



Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Ferritic/Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubing for General Service¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification² covers grades of nominal wall thickness, stainless steel tubing for services requiring general corrosion resistance, with particular emphasis on resistance to stress corrosion cracking. These steels are susceptible to embrittlement if used for prolonged periods at elevated temperatures.

NOTE 1—For tubing smaller than 1/2 in. [12.7 mm] in outside diameter, the elongation values given for strip specimens in Table 1 shall apply. Mechanical property requirements do not apply to tubing smaller than 1/8 in. [3.2 mm] in outside diameter or with walls thinner than 0.015 in. [0.4 mm].

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification. The inch-pound units shall apply unless the *M* designation of this specification is specified in the order.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 450/A 450M Specification for General Requirements for Carbon, Ferritic Alloy, and Austenitic Alloy Steel Tubes³

A 480/A 480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip⁴

A 941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys³

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)³

2.2 SAE Standard:⁵

TABLE 1 Tensile and Hardness Requirements

UNS Designation	Tensile Strength, min, ksi [MPa]	Yield Strength, min, ksi [MPa]	Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm, min, %	Hardness, max	
				Brinell	Rockwell C
S31803	90 [620]	65 [450]	25	290	30.5
S32205	95 [655]	70 [485]	25	290	30.5
S31500	92 [630]	64 [440]	30	290	30.5
S32550	110 [760]	80 [550]	15	297	31.5
S31200	100 [690]	65 [450]	25	280	...
S31260 ^A	100 [690]	65 [450]	25	290	30.5
S32001	90 [620]	65 [450]	25	290	30
S32304					
OD 1 in. [25 mm] and Under	100 [690]	65 [450]	25	...	...
OD over 1 in. [25 mm]	87 [600]	58 [400]	25	290	30.5
S39274	116 [800]	80 [550]	15	310	...
S32750	116 [800]	80 [550]	15	310	32
S32760	109 [750]	80 [550]	25	300	...
S32900	90 [620]	70 [485]	20	271	28
S32950 ^B	100 [690]	70 [480]	20	290	30.5
S39277	120 [825]	90 [620]	25	290	30
S32520	112 [770]	80 [550]	25	310	...
S32906					
Wall below 0.40 in. (10 mm)	116 [800]	94 [650]	25	310	32
Wall 0.40 in. (10 mm) and above	109 [750]	80 [550]	25	310	32

^A Prior to A 789/A 789M – 87, the values for S31260 were: 92 ksi tensile strength, 54 ksi yield strength, and 30 % elongation.

^B Prior to A 789/A 789M – 89, the tensile strength value was 90 ksi for UNS S32950.

SAE J 1086 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A 941.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following, as required, to describe the desired material adequately:

4.1.1 Quantity (feet, metres, or number of lengths),

4.1.2 Name of material (seamless or welded tubes),

4.1.3 Grade (see Table 2),

4.1.4 Size (outside diameter and nominal wall thickness),

4.1.5 Length (specific or random),

4.1.6 Optional requirements (product analysis for welded

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications, see related Specification SA-789 in Section II of that Code.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

⁵ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements

UNS Designation ^A	C	Mn	P	S	Si	Ni	Cr	Mo	N	Cu	Others
S31803	0.030 max	2.00 max	0.030 max	0.020 max	1.00 max	4.5–6.5	21.0–23.0	2.5–3.5	0.08–0.20	...	...
S32205	0.030 max	2.00 max	0.030 max	0.020 max	1.00 max	4.5–6.5	22.0–23.0	3.0–3.5	0.14–0.20	...	...
S31500	0.030 max	1.20–2.00	0.030 max	0.030 max	1.40–2.00	4.3–5.2	18.0–19.0	2.50–3.00	0.05–0.1	...	...
S32550	0.04 max	1.50 max	0.040 max	0.030 max	1.00 max	4.5–6.5	24.0–27.0	2.9–3.9	0.10–0.25	1.50–2.50	...
S31200	0.030 max	2.00 max	0.045 max	0.030 max	1.00 max	5.5–6.5	24.0–26.0	1.20–2.00	0.14–0.20	...	...
S31260	0.030 max	1.00 max	0.030 max	0.030 max	0.75 max	5.5–7.5	24.0–26.0	2.5–3.5	0.10–0.30	0.20–0.80	W 0.10–0.50
S32001	0.030 max	4.00–6.00	0.040 max	0.030 max	1.00 max	1.0–3.0	19.5–21.5	0.60 max	0.05–0.17	1.00 max	...
S32304	0.030 max	2.50 max	0.040 max	0.040 max	1.00 max	3.0–5.5	21.5–24.5	0.05–0.60	0.05–0.20	0.05–0.60	...
S39274	0.030 max	1.00 max	0.030 max	0.020 max	0.80 max	6.0–8.0	24.0–26.0	2.5–3.5	0.24–0.32	0.20–0.80	W 1.50–2.50
S32750	0.030 max	1.20 max	0.035 max	0.020 max	0.80 max	6.0–8.0	24.0–26.0	3.0–5.0	0.24–0.32	0.50 max	...
S32760	0.05 max	1.00 max	0.030 max	0.010 max	1.00 max	6.0–8.0	24.0–26.0	3.0–4.0	0.20–0.30	0.50–1.00	W 0.50–1.00 40 min ^B
S32900	0.08 max	1.00 max	0.040 max	0.030 max	0.75 max	2.5–5.0	23.0–28.0	1.00–2.00	...	...	...
S32950	0.030 max	2.00 max	0.035 max	0.010 max	0.60 max	3.5–5.2	26.0–29.0	1.00–2.50	0.15–0.35	...	...
S39277	0.025 max	0.80 max	0.025 max	0.002 max	0.80 max	6.5–8.0	24.0–26.0	3.00–4.00	0.23–0.33	1.20–2.00	W 0.80–1.21
S32520	0.030 max	1.50 max	0.035 max	0.020 max	0.80 max	5.5–8.0	23.0–25.0	3.–5.	0.20–0.35	0.50–3.00	...
S32906	0.030 max	1.50 max 0.80 min	0.030 max	0.030 max	0.50 max	7.5 max 5.8 min	30.0 max 28.0 min	2.60 max 1.50 min	0.40 .30	0.80...	...

^A New designation established in accordance with Practice E 527 and SAE J1086.

^B % Cr + 3.3 × % Mo + 16 × % N.

tubes, Section 9; hydrostatic test or nondestructive electric test, Section 11),

4.1.7 Test report required (section on inspection of Specification A 450/A 450M),

4.1.8 Specification designation, and

4.1.9 Special requirements.

5. General Requirements

5.1 Material furnished under this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of Specification A 450/A 450M, unless otherwise provided herein.

6. Manufacture

6.1 The tubes shall be made by the seamless or welded process with no filler metal added.

7. Heat Treatment

7.1 All tubes shall be furnished in the heat-treated condition in accordance with the procedures shown in Table 3. For seamless tubes, as an alternate to final heat treatment in a continuous furnace or batch-type furnace, immediately following hot forming while the temperature of the tubes is not less than the specified minimum solution treatment temperature, tubes may be individually quenched in water or rapidly cooled by other means.

8. Chemical Composition

8.1 The steel shall conform to the chemical requirements prescribed in Table 2.

9. Product Analysis

9.1 An analysis of either one billet or one length of flat-rolled stock or one tube shall be made from each heat. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified.

9.2 A product analysis tolerance of Table labeled A1.1 in Specification A 480/A 480M shall apply. The product analysis tolerance is not applicable to the carbon content for material with a specified maximum carbon of 0.04 % or less.

TABLE 3 Heat Treatment

UNS Designation	Temperature	Quench
S31803	1870–2010°F [1020–1100°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32205	1870–2010°F [1020–1100°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S31500	1800–1900°F [980–1040°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32550	1900°F [1040°C] min	rapid cooling in air or water
S31200	1920–2010°F [1050–1100°C]	rapid cooling in water
S31260	1870–2010°F [1020–1100°C]	rapid cooling in water
S32001	1800–1950°F [982–1066°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32304	1700–1920°F [925–1050°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S39274	1920–2060°F [1025–1125°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32750	1880–2060°F [1025–1125°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32760	2010–2085°F [1100–1140°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32900	1700–1750°F [925–955°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32950	1820–1880°F [990–1025°C]	air cool
S39277	1975–2155°F [1080–1180°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32520	1975–2050°F [1080–1120°C]	rapid cooling in air or water
S32906	1900–1980°F [1040–1080°C]	rapid cooling in air or water

9.3 If the original test for product analysis fails, retests of two additional billets, lengths of flat-rolled stock, or tubes shall be made. Both retests for the elements in question shall meet the requirements of this specification; otherwise, all remaining material in the heat or lot (see Note 2) shall be rejected or, at the option of the producer, each billet or tube may be individually tested for acceptance. Billets, lengths of flat-rolled stock, or tubes that do not meet the requirements of this specification shall be rejected.

NOTE 2—For flange and flaring requirements, the term *lot* applies to all



tubes prior to cutting of the same nominal size and wall thickness that are produced from the same heat of steel. When final heat treatment is in a batch-type furnace, a lot shall include only those tubes of the same size and from the same heat that are heat treated in the same furnace charge. When the final heat treatment is in a continuous furnace, or when heat treated condition is obtained directly by quenching after hot forming, the number of tubes of the same size and from the same heat in a lot shall be determined from the size of the tubes as prescribed in Table 4.

NOTE 3—For tension and hardness test requirements, the term *lot* applies to all tubes prior to cutting, of the same nominal diameter and wall thickness that are produced from the same heat of steel. When final heat treatment is in a batch-type furnace, a lot shall include only those tubes of the same size and the same heat that are heat treated in the same furnace charge. When the final heat treatment is in a continuous furnace, or when heat treated condition is obtained directly by quenching after hot forming, a lot shall include all tubes of the same size and heat, heat treated in the same furnace at the same temperature, time at heat, and furnace speed, or all tubes of the same size and heat, hot formed and quenched in the same production run.

10. Mechanical Tests Required

10.1 Tension Tests—One tension test shall be made on a specimen for lots of not more than 50 tubes. Tension tests shall be made on specimens from two tubes for lots of more than 50 tubes (see Note 3).

10.2 Flaring Test (for Seamless Tubes)—One test shall be made on specimens from one end of one tube from each lot (see Note 2) of finished tubes. The minimum expansion of the inside diameter shall be 10 %.

10.3 Flange Test (for Welded Tubes)—One test shall be made on specimens from one end of one tube from each lot (see Note 2) of finished tubes.

10.4 Hardness Test—Brinell or Rockwell hardness tests shall be made on specimens from two tubes from each lot (see Note 3).

10.5 When more than one heat is involved, the tension, flaring, flanging, and hardness test requirements shall apply to each heat.

10.6 Reverse Flattening Test—For welded tubes, one reverse flattening test shall be made on a specimen from each

1500 ft [450 m] of finished tubing.

11. Hydrostatic or Nondestructive Electric Test

11.1 Each tube shall be subjected to the nondestructive electric test or the hydrostatic test. The type of test to be used shall be at the option of the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified in the purchase order.

11.2 The hydrostatic test shall be in accordance with Specification A 450/A 450M, except that in the calculation of the hydrostatic test pressure 64000(441.2) shall be substituted for 32000(220.6).

12. Tensile and Hardness Properties

12.1 The material shall conform to the tensile and hardness properties prescribed in Table 1.

13. Permissible Variations in Dimensions

13.1 Variations in outside diameter, wall thickness, and length from those specified shall not exceed the amounts prescribed in Table 5.

13.2 The permissible variations in outside diameter given in Table 5 are not sufficient to provide for ovality in thin-walled tubes, as defined in the table. In such tubes, the maximum and minimum diameters at any cross section shall deviate from the nominal diameter by no more than twice the permissible variation in outside diameter given in Table 5; however, the mean diameter at that cross section must still be within the given permissible variation.

14. Surface Condition

14.1 All tubes shall be free of excessive mill scale, suitable for inspection. A slight amount of oxidation will not be considered as scale. Any special finish requirements shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

15. Product Marking

15.1 In addition to the marking prescribed in Specification A 450/A 450M, the marking shall indicate whether the tubing is seamless or welded.

16. Keywords

16.1 duplex stainless steel; ferritic/austenitic stainless steel; seamless steel tube; stainless steel tube; steel tube; welded steel tube

TABLE 4 Number of Tubes in a Lot Heat Treated by the Continuous Process or by Direct Quench after Hot Forming

Table with 2 columns: Size of Tube, Size of Lot. It lists three categories of tube sizes and their corresponding maximum lot sizes (50, 75, and 125 tubes).

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Dimensions

Group	Size, Outside Diameter, in. [mm]	Permissible Variations in Outside Diameter, in. [mm]	Permissible Variations in Wall Thickness, ^A %	Permissible Variations in Cut Length, in. ^B [mm]		Thin Walled Tubes ^C
				Over	Under	
1	Up to ½ [12.7], excl	±0.005 [0.13]	±15	⅛ [3]	0	...
2	½ to 1½ [12.7 to 38.1], excl	±0.005 [0.13]	±10	⅛ [3]	0	less than 0.065 in. [1.6 mm] nominal
3	1½ to 3½ [38.1 to 88.9], excl	±0.010 [0.25]	±10	⅜ [5]	0	less than 0.095 in. [2.4 mm] nominal
4	3½ to 5½ [88.9 to 139.7], excl	±0.015 [0.38]	±10	⅜ [5]	0	less than 0.150 in. [3.8 mm] nominal
5	5½ to 8 [139.7 to 203.2], incl	±0.030 [0.76]	±10	⅜ [5]	0	less than 0.150 in. [3.8 mm] nominal

^A When tubes as ordered require wall thicknesses ⅜ in. [19 mm] or over, or an inside diameter 60 % or less of the outside diameter, a wider variation in wall thickness is required. On such sizes a variation in wall thickness of 12.5 % over or under will be permitted.

For tubes less than ⅜ in. [12.7 mm] in inside diameter that cannot be successfully drawn over a mandrel, the wall thickness may vary ± 15 % from that specified.

^B These tolerances apply to cut lengths up to and including 24 ft [7.3 m]. For lengths greater than 24 ft [7.3 m], the above over-tolerances shall be increased by ⅛ in. [3 mm] for each 10 ft [3 m] or fraction thereof over 24 ft or ⅜ in. [13 mm], whichever is the lesser.

^C Ovality provisions of 13.2 apply.

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary requirement shall apply only when specified by the purchaser in the inquiry, contract, or order.

S1. Air-Underwater Pressure Test

S1.1 When specified, each tube shall be examined by the air underwater pressure test.

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