

Specification for

**Dimensions and masses per
unit length of welded and
seamless steel pipes and tubes
for pressure purposes**

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee ISE/8, and is based on international agreements included in the ISO publications that are detailed in annex A. The sizes in this standard have been selected as appropriate to British practice.

BS 3600 : 1996 supersedes BS 3600 : 1976 which has been withdrawn. This edition introduces technical changes but it does not reflect a full review or revision of the standard, which will be undertaken in due course.

Where ISO Standards have superseded the original ISO Recommendations, they have discarded the concept of corresponding inch and metric values and are now published only in metric units.

The tabular information, covering the dimensions and masses per unit length of welded and seamless steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes, presents within a single cover the dimensions and masses applicable to the present editions of BS 3601 to BS 3604.

For the purpose of this standard, no difference is intended in meaning between 'pipe' and 'tube' although idiomatic use prefers sometimes the one and sometimes the other.