Standard Specification for
Seamless and Welded Austenitic Stainless Steel Feedwater
Heater Tubes

1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers seamless and welded austenitic stainless steel feedwater heater tubes including those bent, if specified, into the form of U-tubes for application in tubular feed-water heaters.

1.2 The tubing sizes covered shall be 5/8 to 1 in. [15.9 to 25.4 mm] inclusive outside diameter, and average or minimum wall thicknesses of 0.028 in. [0.7 mm] and heavier.

1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:
A262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels
A480/A480M Specification for General Requirements for Flat-Rolled Stainless and Heat-Resisting Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip
A941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys
A1016/A1016M Specification for General Requirements for Ferritic Alloy Steel, Austenitic Alloy Steel, and Stainless Steel Tubes
E112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size
E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System (UNS)
2.2 Other Standard:
SAE J1086 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions Of Terms—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A941.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It is the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements that are necessary for material under this specification. Such requirements may include, but are not limited to, the following:

4.1.1 Quantity (length or number of pieces),
4.1.2 Material description (seamless or welded),
4.1.3 Dimensions—Outside diameter, wall thickness (minimum or average wall), and length,
4.1.4 Grade (chemical composition) (Table 1),
4.1.5 U-bend requirements, if order specifies bending, U-bend schedules or drawings shall accompany the order,
4.1.6 Optional requirements—Purchaser shall specify if annealing of the U-bends is required or whether tubes are to be hydrotested or air tested (see 11.8)
4.1.7 Supplementary requirements—Purchaser shall specify on the purchase order if material is to be eddy current tested in accordance with Supplementary Requirements S1 or S2, and if special test reports are required under Supplementary Requirement S3, and,
4.1.8 Any additional special requirements.

5. General Requirements

5.1 Material furnished to this specification shall conform to the applicable requirements of the latest published edition of Specification A1016/A1016M unless otherwise provided herein.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 The tube shall be manufactured by either the seamless or welded and cold worked process.
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A New designation established in accordance with Practice E527 and SAE J1086.

B Maximum, unless otherwise noted.

C The method of analysis for nitrogen shall be a matter of agreement between the purchaser and manufacturer.

D Fe shall be determined arithmetically by difference of 100 minus the sum of the other specified elements.
8.6.1 The heat treatment shall be applied to the U-bend area plus approximately 6 in. [150 mm] of each leg beyond the tangent point of the U-bend.

8.6.2 If the heat treatment specified in 8.6 is accomplished by resistance-heating methods wherein electrodes are clamped to the tubes, the clamped areas shall be visually examined for arc burns. Burn indications shall be cause for rejection unless they can be removed by local polishing without encroaching upon minimum wall thickness.

8.6.3 Temperature control shall be accomplished through the use of optical or emission pyrometers, or both. No temperature-indicating crayons, lacquers, or pellets shall be used.

8.6.4 The inside of the tube shall be purged with a protective or an inert gas atmosphere during heating and cooling to below 700 °F [370 °C] to prevent scaling of the inside surface. The atmosphere should be noncarburizing.

9. Surface Condition

9.1 The straight tubes, after final annealing, shall be pickled using a solution of nitric and hydrofluoric acids followed by flushing and rinsing in water. If bright annealing is performed, this requirement does not apply.

9.2 A light oxide scale on the outside surface of U-bend area shall be permitted for tubes which have been electric-resistance heat treated after bending.

10. Chemical Composition

10.1 Product Analysis:

10.1.1 When requested in the purchase order, a product analysis shall be made by the supplier from one tube or coil of steel per heat. The chemical composition shall conform to the requirements shown in Table 1.

10.1.2 A product analysis tolerance of Specification A480/A480M shall apply. The product analysis tolerance is not applicable to the carbon content for material with a specified maximum carbon of 0.04 % or less.

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

11. Mechanical Requirements

11.1 Tensile Properties:

11.1.1 The material shall conform to the tensile properties shown in Table 2.

11.1.2 One tension test shall be made on a specimen for lots of not more than 50 tubes. Tension tests shall be made on specimens from two tubes for lots of more than 50 tubes.

11.2 Hardness:

11.2.1 Grade TP XM-29 and N08367 tubes shall have a hardness number not exceeding 100 HRB or its equivalent. Tubes of all other grades shall have a hardness number not
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- **Tensile strength, min**: 75 ksi [515 MPa] for Grade 304, 316, 304LN, 316LN, and 800H; 70 ksi [485 MPa] for Grade 304L, 316L, XM-29, 304N, 316N, and 800; 100 ksi [690 MPa] for Grades S30400, S30403, S31600, S30451, and S31651; 80 ksi [550 MPa] for Grades S30453 and S31653; 75 ksi [515 MPa] for Grades N08367 and N08800; 100 ksi [690 MPa] for Grades N08811 and N08926; 120 ksi [825 MPa] for Grades S31254 and S32654.


- **Elongation in 2 in. or 50 mm, min, %**: 35 for Grades 304, 316, 304LN, 316LN, and 800H; 35 for Grades 304L, 316L, XM-29, 304N, 316N, and 800; 35 for Grades S30400, S30403, S31600, S30451, and S31651; 35 for Grades S30453 and S31653; 35 for Grades N08367 and N08800; 35 for Grades N08811 and N08926; 35 for Grades S31254 and S32654.
11.2.2 Brinell or Rockwell hardness tests shall be made on specimens from two tubes from each lot.

11.3 Reverse Bend Test (Welded Product):

11.3.1 One reverse bend test shall be made on a specimen from each 1500 ft [460 m] of finished tubing.

11.3.2 A section 4 in. [100 mm] minimum in length shall be split longitudinally 90° on each side of the weld. The sample shall then be opened and bent around a mandrel with a maximum thickness of four times the wall thickness, with the mandrel parallel to the weld and against the original outside surface of the tube. The weld shall be at the point of maximum bend. There shall be no evidence of cracks, or of overlaps resulting from the reduction in thickness of the weld area by cold working. When the geometry or size of the tubing make it difficult to test the sample as a single piece, the sample may be sectioned into smaller pieces provided a minimum of 4 in. of weld is subjected to reverse bending.

11.3.3 The reverse bend test is not applicable when specified wall is 10 % or more of the specified outside diameter, or the wall thickness is 0.134 in. [3.4 mm] or greater, or the outside diameter size is less than 0.375 in. [9.5 mm]. Under these conditions, the reverse flattening test of Specification A1016/A1016M shall apply.

11.4 Flattening Test (Seamless and Welded Products)—Flattening tests shall be made on specimens from each end of one finished tube, not the one used for the flange test, from each lot.

11.5 Flange Test (Welded Product)—Flange tests shall be made on specimens from each end of one finished tube, not the one used for the flattening test, from each lot.

11.6 Flaring Test (Seamless Product)—Flaring tests shall be made on specimens from each end of one finished tube, not the one used for the flattening test, from each lot.

11.7 Grain Size:

11.7.1 The grain size of grades N08810 and N08811, as determined in accordance with Test Methods E112, shall be No. 5 or coarser.

11.8 Pressure Test:

11.8.1 Each straight tube or each U-tube after completion of the bending and post-bending heat treatment, shall be pressure tested in accordance with one of the following paragraphs as specified by the purchaser.

11.8.1.1 Hydrostatic Test—Each tube shall be given an internal hydrostatic test in accordance with Specification A1016/A1016M, except that the test pressure and hold time, when other than that stated in Specification A1016/A1016M, shall be agreed upon between purchaser and manufacturer.

11.8.1.2 Pneumatic Test—Each tube shall be examined by a pneumatic test (either air underwater or pneumatic leak test) in accordance with Specification A1016/A1016M.

11.9 Lot Definitions:

11.9.1 For flattening, flange, and flaring requirements, the term “lot” applies to 125 tube groupings, prior to cutting to length, of the same nominal size and wall thickness, produced from the same heat of steel and annealed in a continuous furnace.

11.9.2 For tension and hardness, the term “lot” applies to all tubes, prior to cutting to length, of the same nominal diameter and wall thickness, produced from the same heat of steel and annealed in a continuous furnace at the same temperature, time at temperature, and furnace speed.

12. Nondestructive Test (Electric Test)

12.1 Each straight tube shall be tested after the finish heat treatment by passing it through a nondestructive tester capable of detecting defects on the entire cross section of the tube, in accordance with Specification A1016/A1016M.

13. Corrosion Resisting Properties

13.1 One full section sample 1 in. [25.4 mm] long from the center of a sample tube of the smallest radius bend which is heat treated shall be tested in the heat treated condition in accordance with Practices A262.

13.2 One full-section sample 1 in. [25.4 mm] long from each lot of straight tubes shall be tested in the finished condition in accordance with Practices A262.

13.3 The appearance of any fissures or cracks in the test specimen when evaluated in accordance with Practices A262 indicating the presence of intergranular attack, shall be cause for rejection of that lot.

13.4 Lot definitions: For corrosion test requirements, the term “lot” applies to all tubes, prior to cutting to length, of the same nominal diameter and wall thickness, produced from the same heat of steel and annealed in a continuous furnace at the same temperature, time at temperature, and furnace speed.

13.5 High Carbon Grades—The high carbon grades of N08810 and N08811 shall not be subjected to the intergranular corrosion test.

14. Permissible Variations in Dimensions (Fig. 1)

14.1 Permissible variations from the specified outside diameter shall be in accordance with Specification A1016/A1016M. Those tolerances do not apply to the bent portion of the U-tubes. At the bent portion of a U-tube for \( R = 2 \times D \) or greater, neither the major nor minor diameter of the tube shall deviate from the nominal diameter prior to bending by more than 10 %. If less than \( 2 \times D \) is specified, tolerances could be greater.

14.2 Permissible Variations from the Specified Wall Thickness:

14.2.1 Permissible variations from the specified minimum wall thickness shall not exceed \( +20 \% - 0 \% \).

14.2.2 Permissible variations from the specified average wall thickness are \( \pm 10 \% \) of the nominal wall thickness.

14.2.3 The wall thickness of the tube in the U-bent section shall not be less than value determined by the equation:

\[
L_y = \frac{\Delta RT}{4 (R + D)}
\]

where:

\( R \) = nominal outside diameter

\( T \) = wall thickness

\( \Delta T \) = permissible tolerance

\( \Delta R \) = maximum deviation from the nominal outside diameter

\( L_y \) = minimum wall thickness.
\( t_f \) = wall thickness after bending, in. [mm],
\( T \) = minimum wall thickness of 14.2.1 or 14.2.2, in. [mm],
\( R \) = centerline bend radius, in. [mm], and
\( D \) = nominal outside tube diameter, in. [mm].

14.3 Permissible Variations from the Specified Length:

14.3.1 Straight Lengths—The maximum permissible variations for lengths 24 ft [7.3 m] and shorter shall be \( +\frac{1}{8} \) in. [3 mm], \( -0; \) for lengths longer than 24 ft [7.3 mm], an additional over tolerance of \( +\frac{1}{8} \) in. [3 mm] for each 10 ft [3 m], or fraction thereof, shall be permitted up to a maximum of \( +\frac{1}{2} \) in. [13 mm].

14.3.2 U-Bends—In the case of U-tubes, the length of the tube legs as measured from the point of tangency of the bend and the tube leg to the end of the tube leg, shall not be less than specified, but may exceed the specified values by the amount given in Table 3. The difference in lengths of the tube legs shall not be greater than \( \frac{1}{8} \) in. unless otherwise specified.

14.4 The end of any tube may depart from square by not more than the amount given in Table 4.

### TABLE 4 Squarness of Ends Tolerance

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<th>Tube OD, in. [mm]</th>
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<td>( \frac{5}{8} ) [15.9], incl</td>
<td>( 0.010 ) [0.25]</td>
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<td>Over ( \frac{5}{8} ) to 1 in. [15.9 to 25.4], incl</td>
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14.5 The leg spacing measured between the points of tangency of the bend to the legs shall not vary from the value (2 \( R \) – specified tube outside diameter) by more than \( \frac{1}{16} \) in. [1.5 mm] where \( R \) is the center-line bend radius.

14.6 The bent portion of the U-tube shall be substantially uniform in curvature, and not to exceed \( \pm \frac{1}{16} \) in. [1.5 mm] of the nominal center-line radius.

14.7 Permissible deviation from the plane of bend (Fig. 1) shall not exceed \( \frac{1}{16} \) in. [1.5 mm] as measured from the points of tangency.

### 15. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

15.1 Tubing purchased to this specification is intended for use in heat exchangers, and will be inserted through close-fitting holes in baffles or support plates, or both, spaced along the tube length. The tube ends will also be inserted into very close-fitting holes in a tubesheet and expanded and may be welded therein. The tubes shall be able to stand expanding and bending without showing cracks and flaws, and shall be finished reasonably straight and suitable for the intended purpose.

15.2 The residual chloride salt contamination of the inside and outside surface of the tubing at the time of packing for shipment from the mill shall not exceed a concentration of 1 mg/ft\(^2\) [10.7 mg/m\(^2\)] of tube surface. One tube in each five hundred pieces shall be checked immediately prior to packing for chloride salt contamination by a procedure agreed upon by the manufacturer and purchaser.

### 16. Inspection

16.1 The inspector representing the purchaser shall have entry, at all times, to those areas where inspection and testing is being performed on the purchaser’s ordered material. The manufacturer shall afford the inspector all reasonable facilities to satisfy him that the material is being furnished in accordance with this specification. All required tests and inspections shall be made at the place of manufacture prior to shipment, unless otherwise specified, and shall be conducted so as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.

### 17. Rejection

17.1 Each length of tubing received from the manufacturer may be inspected by the purchaser, and, if it does not meet the requirements of the specification based on the inspection and test method outlined in the specification, the tubing may be rejected and the manufacturer shall be notified. Disposition of rejected tubing shall be a matter of agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

17.2 Material that fails in any of the forming operations or in the process of installation and is found to be defective, shall be set aside, and the manufacturer shall be notified. Disposition
of such material shall be a matter for agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

18. Certification

18.1 A test report, signed by an authorized employee or representative of the manufacturer, shall be furnished to the purchaser to indicate the specification and grade, seamless or welded, the results of the heat analysis, hardness and tensile properties. Product analysis will be reported only when requested on the purchase order as provided in 4.1.7.

19. Product Marking

19.1 All tubes shall be marked with the heat number.

19.2 Containers and packages shall be marked or tagged to show the purchaser’s order number, the manufacturer’s order number, specification, seamless or welded, grade, size and wall thickness, minimum or average, number of pieces contained in the package, and item number (if appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

The following supplementary requirement or requirements may become a part of the specification when specified in the inquiry or invitation to bid, and purchase order or contract. These requirements shall not be considered, unless specified in the order, in which event the necessary tests shall be made by the manufacturer prior to the bending or shipment of the tubing.

S1. Nondestructive Eddy-Current Test

S1.1 Each tube in the finished condition, except for bending if that is required, shall be tested by passing it through an electric nondestructive tester capable of detecting defects on the entire cross section of the tube. Suitable instrumentation shall be used to clearly distinguish the artificial defects. The outside and inside surfaces of the tubes shall be free of loose scale, metallic particles, or other material which would tend to restrict signals or create electrical noise. The tubing shall be inspected by feeding it longitudinally through an inspection coil or coils with a diameter suitable for the diameter of tubing to be inspected. The instrument calibration shall be accomplished with a reference standard prepared from an appropriate length of selected tubing of the same size, grade, and physical condition as the material to be inspected. The standard shall be fed through the coil at the same speed at which the inspection of the tubing is performed.

S1.2 The factors listed in S1.3 shall be selected or adjusted, or both, in accordance with the instrument manufacturer’s instructions, for the particular instrument involved as required to achieve optimum instrument distinction between the reference defects and plain portions of the tube.

S1.3 The following as well as other factors involved shall not be used in such a manner that they detract from the overall ability of the instrument to detect defects: test frequency, direct-current saturation level, filter networks, phase-analysis circuits, coil diameter, and instrument gain.

S1.4 The reference standard shall consist of a defect-free sample of the same size, alloy, and condition (temper) as that being tested, and shall contain longitudinal and circumferential notches on the outside diameter establishing the rejection level of the tubing to be tested. Inside diameter notches, both longitudinal and transverse, shall also be a part of the reference standard. These inside notches may be larger than the outside notches, and are intended for use only to assure instrument phase settings capable of yielding optimum inside surface sensitivity.

S1.4.1 All notches shall be produced by EDM methods. The outside diameter notches shall be of the dimensions shown in Table S1.1 and Fig. S1.1.

S1.5 All tubing shall meet this specification. The instrument calibration shall be verified at the start of testing, after any shut down of the test equipment, after any test equipment adjustment, or at least every 1/2 h of continuous production testing or both. Tubes generating a signal above the outside diameter calibration standard sensitivity level shall be rejected.

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<td>5/8 to 1 [15.9 to 25.4], incl</td>
<td>0.028 [0.7] and heavier</td>
<td>0.0045 [0.11] or 10% of wall thickness whichever is greater</td>
<td>0.375 [9.5]</td>
<td>wall thickness but not greater than 0.062 in. [1.6 mm]</td>
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The tolerance of notch depth shall be ± 8% or ± 0.0005 in. [0.01 mm], whichever is greater. Refer to Fig. S1.1 for notch location orientation and length of calibration standard.
S1.6 Tubes may be reconditioned and retested provided reconditioning does not adversely effect the minimum wall thickness or other properties of the tube specification requirements. Upon agreement between purchaser and manufacturer, the referee method, employing ultrasonic testing, may be employed for retesting tubes rejected by the eddy-current test. The calibration standard for this test shall be identical to that required for the eddy-current test.

S2. Nondestructive Eddy-Current Testing (Select Commercial Grade)

S2.1 The manufacturer shall test the tubing using the procedure outlined in Supplementary Requirement S1, except for the notch standards, which shall be as indicated in Table S2.1.

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<td>5/8 to 1 (15.9 to 25.4), incl</td>
<td>0.035 (0.9) and heavier</td>
<td>0.0045 (0.11) or 10 % of wall thickness, whichever is greater</td>
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<td>5/8 to 1 (15.9 to 25.4), incl</td>
<td>0.035 (0.9) less than</td>
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\(^A\)The tolerance of notch depth shall be ± 8 % or ± 0.0005 in. [0.1 mm], whichever is greater. Refer to Fig. S1.1 for notch location orientation and length of calibration standard.

S3. Report

S3.1 A report shall be furnished by the manufacturer to include a record of all tests performed to qualify material to this specification. This record shall include numbers of tests performed and qualitative or quantitative results as is applicable.

S4. Intergranular Corrosion Tests

S4.1 When specified, material shall pass intergranular corrosion tests conducted by the manufacturer in accordance with Practices A262, Practice E.

Note S4.1—Practice E requires testing on the sensitized condition for low carbon grades, and on the as-shipped condition for other grades.