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Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Low-Carbon Steel Pipe for the Chemical Industry[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification[2] covers electric-resistance-welded low-carbon steel pipe intended for use as process lines.

1.2 Pipe ordered under this specification shall be suitable for severe forming operations involving flanging in all sizes and bending to close radii up to and including NPS 4.

1.3 This specification covers NPS ½ through 10, plus additional sizes. The corresponding outside diameters and wall thicknesses for NPS ½ through 10 are listed in Table 1, as are the dimensions for the additional sizes.

NOTE 1—The dimensionless designator NPS (nominal pipe size) has been substituted in this standard for such traditional terms as "nominal diameter," "size," and "nominal size."

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.5 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Sections 6, 12, and 13, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[3]

A53/A53M Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated, Welded and Seamless

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A530/A530M Specification for General Requirements for Specialized Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe

A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products

E213 Practice for Ultrasonic Testing of Metal Pipe and Tubing

E273 Practice for Ultrasonic Testing of the Weld Zone of Welded Pipe and Tubing

E309 Practice for Eddy-Current Examination of Steel Tubular Products Using Magnetic Saturation

E570 Practice for Flux Leakage Examination of Ferromagnetic Steel Tubular Products

3. Ordering Information

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

3.1.1 Quantity (feet or number of pieces),

3.1.2 Name of material (electric-resistance-welded steel pipe),

3.1.3 Size (NPS or outside diameter and wall thickness),

3.1.4 Length (definite cut length or random),

3.1.5 Test report required (see 14.2),

3.1.6 Specification number, and

3.1.7 Special requirements.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 *Process*—The steel shall be aluminum killed steel made by one or more of the following processes: open-hearth, basic-oxygen, or electric-furnace.

4.2 Steel may be cast in ingots or may be strand cast. When steels of different grades are sequentially strand cast, identification of the resultant transition material is required. The producer shall remove the transition material by any established procedure that positively separates the grades.

4.3 *Manufacture*—The pipe shall be made by electric resistance welding.

4.4 *Heat Treatment*—Pipe furnished in the as-welded condition shall be normalized at a temperature above the upper

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[2] For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-587 in Section II of that Code.

[3] For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

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TABLE 1 Tolerance for Outside Diameter and Wall Thickness

NPS Designator	Outside Diameter	Wall Thickness					
		Min	Nom	Max	Min	Nom	Max
		Inches					
—	0.8125 ± 0.004	0.095	0.103	0.111	0.129	0.140	0.151
½	0.840 ± 0.006	0.095	0.103	0.111	0.125	0.140	0.151
¾	1.050 ±0.006	0.099	0.108	0.117	0.135	0.147	0.159
—	1.0625 ± 0.006	0.099	0.108	0.117	0.135	0.147	0.159
—	1.3125 ± 0.006	0.116	0.126	0.136	0.157	0.171	0.185
1	1.315 ± 0.006	0.116	0.126	0.136	0.157	0.171	0.185
1¼	1.660 ± 0.007	0.121	0.132	0.143	0.167	0.182	0.197
—	1.875 ± 0.008	0.127	0.138	0.149	0.175	0.190	0.205
1½	1.900 ± 0.008	0.127	0.158	0.149	0.175	0.190	0.205
2	2.375 ± 0.010	0.135	0.147	0.159	0.191	0.208	0.225
3	3.500 ± 0.015	0.189	0.206	0.223	0.262	0.286	0.310
4	4.500 ± 0.017	0.207	0.226	0.245	0.295	0.322	0.349
6	6.625 ± .030	0.245	0.267	0.289	0.378	0.412	0.446
8	8.625 ± .040	0.282	0.308	0.334	0.438	0.478	0.518
10	10.750 ± .050	0.319	0.348	0.377	0.520	0.567	0.614
		Millimetres					
—	20.64 ± 0.10	2.41	2.62	2.82	3.28	3.56	3.84
½	21.30 ± 0.15	2.41	2.62	2.82	3.28	3.56	3.84
¾	26.70 ± 0.15	2.51	2.74	2.97	3.43	3.73	4.04
—	26.99 ± 0.15	2.51	2.74	2.97	3.43	3.73	4.04
—	33.34 ± 0.15	2.95	3.20	3.45	3.99	4.34	4.70
1	33.40 ± 0.15	2.95	3.20	3.45	3.99	4.34	4.70
1¼	42.16 ± 0.18	3.07	3.35	3.63	4.24	4.62	5.00
—	47.63 ± 0.20	3.22	3.51	3.78	4.45	4.83	5.21
1½	48.30 ± 0.020	3.22	3.51	3.78	4.45	4.83	5.21
2	60.33 ± 0.25	3.43	3.73	4.04	4.85	5.28	5.72
3	88.90 ± 0.38	4.80	5.23	5.66	6.66	7.26	7.87
4	114.30 ± 0.43	5.26	5.74	6.22	7.49	8.18	8.87
6	168.28 ± 0.76	6.22	9.32	7.34	9.60	10.47	11.33
8	219.08 ± 1.02	7.16	7.82	8.48	11.13	12.14	13.16
10	273.05 ± 1.27	8.10	8.84	9.58	13.21	14.40	15.60

critical temperature. Cold-drawn pipe shall be normalized after the final cold-draw pass.

5. Chemical Composition

5.1 *Heat Analysis*—An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made to determine the percentages of the elements specified. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 2 and the chemical analysis shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A751.

5.2 *Product Analysis*—When requested on the purchase order, a product analysis shall be made by the supplier from one pipe or coil of steel per heat. The chemical composition thus determined shall be reported to the purchaser or the purchaser's representative and shall conform to the requirements specified in Table 2.

5.3 *Retests*—If the original test for product analysis fails, retests of two additional lengths of flat-rolled stock or pipe shall be made. Both retests for the elements in question shall meet the requirements of the specification; otherwise, all remaining material in the heat shall be rejected or, at the option of the producer, each length of flat-rolled stock or pipe may be individually tested for acceptance. Lengths of flat-rolled stock or pipe which do not meet the requirements of the specification shall be rejected.

5.4 Supplying an alloy grade of steel that specifically requires the addition of any element other than those listed in Table 2 is not permitted.

TABLE 2 Chemical Composition Requirements

Element	Composition, %
Carbon, max	0.15
Manganese	0.27–0.63
Phosphorus, max	0.035
Sulfur, max	0.035
Aluminum	0.02–0.100

6. Mechanical Requirements

6.1 *Tensile Properties:*

6.1.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to tensile properties prescribed in Table 3.

6.1.2 The yield strength shall be determined by the drop of the beam, by the halt in the gauge of the testing machine, by the use of dividers, or by other approved methods. When a definite yield point is not exhibited, the yield strength corresponding to a permanent offset of 0.2 % of the gauge length of the specimen, or to a total extension of 0.5 % of the gauge length under load, shall be determined.

6.1.3 If the percentage of elongation of any test specimen is less than that specified and any part of the fracture is more than ¾ in. (19 mm) from the center of the gauge length, as indicated by scribe marks on the specimen before testing, a retest shall be allowed.

TABLE 3 Tensile Requirements

Tensile strength, min, psi (MPa)	48 000 (331)
Yield strength, min, psi (MPa)	30 000 (207)
Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm, min, %	40

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