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SPECIFICATION**

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STEEL TUBING, SEAMLESS, CORROSION AND MODERATE HEAT RESISTANT
16.5Cr - 4.5Ni - 2.9Mo - 0.10N
Annealed

1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form: This specification covers a corrosion and moderate heat resistant steel in the form of seamless tubing.

1.2 Application: Primarily for parts and assemblies, such as fluid lines, requiring high strength and oxidation resistance up to 800°F (425°C).

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 SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096.

2.1.1 Aerospace Material Specifications:

AMS 2243 - Tolerances, Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steel Tubing
AMS 2248 - Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Corrosion and
Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys, Maraging, and Other
Highly-Alloyed Steels, and Iron Alloys

AMS 2350 - Standards and Test Methods

AMS 2371 - Quality Assurance Sampling of Corrosion and Heat Resistant
Steels and Alloys, Wrought Products Except Forgings and
Forging Stock

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ASTM E8 - Tension Testing of Metallic Materials

ASTM E353 - Chemical Analysis of Stainless, Heat-Resisting, Maraging, and Other Similar Chromium-Nickel-Iron Alloys

- 2.3 U.S. 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

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.1 Composition: Shall conform to the following percentages by weight, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E353, by spectrographic methods in accordance with Federal Test Method Standard No. 151, Method 112, or by other analytical methods approved by purchaser:

	min	max
Carbon	0.08 -	0.12
Manganese	0.50 -	1.25
Silicon	--	0.50
Phosphorus	--	0.040
Sulfur	--	0.030
Chromium	16.00 -	17.00
Nickel	4.00 -	5.00
Molybdenum	2.50 -	3.25
Nitrogen	0.07 -	0.13

- 3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the requirements of AMS 2248.

- 3.2 Condition: Cold drawn, annealed, and descaled.

- 3.3 Fabrication: Tubing shall be produced by a seamless process. Any surface finishing operation applied to remove objectionable pits and surface blemishes shall be performed prior to final anneal. A light polish to improve surface appearance may be employed after anneal. Passivation treatment shall follow any polishing operation.

- 3.4 Heat Treatment: Tubing shall be annealed by heating to 1850° - 1975°F (1010° - 1080°C), holding at heat for not less than 90 min. per inch (25 mm) of wall thickness, and quenching in water or otherwise cooling as rapidly as possible to room temperature.

3.5 Properties: Tubing shall conform to the following requirements:

3.5.1 As Received:

3.5.1.1 Flarability: Specimens as in 4.3.1 from tubing 0.500 - 2.000 in. (12.50 - 50.00 mm), incl, shall withstand, without formation of cracks or other visible defects, flaring at room temperature by being forced axially with steady pressure over a hardened and polished tapered steel pin having a 74 deg included angle to produce a flare having a permanent expanded OD not less than 1.20 times the original nominal OD.

3.5.1.1.1 Flarability requirements for tubing having nominal OD less than 0.500 in. (12.50 mm) or greater than 2.000 in. (50.00 mm) shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.5.2 After Reannealing, Precipitation Hardening, and Tempering: Tubing shall have the following properties after being reannealed by heating to $1710^{\circ}\text{F} + 25$ ($930^{\circ}\text{C} + 15$), holding at heat for not less than 90 min. per inch (25 mm) of wall thickness, and cooling in air to room temperature, heating to $1375^{\circ}\text{F} + 25$ ($745^{\circ}\text{C} + 15$), holding at heat for not less than 1 hr, cooling in air to room temperature, heating to $850^{\circ}\text{F} + 25$ ($455^{\circ}\text{C} + 15$), holding at heat for not less than 3 hr, and cooling in air to room temperature:

3.5.2.1 Tensile Properties: Shall be as follows, determined in accordance with ASTM E8:

Tensile Strength, min	165,000 psi (1140 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset, min	130,000 psi (895 MPa)
Elongation in 2 in. (50 mm), min	10%

3.6 Quality: Tubing, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition and shall have a finish conforming to the best practice for high quality aircraft tubing. It shall be smooth and free from heavy scale or oxide, burrs, seams, tears, grooves, laminations, slivers, pits, and other imperfections detrimental to usage of the tubing. 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.

3.6.1 When specified by purchaser, tubing shall be subjected to nondestructive testing. Methods of testing and standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.7 Sizes: Except when exact lengths or multiples of exact lengths are ordered, straight tubing will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 - 20 ft (2 - 6 m) but not more than 10% of any shipment shall be supplied in lengths shorter than 10 ft (3 m).

3.8 Tolerances: Unless otherwise specified, tolerances shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2243.

4. QUALITY ASSUPANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection: The vendor of tubing shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Results of such tests shall be reported to the purchaser as required by 4.4. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the tubing conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

4.2.1 Acceptance Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for composition (3.1), and tolerances (3.8) are classified as acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.2.2 Periodic Tests: Tests to determine conformance to requirements for flarability (3.5.1.1) and tensile properties (3.5.2.1) are classified as periodic tests and shall be performed at a frequency selected by the vendor unless frequency of testing is specified by purchaser.

4.3 Sampling: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2371 and the following:

4.3.1 Specimens for flarability test (3.5.1.1) shall be full tubes or sections cut from tubes. The end of the specimen to be flared shall be cut square, with the cut end smooth and free from burrs, but not rounded.

4.4 Reports:

4.4.1 The vendor of tubing shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition of each heat and, when performed, results of tests to determine conformance to the periodic test requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, AMS 5554A, size, and quantity from each heat.

4.4.2 The vendor of finished or semi-finished parts shall furnish with each shipment three copies of a report showing the purchase order number, AMS 5554A, contractor or other direct supplier of tubing, part number, and quantity. When tubing for making parts is produced or purchased by the parts vendor, that vendor shall inspect each lot of tubing to determine conformance to the requirements of this specification and shall include in the report either a statement that the tubing conforms or copies of laboratory reports showing the results of tests to determine conformance.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting: Shall be in accordance with AMS 2371.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Identification: Tubing shall be identified as follows: