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Steel Tubing, Seamless  
0.50Cr - 0.55Ni - 0.20Mo (0.28 - 0.33C)  
(SAE 8630)

(Composition similar to UNS 86300)

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**1. SCOPE:****1.1 Form:**

This specification covers an aircraft-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of seamless tubing.

**1.2 Application:**

Primarily for use where welding and moderate tensile properties are required. May be used where minimum tensile strength up to 180,000 psi (1240 MPa) is required for wall thicknesses up to 0.125 in. (3 mm) and proportionately lower strength is required in heavier thicknesses.

**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 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 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 E350, 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	0.33	0.38
Manganese	0.75	1.00
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.40	0.60
Nickel	0.40	0.70
Molybdenum	0.20	0.30
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 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 Inches	Tensile Strength psi, min	Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset psi, min	Elongation in 2 in. %, min Full Tube	Elongation in 2 in. %, min Strip
Up to 0.500, excl	Up to 0.188, incl	100,000	85,000	8	-
Up to 0.500, excl	Over 0.188	95,000	80,000	10	-
0.500 and over	Up to 0.188, incl	100,000	85,000	12	7
0.500 and over	Over 0.188	95,000	80,000	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	Elongation in 50 mm %, min Strip
Up to 12.50, excl	Up to 4.75, incl	690	585	8	-
Up to 12.50, excl	Over 4.75	655	550	10	-
12.50 and over	Up to 4.75, incl	690	585	12	7
12.50 and over	Over 4.75	655	550	15	10

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

3.3.3 Decarburization:

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

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

3.3.3.3 Tubing to which 3.3.3.1 or 3.3.3.2 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	Depth of Partial Decarburization Inch OD	Depth of Partial Decarburization Inch 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 Millimetre ID	Depth of Partial Decarburization Millimetre OD	Depth of Partial Decarburization Millimetre ID+OD
Up to 1.00, incl	0.25T	0.25T	0.30T
Over 1.00 to 1.25, incl	0.022	0.022	0.30
Over 1.25 to 1.75, incl	0.25	0.25	0.35
Over 1.75 to 2.00, incl	0.30	0.30	0.40
Over 2.00 to 2.25, incl	0.35	0.35	0.45
Over 2.25 to 2.50, incl	0.38	0.38	0.50
Over 2.50 to 3.75, incl	0.42	0.42	0.55
Over 3.75 to 5.00, incl	0.50	0.50	0.65

- 3.3.3.3.1 Limits for depth of partial decarburization of tubing having nominal wall thickness over 0.200 in. (5.00 mm) shall be as agreed upon by purchaser and vendor.

3.3.3.4 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.

3.3.3.4.1 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. (0.12 mm) and the width is 0.065 in. (1.62 mm) or less.

#### 3.4 Quality:

3.4.1 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS 2301.

3.4.2 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 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 imperfections is not required.

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

#### 3.5 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).

#### 3.6 Tolerances:

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

### 4. QUALITY ASSURANCE 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), tensile properties (3.3.1), grain size (3.3.2), decarburization (3.3.3), AMS 2301 frequency-severity rating (3.4.1), and tolerances (3.6) 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 magnetic particle inspection (3.4.2.1), when specified, 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 2370.

#### 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, grain size, and AMS 2301 frequency-severity rating of each heat and for tensile properties of each lot. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat number, AMS 6535H, 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 6535H, 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 2370.

### 5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

#### 5.1 Identification:

Tubing shall be identified as follows:

- 5.1.1 Straight Tubes 0.029 In. (0.75 mm) and Over in Wall Thickness and 0.500 In. (12.50 mm) and Over in OD, Minor Axis, or Least Width of Flat Surface: Shall be marked in a row of characters recurring at intervals not greater than 3 ft (900 mm) with AMS 6535H, heat number, manufacturer's identification, and nominal wall thickness. The characters shall be of such size as to be legible, shall be applied using a suitable marking fluid, and shall be removable in hot alkaline cleaning solution without rubbing. The markings shall have no deleterious effect on the tubing or its performance and shall be sufficiently stable to withstand normal handling.