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1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard defines the most common symbols with the aim of standardising and facilitating the use of terminology used in standards for steel tubes and associated products.

2 Fundamental symbols (see figure 1)

D = specified outside diameter

P = pressure

T = specified thickness

M = mass per unit length

3 Symbols for service conditions

DN = nominal size

PN = nominal pressure

PS = service pressure

TS = service temperature

4 Symbols for tolerances

See ISO 5252, *Steel tubes — Tolerance systems*.

5 Symbols for tests

5.1 Pressure test

PE = test pressure

S = stress which occurs in the metal during the test

5.2 Flattening test (see figure 4)

H = distance between the platens of the test machine

L = length of the test piece

K = constant factor of deformation for the formula :

$$H = \frac{(1 + K) \times T}{K + (T/D)}$$

5.3 Drift expanding test (see figure 5)

C = outside diameter of expansion

L = length of test piece before testing

5.4 Flanging test (see figure 6)

C = outside flange diameter

L = length of test piece before testing

6 Symbols for specifications

I = moment of inertia
(second moment of area) = $\frac{\pi}{64} [D^4 - (D - 2T)^4]^*$

Z = section modulus = $\frac{I}{D/2}^*$

A = section = $\frac{\pi}{4} [D^2 - (D - 2T)^2]^{**}$

R = radius of gyration = $\sqrt{\frac{I}{A}}$

B = diameter-thickness ratio = $\frac{D}{T}$

* The moment of inertia is calculated on the basis of any axis.

** This is a cross-sectional area which is perpendicular to the axis of the tube or the accessory.