of welds.

3.4 **Properties:** Tubing shall conform to the following requirements; hardness and tensile testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370:

3.4.1 **Tensile Properties:** Shall be as specified in Table I.

TABLE I

Nominal OD Inches	Nominal Wall Thickness Inch	Tensile Strength psi, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset psi, min	Elongation in 2 in.	
				% min	
				Full Tube	Strip
Up to 0.500, excl	Up to 0.188, incl	95,000	75,000	10	--
Up to 0.500, excl	Over 0.188	90,000	70,000	10	--
0.500 and over	Up to 0.188, incl	95,000	75,000	12	7
0.500 and over	Over 0.188	90,000	70,000	15	10

TABLE I (SI)

Nominal OD Millimetres	Nominal Wall Thickness Millimetres	Tensile Strength MPa, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset MPa, min	Elongation in 50 mm %, min	
				Full Tube	Strip
Up to 12.70, excl	Up to 4.78, incl	655	517	10	--
Up to 12.70, excl	Over 4.78	621	483	10	--
12.70, and over	Up to 4.78, incl	655	517	12	7
12.70, and over	Over 4.78	621	483	15	10

3.4.2 Crushing: Specimens as in 4.3.1.1 shall withstand, without failure of the weld, crushing under a gradually applied load until the cross-sectional dimension is increased in one zone by 20% or until one complete fold is formed, or until the specimen is reduced in length to 2/3 of the original length.

3.4.3 Grain Size: Predominantly 5 or finer with occasional grains as large as 3 permissible, determined in accordance with ASTM E112.

3.4.4 Decarburization:

3.4.4.1 Tubing ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces. Decarburization of tubing ID shall not exceed the maximum depth specified in Table II.

3.4.4.2 Allowable decarburization of tubing ordered for redrawing or of tubing ordered to specified microstructural requirements shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.4.4.3 Tubing to which 3.4.4.1 or 3.4.4.2 is not applicable shall be free from complete decarburization. Partial decarburization shall not exceed the limits specified in Table II.

TABLE II

Nominal Wall Thickness (T), Inch	Depth of Partial Decarburization, Inch		
	ID	OD	ID + OD
Up to 0.040, incl	0.25T	0.25T	0.30T
Over 0.040 to 0.050, incl	0.009	0.009	0.012
Over 0.050 to 0.070, incl	0.010	0.010	0.014
Over 0.070 to 0.080, incl	0.012	0.012	0.016
Over 0.080 to 0.090, incl	0.014	0.014	0.018
Over 0.090 to 0.100, incl	0.015	0.015	0.020
Over 0.100 to 0.150, incl	0.017	0.017	0.022
Over 0.150 to 0.200, incl	0.020	0.020	0.026

TABLE II (SI)

Nominal Wall Thickness (T), Millimetres	Depth of Partial Decarburization, Millimetres		
	ID	OD	ID + OD
Up to 1.02, incl	0.25T	0.25T	0.30T
Over 1.02 to 1.27, incl	0.23	0.23	0.30
Over 1.27 to 1.78, incl	0.25	0.25	0.36
Over 1.78 to 2.03, incl	0.30	0.30	0.41
Over 2.03 to 2.29, incl	0.36	0.36	0.46
Over 2.29 to 2.54, incl	0.38	0.38	0.51
Over 2.54 to 3.81, incl	0.43	0.43	0.56
Over 3.81 to 5.08, incl	0.51	0.51	0.66

3.4.4.3.1 Limits for depth of partial decarburization of tubing having nominal wall thickness over 0.200 in. (5.08 mm) shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.4.4.4 Decarburization shall be measured by the microscopic method or by Rockwell Superficial 30-N scale or equivalent hardness testing method on hardened but untempered specimens protected during heat treatment to prevent changes in surface carbon content. Depth of decarburization, when measured by a hardness method, is defined as the perpendicular distance from the surface to the depth under that surface below which there is no further increase in hardness. Such measurements shall be far enough away from any adjacent surface to be uninfluenced by any decarburization or lack of decarburization thereon.

3.4.4.4.1 When determining the depth of decarburization, it is permissible to disregard local areas provided the decarburization of such areas does not exceed the above limits by more than 0.005 in. (0.13 mm) and the width is 0.065 in. (1.65 mm) or less.

3.4.5 Flarability: Tubing shall withstand flaring without formation of cracks or other visible defects, by being forced axially, at room temperature, with steady pressure over a hardened and polished tapered steel pin having a 74 deg included angle to produce a flare having not less than the following permanent percentage OD increase. After flaring, the inside surface of the tubing shall be smooth and shall show no evidence of a bead that might prevent the assembly of pressure tight joints.

Nominal Wall Thickness % of OD	OD Increase %
Up to 7, incl	35
Over 7	45

3.5 Quality:

3.5.1 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS 2301.

3.5.2 Tubing shall be uniform in quality and condition and shall have a finish conforming to the best practice for high-quality tubing. It shall be smooth and free from heavy scale or oxide, burrs, seams, tears, grooves, laminations, slivers, pits, and other injurious conditions. Surface imperfections such as handling marks, straightening marks, light mandrel and die marks, shallow pits, and scale pattern will not be considered injurious if the imperfections are removable within the tolerances specified for wall thickness but removal of such surface imperfections is not required.

3.5.2.1 When specified, the tubing, either with or without machining of the surface, shall pass magnetic particle inspection in accordance with AMS 2640. Standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.6 Sizes: Except when exact lengths or multiples of exact lengths are ordered, straight tubing will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 - 20 ft (1.8 - 6.1 m) but not more than 10% of any shipment shall be supplied in lengths shorter than 10 ft (3 m).

3.7 Tolerances: Unless otherwise specified, tolerances shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2253.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS: