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Standard Specification for General Requirements for Specialized Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers a group of requirements which, with the exceptions of Section 6.3, Section 14, Section 21, and Section 22, are mandatory requirements to the ASTM pipe product specifications noted below unless the product specification specifies different requirements, in which case the requirement of the product specification shall prevail.

1.2 Sections 6.3 or 21 are mandatory if the product specification has a requirement for product analysis or flattening tests.

1.3 Section 22 is mandatory if the product specification has a hydrostatic test requirement without defining the test parameters.

1.4 Section 14 is for information only.

1.5 In case of conflict between a requirement of the product specification and a requirement of this general requirement specification, only the requirement of the product specification need be satisfied.

Title of Specification	ASTM Designation ⁴
Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service	A106/A106M
Metal-Arc-Welded Steel Pipe for Use With High-Pressure Transmission Systems	A381
Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for Atmospheric and Lower Temperatures	A524
Centrifugally Cast Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service	A660/A660M
Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for Atmospheric and Lower Temperatures	A671/A671M
Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for High-Pressure Service at Moderate Temperatures	A672/A672M
Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe, Electric-Fusion-Welded for High-Pressure Service at High Temperatures	A691/A691M

⁴ These designations refer to the latest issue of the respective specifications.

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-530 in Section II of that Code.

1.6 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system are not exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the specification. The inch-pound units shall apply unless the “M” designation (SI) of the product specification is specified in the order.

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.”

1.7 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.8 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

A106/A106M Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service

A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products

A381 Specification for Metal-Arc-Welded Carbon or High-Strength Low-Alloy Steel Pipe for Use With High-Pressure Transmission Systems

A450/A450M Specification for General Requirements for Carbon and Low Alloy Steel Tubes

A524 Specification for Seamless Carbon Steel Pipe for Atmospheric and Lower Temperatures

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.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

- [A660/A660M Specification for Centrifugally Cast Carbon Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service](#)
- [A671/A671M Specification for Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for Atmospheric and Lower Temperatures](#)
- [A672/A672M Specification for Electric-Fusion-Welded Steel Pipe for High-Pressure Service at Moderate Temperatures](#)
- [A691/A691M Specification for Carbon and Alloy Steel Pipe, Electric-Fusion-Welded for High-Pressure Service at High Temperatures](#)
- [A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)
- [A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products](#)
- [A941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys](#)
- [A1058 Test Methods for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products—Metric](#)
- [D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging](#)
- [E29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications](#)

2.2 ASME Standards:

[B36.10 Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe](#)⁴

[B36.19](#)⁴ [Stainless Steel Pipe](#)

2.3 Military Standards:

[MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products Preparation for Shipment and Storage](#)⁵

[MIL-STD-271 Nondestructive Testing Requirements for Metals](#)⁵

[MIL-STD-792 Identification Marking Requirements for Special Purpose Components](#)⁵

2.4 Federal Standards:

[Fed. Std. No. 183 Continuous Identification Marking of Iron and Steel Products](#)⁵

2.5 Steel Structures Painting Council:

[SSPC-SP 6 Surface Preparation Specification No. 6 Commercial Blast Cleaning](#)⁶

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *remelted heat, n*—in secondary melting, all of the ingots remelted from a single primary heat.

3.1.2 *jointer, n*—a length of pipe created by welding two or more shorter lengths of pipe, end-to-end.

3.1.3 *thin-wall pipe, n*—a pipe having a wall thickness of 3 % or less of the outside diameter.

3.2 *Other defined terms*—The definitions in Test Methods and Definitions [A370](#), Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology [A751](#), and Terminology [A941](#) are applicable to this specification and to those listed in [1.5](#).

⁴ Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Two Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5990, <http://www.asme.org>.

⁵ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://dodssp.daps.dla.mil>.

⁶ Available from Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC), 40 24th St., 6th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4656, <http://www.sspc.org>.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to specify all requirements necessary for product under this specification. Such requirements to be considered include, but are not limited to, the following:

4.1.1 Quantity (feet, meters, or number of lengths),

4.1.2 Specification number with grade or class, or both, as applicable and year date,

4.1.3 Manufacture (hot-finished or cold drawn),

4.1.4 Size (NPS [DN] and weight class or schedule number, or both; outside diameter and nominal wall thickness; or inside diameter and nominal wall thickness),

4.1.5 Length (specific or random),

4.1.6 Choice of testing track from the options listed in Test Methods [A1058](#) when material is ordered to an M suffix (SI units) product standard. If the choice of test track is not specified in the order, then the default ASTM test track shall be used as noted in Test Methods [A1058](#),

4.1.7 Supplementary Requirements, and

4.1.8 Additional requirements.

5. Process

5.1 The steel shall be made from any process.

5.2 If a specific type of melting is required by the purchaser, it shall be stated on the purchase order.

5.3 The primary melting may incorporate separate degassing or refining and may be followed by secondary melting, using electroslag remelting or vacuum remelting.

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

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Samples for chemical analysis and method of analysis shall be in accordance with Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology [A751](#).

6.2 *Heat Analysis*—If the heat analysis reported by the steel producer is not sufficiently complete for conformance with the heat analysis requirements of the applicable product specification to be fully assessed, the manufacturer may complete the assessment of conformance with such heat analysis requirements by using a product analysis for the specified elements that were not reported by the steel producer, provided that product analysis tolerances are not applied and the heat analysis is not altered.

6.2.1 For steels ordered under product specifications referencing this specification of general requirements, the steel shall not contain an unspecified element for the ordered grade to the extent that the steel conforms to the requirements of another grade for which that element is a specified element having a required minimum content. For this requirement, a grade is defined as an alloy described individually and identified by its own UNS designation in a table of chemical requirements within any specification listed within the scope as being covered by this specification.

6.3 *Product Analysis*—Product analysis requirements and options, if any, are contained in the product specification.

7. Mechanical Requirements

7.1 *Method of Mechanical Tests*—The specimens and the mechanical tests required shall be made in accordance with Annex A2 of Test Methods and Definitions **A370** if inch-pound units are specified, or to the requirements described in the applicable track of Test Methods **A1058**, if SI units are specified.

7.2 Specimens shall be tested at room temperature.

7.3 Small or subsize specimens as described in Test Methods and Definitions **A370** or Test Methods **A1058** may be used only when there is insufficient material to prepare one of the standard specimens. When using small or subsize specimens, the largest one possible shall be used.

8. Tensile Requirements

8.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to tensile properties prescribed in the individual specifications.

8.2 The yield strength corresponding to a permanent offset of 0.2 % of the gage length or to a total extension of 0.5 % of the gage length under load shall be determined.

8.3 If the percentage of elongation of any test specimen is less than that specified and any part of the fracture is more than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. [19.0 mm] from the center of the gage length, as indicated by scribe marks on the specimen before testing, a retest shall be allowed.

9. Permissible Variation in Weight

9.1 The weight of any length of pipe NPS 12 [DN 300] and under shall not vary more than 10 % over or 3.5 % under that specified. For sizes over NPS 12 [DN 300], the weight of any length of pipe shall not vary more than 10 % over or 5 % under that specified. Unless otherwise specified, pipe of NPS 4 [DN 100] and smaller may be weighed in convenient lots; pipe in sizes larger than NPS 4 [DN 100] shall be weighed separately.

10. Permissible Variations in Wall Thickness

10.1 *Seamless and Welded (no filler metal added)*—The minimum wall thickness at any point shall be within the tolerances specified in **Table 1**, except that for welded pipe the

weld area shall not be limited by the over tolerance. The minimum wall thickness on inspection for – 12.5 % is shown in **Table X1.1**.

10.2 *Forged and Bored*—The wall thickness shall not vary over that specified by more than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. [3.2 mm]. There shall be no variation under the specified wall thickness.

10.3 *Cast*—The wall thickness shall not vary over that specified by more than $\frac{1}{16}$ in. [1.6 mm]. There shall be no variation under the specified wall thickness.

11. Permissible Variations in Inside Diameter

11.1 *Forged and Bored, and Cast*—The inside diameter shall not vary under that specified by more than $\frac{1}{16}$ in. [1.6 mm]. There shall be no variation over the specified inside diameter.

12. Permissible Variations in Outside Diameter

12.1 Variations in outside diameter, unless otherwise specified, shall not exceed the limits prescribed in **Table 2**. The tolerances on outside diameter include ovality except as provided for in **12.2**.

12.2 Thin-wall pipe usually develops significant ovality (out-of-roundness) during final annealing, straightening, or both. The diameter tolerances of **Table 2** are not sufficient to provide for additional ovality expected in thin-wall pipe and are applicable only to the mean of the extreme (maximum and minimum) outside diameter readings in any one cross-section. However, for thin-wall pipe the difference in extreme outside diameter readings (ovality) in any one cross-section shall not exceed 1.5 % of the specified outside diameter.

13. Permissible Variations in Length

13.1 *Seamless and Welded (no filler metal added)*—If definite cut lengths are ordered, no length of pipe shall be under the length specified and not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ in. [6 mm] over that specified.

13.2 *Forged and Bored, Cast, and Cast Cold-Wrought*—If definite cut lengths are ordered, no length of pipe shall be under the length specified and not more than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. [3 mm] over that specified.

13.3 For pipe ordered to random lengths, the lengths and variations shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser.

TABLE 1 Permissible Variations in Wall Thickness

NPS Designator	Tolerance, % from Nominal	
	Over	Under
$\frac{1}{8}$ to 2½, incl., all t/D ^{A,B} ratios	20.0	12.5
3 to 18 incl., t/D up to 5 % incl.	22.5	12.5
3 to 18 incl., $t/D > 5$ %	15.0	12.5
20 and larger, welded, all t/D ratios	17.5	12.5
20 and larger, seamless, t/D up to 5 % incl.	22.5	12.5
20 and larger, seamless, $t/D > 5$ %	15.0	12.5

^A t = Nominal wall thickness.

^B D = Ordered outside diameter.

TABLE 2 Permissible Variations in Outside Diameter

NPS Designator	Permissible Variations In Outside Diameter			
	Over		Under	
	in.	mm	in.	mm
$\frac{1}{8}$ to 1½, incl	$\frac{1}{64}$ (0.015)	0.4	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8
Over 1½ to 4, incl	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8
Over 4 to 8, incl	$\frac{1}{16}$ (0.062)	1.6	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8
Over 8 to 18, incl	$\frac{3}{32}$ (0.093)	2.4	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8
Over 18 to 26, incl	$\frac{1}{8}$ (0.125)	3.2	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8
Over 26 to 34, incl	$\frac{5}{32}$ (0.156)	4.0	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8
Over 34	$\frac{3}{16}$ (0.187)	4.8	$\frac{1}{32}$ (0.031)	0.8

13.4 No jointers are permitted unless otherwise agreed upon.

14. Standard Weight

14.1 A system of standard pipe sizes has been approved by the American National Standards Institute as ASME B36.10 and B36.19. These standard sizes do not prohibit the production and use of other sizes of pipe produced to the various specifications referenced to this Specification.

14.2 For nonstandard sizes of pipe, the calculated weight per foot, shall be determined from the following equation:

$$W = C(D - t)t \quad (1)$$

where:

C = 10.69 [0.0246615],

W = weight, lb/ft [kg/m],

D = specified or calculated (from specified inside diameter and wall thickness) outside diameter, in. [mm], and

t = specified wall thickness, in. (to 3 decimal places) [mm to 2 decimal places].

NOTE 2—The weights given in the American National Standards and the calculated weights given by Eq 1 are based on the weights for carbon steel pipe. The weight of pipe made of ferritic stainless steels may be about 5 % less, and that made of austenitic stainless steel about 2 % greater than the values given.

15. Ends

15.1 Unless otherwise specified, the pipe shall be furnished with plain ends. All burrs at the ends of the pipe shall be removed.

16. Straightness

16.1 The finished pipe shall be reasonably straight.

16.2 For metal-arc welded pipe, the maximum deviation from a 10-ft [3.0-m] straightedge placed so that both ends are in contact with the pipe shall be $\frac{1}{8}$ in. [3.2 mm]. For metal-arc welded pipe with lengths shorter than 10 ft [3.0 m], this maximum deviation shall be pro-rated with respect to the ratio of the actual length to 10 ft [3.0 m].

17. Repair by Welding

17.1 Repair by welding of defects in seamless pipe (including centrifugally cast and forged and bored) and of plate defects in welded pipe and, when specifically stated by the product specification weld seam defects in welded pipe, shall be permitted subject to the approval of the purchaser and with the further understanding that the composition of the deposited filler metal shall be suitable for the composition being welded. Defects shall be thoroughly chipped or ground out before welding and each repaired length shall be reheat treated or stress relieved as required by the applicable specification. Each length of repaired pipe shall be tested hydrostatically as required by the product specification.

17.2 Repair welding shall be performed using procedures and welders or welding operators that have been qualified in accordance with the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX.

18. Retests

18.1 If the results of the mechanical tests of any group or lot do not conform to the requirements specified in the individual specification, retests may be made on additional lengths of pipe of double the original number from the same group or lot, each of which shall conform to the requirements specified. Only one retest of any group or lot will be permitted. Nonconformance will be cause for the rejection of the group or lot.

18.2 Any individual length of pipe that meets the test requirements is acceptable. Individual lengths that do not conform to the test requirements may be resubmitted for test provided the reason for nonconformance is established and the nonconforming portion removed.

19. Retreatment

19.1 If individual lengths of pipe selected to represent any group or lot fail to conform to the test requirements, the group or lot represented may be reheat treated and resubmitted for test. The manufacturer may reheat treat the pipe, but not more than twice, except with the approval of the purchaser on the basis of satisfactory metallurgical evidence that the cause of failure of the test is curable and the quality of the material is satisfactory.

20. Test Specimens

20.1 Test specimens shall be taken from the ends of as-heat treated finished pipe prior to any forming operations, or being cut to length. They shall be smooth on the ends and free from burrs and flaws, except for specimens for the flattening test when made from crop ends.

20.2 Specimens cut either longitudinally or transversely shall be acceptable for the tension test.

20.3 If any test specimen shows flaws or defective machining, the specimen may be discarded and another substituted.

21. Flattening Test Requirements

21.1 *Seamless and Centrifugally Cast Pipe*—A section of pipe not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. [63 mm] in length shall be flattened cold between parallel plates in two steps. During the first step, which is a test for ductility, no cracks or breaks on the inside, outside, or end surfaces, except as provided for in 21.3.4, shall occur until the distance between the plates is less than the value of H calculated as follows:

$$H = (1 + e)t(e + t/D) \quad (2)$$

where:

H = distance between flattening plates, in. [mm],

t = specified wall thickness, in. [mm],

D = specified or calculated (from the specified inside diameter and wall thickness) outside diameter, in. [mm], and

e = deformation per unit length (constant for a given grade of steel; 0.07 for medium carbon steel (maximum specified carbon 0.19 % or greater), 0.08 for ferritic alloy steel, 0.09 for austenitic steel, and 0.09 for low-carbon steel (maximum specified carbon 0.18 % or less)).