



**Product: SEAMLESS STEEL TUBES (for BOILERS)**

**Revision record:**

- Rev 08:** 21.09.04: UT as per BS EN 10246-7, in lieu of ASTM E 213
- Rev 09:** 31/12/05: Cl 5.0 - mention of shape and size of tensile test specimen on TC introduces
- Rev 10:** 29/12/07: Cl 1.0, 3.0, 6.0, 7.0, 11.0 and 12.0 modified.
- Rev 11:** 19/05/09: Cl 8.0 – Modified. Cl 9.0 – Marking details included in line with material specification.
- Rev 12:** 08/06/11: Cl 1.0- SA 213 T12, T92 and T23 removed from this TDC. Cl 2.0 Process of Manufacture – Clarified. Cl 9.0- Stenciling and colour coding modified. Cl 12.0- Modified.
- Rev 13:** 04/07/11: Cl 6.0: Modified, Cl 9.0 – Marking: Correction made in the “Details to be identified”
- Rev 14:** 26/10/12: Cl 2.0, 6.0 and 12.0 modified
- Rev 15:** 19/02/2016: TDC: 0:124 requirements merged in this TDC. And Cl 1 modified; Cl 2 modified to include polygonization requirements; Cl 4– heat treatment temperature added for Gr 91; Cl 5– lot size for mechanical tests defined & additional requirements of Gr 23, 91 & 92 added; Cl 6, 7, 9 – modified; Cl 10 –Preservation requirements modified; Cl 11 – modified; Cl 12-changed as per latest IBR including MAWP requirements.
- Rev 16:** 13/10/2017: Clause 1 & 12 modified to include raw material requirements and certification in IBR Form IV. Clause 5 (f) added to include creep requirements.
- Rev 17:** Dt: 20/04/2018 - Cl 2 added to include Billet/Bloom Requirements, Cl. 3 modified, Cl. 6(f) modified, Cl. 13.3 (k) added to include mill TC certification

**1. MATERIALS**

Specification: ASME (Latest as on the date of Enquiry/PO, whichever is earlier):

- Carbon Steel (CS) : SA 192; SA 210 Gr. A1 & Gr. C
- Alloy Steel (AS) : SA 209 Gr.T1, SA 213 Gr. T11, T12, T22, T23 (Code case: 2199), T91 and T92 (Code Case: 2179).
- Stainless Steel (SS) : SA 213 TP 304H, 316, 321, 321H, 347H; UNS No: S30432 (Code Case: 2328, Super 304).
- Additional Requirement : As listed below (Supplementary to above material specifications)
- Size and Quantity : As per Purchase order

**2. BILLET/BLOOM REQUIREMENTS:**

*The billets/blooms shall be fully killed and vacuum degassed. Ultrasonic testing shall be carried out on rolled and forged billets/ blooms as per ASTM A388 and acceptance criteria shall be as per ASME Sec VIII Div2 Cl.3.3.4. Ladle analysis is required for all steels. Chemistry shall be controlled as given below for below specified grades. For all other grades, it shall be as per applicable material specifications:*

- i. Carbon Steel: Max. Carbon: SA 210 Gr.A1: 0.25%, SA 210 Gr.C: 0.30%*
- ii. For SA 213 T12: Aluminum: 0.025% max; Silicon: 0.20%min. on product analysis and the values shall be reported in the test certificate.*
- iii. Stainless Steel (SS): Boron: 0.01% max., Vanadium: 0.10% max.*

*a) Micro examination for rolled bloom shall be carried out as below:*

*The Specimen for Testing shall be taken on longitudinal plane, midway between the center and surface of the material. The 'Inclusion content of the steel', measured as per ASTM E45 shall not exceed the following.*

Classification							
Type 'A'		Type 'B'		Type 'C'		Type 'D'	
Thin	Heavy	Thin	Heavy	Thin	Heavy	Thin	Heavy
2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1

*Micro examination for forged bloom shall be carried out as below:*

- 1. Thick series 0.5 allowed.*
- 2. Thin series 2 max.*

*b) Macroetch test (Concast and rolled blooms): One sample of complete cross-section of a bloom (Bar) for each Heat/ Melt Number shall be examined in accordance with ASTM E381. The reference plates shall be as follows.*

- i) For the blooms made by Concast Method (Plate — II & III) and*
- ii) For the blooms made by Rolled & Forged Method. (Plate I & II).*
- iii) The Macro structure shall be better than or equal to C2 R2 S2 of ASTM E381 (Plate I & II)*

*Injurious defects of any category like Surface cracks, Pipe/center void, Star crack, center unsoundness, Dark center, Pin holes, White bands, Chill structure, and Dendritic structure (strong) - are not allowed.*

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Photo of Macrograph shall be provided along with test certificates per Heat/ Melt.

- c) The billet/bloom shall conform to the chemical and process requirements of respective tube specifications. The billet/bloom shall be sourced from IBR well known steel makers or with inspection and certification by IBR authorized Inspecting Authority in case the mill is not approved by IBR. Mill test certificate shall be submitted to BHEL.

### 3. CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE OF TUBES

- a) **Carbon Steel & Alloy Steel:** Tubes shall be seamless and made by processes specified below:

1. All tubes shall be cold formed in case of "t/D" ratios > 0.15, where "t" is the specified nominal wall thickness and "D" is the specified nominal OD of the tube.
2. Tubes may be cold formed or hot formed in case of "t/D" ratios upto and including 0.15.
3. The degree of polygonization (P), measured as indicated in Fig.1 & calculated using the below formula, shall not exceed 15% in both the above cases:

$$P = \{[\sum S_B - \sum S_A] / [0.135*(3D - \sum S_A)]\} * 100$$

where, P is the degree of polygonization in %

D is the specified nominal OD of the tube

$\sum S_B$  is the sum of maximum tube wall thicknesses measured at 6 locations 60 degrees apart and

$\sum S_A$  is the sum of minimum tube wall thicknesses measured at 6 locations 60 degrees apart.

Wall thickness shall be measured using profile projector/shadowgraph/digital scanner/any other suitable instrument meant for this purpose.

Definition of the measure points:

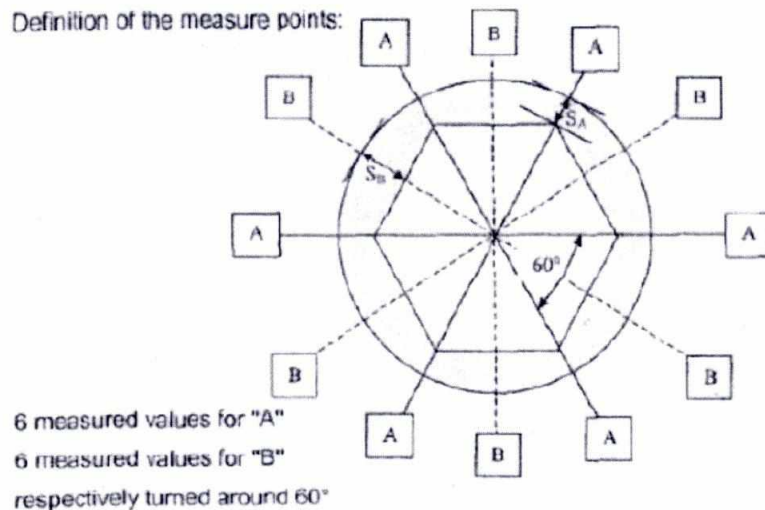


Fig. 1

**Stainless Steel:** Tubes shall be seamless and cold finished. All raw materials used in steel making including incoming scrap shall be checked by supplier to ensure freedom from radioactivity (Applicable for SS materials only).

- b) Product analysis on tubes is required for all steels. Chemistry shall be controlled as per applicable material specifications and the elements including Aluminium & Silicon (for T12), Boron & Vanadium (for Stainless steel) as indicated in Clause 2 shall also be reported in the product analysis.

### 4. DIMENSIONAL TOLERANCES

- a) For Cold finished tubes: CS: as per SA 450; for AS & SS shall be as per SA 1016.  
Tolerance on thickness shall be: For OD ≤ 38.1 mm: -0% to +20% and For OD > 38.1 mm: -0% to +22%
- b) For hot finished tubes the tolerance shall be as follows:  
For Outside Diameter: ± 0.4mm.  
For Thickness: -0% to +22% t > 4.5 mm  
-0% to +24% t between 3.6 and 4.5 mm (both inclusive)  
-0% to +28% t < 3.6mm



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## 5. HEAT TREATMENT

**CS Hot finished:** No Heat Treatment required.

**CS Cold finished:** Subcritical annealed (temperature  $\geq 650^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), fully annealed or normalized.

**AS:** Normalized and Tempered. For SA213 T23, T91 & T92: Normalizing: 1050-1080°C & Tempering: 750-780°C. (The total thickness of the decarburized material (Both on ID & OD of the tube together) shall be measured once per Heat treatment lot. The measurement shall be determined from a representative sample that has been sectioned, polished, etched and examined at 100X. The total decarburization thickness shall not exceed 7% of the specified minimum wall thickness and shall be reported in the test certificate.)

**SS:** Solution Annealed condition as per material specification.

## 6. MECHANICAL TESTS

a) As per specification. Quantum of test: As per specification – For each nominal size per heat per heat treatment batch (Minimum 2 tubes for first 100 tubes and 1 per 100 or part thereof for tubes over 100 numbers, as per IBR).

b) Tension test required for SA 192. **Acceptance:** explanatory note in Specification. Hardness for SA 192: 120 HBW (max).

c) For tension tests the shape and size of the specimen shall be mentioned on the Test Certificate (viz., Full tube tensile or strip tensile or round tensile).

d) Additionally, the material supplied shall meet the requirements as below:

**T91**-Tensile strength: Min: 630MPa, Max: 850MPa; Yield Strength: Min: 450MPa; Hardness (HBW): Min: 195/Max: 250

**T92**-Tensile strength: Min: 620 MPa, Max: 850 MPa; Hardness (HBW): Min: 190 / Max:250

**T23**-Tensile strength: Min: 510 MPa, Max: 730 MPa; Hardness (HBW): Min: 150 / Max:220

e) **Charpy Impact V-Notch Test at the mill as per SA 370 for SA 213 T23:**

- **Impact testing frequency** - minimum of two tubes per each heat treatment lot produced.
- **V-Notch Impact test procedure & specimen size as per ASME SA 370.**
- **Test temperature:** 20°C.
- **Acceptance:** All specimens shall absorb energies at or above 40 ft-lb (55Joules) for a full size specimen (10mm thickness). The energy requirement is proportionally reduced for sub-size specimens as specified in ASME SA 370, Table 9.
- The fracture surfaces on all specimens must exhibit 100% ductile appearance regardless of the absorbed energy values obtained.
- Any specimen exhibiting an absorbed energy less than 40 ft-lb (55Joules) or less than 100% ductile behavior shall constitute permanent rejection of the entire lot of tubing.

f) *Creep testing shall be carried out as per SIP:RM:01 (latest revision) whenever indicated in the Enquiry/Purchase Order/Engineering Drawing.*

## 7. NON DESTRUCTIVE TEST (In-house Automated Online Testing Only)

a) Each tube shall be examined full section over its entire length.

**Ultrasonic Testing:** For thickness  $\geq 3.6$  mm to be conducted as per ASTM E213. Calibration: 2 axial 50mm long notches, one in outer surface and the other in inside surface. For OD <30 mm, one notch in outer surface only. Notch depth: 5% of wall thickness (Min. 0.3 mm, Max: 1.5 mm). Scanning: clockwise & anti-clockwise.

**Eddy current Test:** For thickness < 3.6mm, as per ASTM E309 /E426 as applicable, Calibration: Longitudinal notch depth: 5% of wall thickness (Min. of 0.3 mm) or drilled hole as per SA 106.

b) SS: Finished tubes shall be checked for radioactive contamination and reported. Survey meter shall be used to measure at 5cm near the surface. **Acceptance limits:** Shall be less than 0.1 milli Rontgen (mR) per hour or 1 micro Sievert per hour.



c) The residual magnetism in all finished tubes, measured with field indicator, shall be limited to 5 gauss maximum.

#### 8. HYDROSTATIC TEST

Extent of test: On all tubes of thickness < 3.6 mm as per SA 450 Cl 22.3 with S=80% of specified min. yield strength at room temperature. For others if specified in Purchase Order. Acceptance: No leak shall be permitted.

#### 9. FINISH AND REPAIR

Inside and outside surfaces are shall be free from scales and defects like laps, seams, folds, cracks, pitting etc. Repairs by welding are prohibited. Surface defects can be removed mechanically, ensuring smooth curved surface and maintaining specified minimum thickness without affecting the workmanlike finish.

#### 10. MARKING: (in English only)

a) **Details to be identified:** Tubes shall be marked repeatedly & continuously along its entire length with the following details as indicated below:

(1) PO Number, (2) Maker's emblem/code, (3) Specification & grade, (4) Code case (if applicable) (5) Heat number, (6) Size (OD x Thickness x Length, in mm), (7) No. of tubes, (8) Inspector's seal, (9) Condition: Hot finished or Cold Finished, (10) Tube Minimum Wall Thickness Designation (For SA 213 Spec only).

- Below OD 31.8mm. (Excl.) – SI Nos:1 to 10 to be stamped on metal/plastic tag attached to bundle.
- OD 31.8-76.1mm. (Incl.) - SI Nos: 1 to 6, 9 and 10 to be paint stenciled, repeatedly through the entire length of each tube. Also SI.No:1 to 10 to be stamped on Metal/Plastic tag attached to bundle.
- OD>76.1 mm- SI Nos: 2 to 6 & 8 to be hard stamped with round edge stamp at 100mm from both ends and SI No:1 to 6, 9 and 10 to be paint stenciled on each tube.

b) **Colour Coding:** Continuous longitudinal colour coding shall be done on the entire length of all tubes, without masking stenciling. If more than one color is to be applied on the tubes then, colour bands shall be adjacent. Colour coding scheme as per Procedure SIP: PP: 21 (latest).

#### 11. PRESERVATION:

All tubes, except SS, shall have Rust Preventive Fluid (RPF) coating on the external surface as follows: The Tubes shall be coated with suitable RPF with minimum DFT of 50 microns. RPF coated steel surfaces shall be capable of withstanding salt spray corrosion test for minimum 1000 hours. The RPF coating should be sea worthy, ensuring freedom from corrosion when transported through sea voyage. The RPF coating shall get dried and shall be a transparent coating, so that it is possible to see the tube surface clearly as well as read any stenciled matter on tube surface. The inside surface of the tube shall be protected with volatile corrosive rust inhibitor. Rust preventive coating shall withstand at least one year storage at open yard from receipt of materials. The supplier shall stand guarantee for this. SS tubes to be surface treated as per ASTM A380 both inside and outside. Tube ends shall be closed with push type plastic end caps/plugs secured tightly to avoid entry of water during transportation and storage.

#### 12. PACKING:

Tubes of thickness  $\leq 2.5$ mm, shall be packed in boxes and others in bundles. Tubes of thickness  $\geq 6.5$  mm and OD  $\geq 88.9$  can be shipped loose. Bundles to be  $\leq 4$  tons of equal no. of tubes, fastened with galvanized strap (1x25mm.min.) or annealed wire for CS & AS and by Nylon strap for SS at both ends & at 1m interval in between. Wooden pallets/cardboard to cover tubes are not permitted.

#### 13. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION:

13.1 Products shall be inspected at works and the applicable IBR Form must be Countersigned by the Inspecting Authority as indicated below:

**Imported Items:** Inspecting Authority approved by IBR for the Country of origin (To be concurred by BHEL before placing PO.)

**Indigenously Supply:** Director of Boilers/Chief Inspector of Boilers/Inspecting Authority approved by IBR, for the respective state.

13.2 Certification in IBR Form III-B for finished tubes from “IBR-Well Known Tube Maker” or “Inspecting Authority”, as applicable, shall be submitted to BHEL. Also, certification in IBR Form IV for the raw



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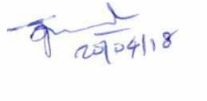


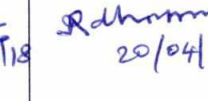

material signed by “IBR-Well Known Steel Maker” or “Inspecting Authority”, as applicable, shall be submitted to BHEL. Refer to BHEL Engineering Drawing: 4-03-000-00061 (Latest Rev) for MAWP values for various material grades & sizes at various temperatures.

13.3 **Additionally, Manufacturer’s Test certificate(MTC)** (ORIGINAL in ENGLISH) with following details shall be submitted to BHEL:

- Purchase Order No. (BHEL), TDC No and its Rev No, Test certificate No., Size and Quantity-Melt wise.
- Specification and Grade with year of code, Code case number (if applicable), Heat Number, Steel & Tube making process, chemistry including incidental elements-Ladle and product Analysis.
- Heat Treatment details with actual temperature and soaking time
- Mechanical test results
- Detailed NDE report with reference norms, acceptance standards and test results.
- Grain size, as applicable.
- Decarburization layer thickness
- Certification for compliance to residual magnetism
- Certification for minimum DFT of rust preventive coating
- Creep test report for minimum of 1,000 hours as per Cl. 5(f) (only for IBR applications).
- Mill test certificate of the raw material (billets/blooms) as per Cl. 2.*

**In the MTC a clause for Certificate of Compliance** (as per SA1016) shall be added stating that: All materials/components supplied to Purchase Order meet all requirements contained in the PO, this Technical delivery conditions and applicable ASME specifications.

13.4 For SS: Measured Radioactivity levels shall be reported in the Mill Test Certificate and shall be submitted to BHEL.

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