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Standard Specification for Welded, Unannealed Austenitic Stainless Steel Tubular Products¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers straight seam and spiral butt seam welded unannealed austenitic stainless steel tubular products intended for low and moderate temperatures and corrosive service where heat treatment is not necessary for corrosion resistance. **Table 1** lists the five grades covered by this specification. The user of this specification should be aware that a minimum amount of testing and examination is required of the basic product. The user requiring additional testing or examination is referred to the supplemental requirements or Ordering Information, or both. Users requiring a tubular product with post-weld heat treatment or with radiographic examination are referred to Specification **A312/A312M**, **A358/A358M**, or **A409/A409M**, as applicable.

1.2 This specification covers welded unannealed tubular products 3 in. [75 mm] through 48 in. [1200 mm] in outside diameter and in nominal wall thicknesses of 0.062 in. [1.57 mm] through 0.500 in. [12.70 mm] produced to this specification. Tubular products having other diameters or wall thickness, or both, may be furnished provided it complies with all other requirements of this specification.

1.3 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. Within the text, 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 the values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard. The inch-pound units shall apply unless the “M” designation of this specification is specified in the order.

1.4 *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:²

A240/A240M Specification for Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Plate, Sheet, and Strip for Pressure Vessels and for General Applications

A262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels

A312/A312M Specification for Seamless, Welded, and Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes

A358/A358M Specification for Electric-Fusion-Welded Austenitic Chromium-Nickel Stainless Steel Pipe for High-Temperature Service and General Applications

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² 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



TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements

Grade	UNS Designation ^A	Carbon max ^B	Manganese, max	Phosphorus, max	Composition, %					Titanium	Columbium Plus Tantalum	Nitrogen, max
					Sulfur, max	Silicon, max	Chromium	Nickel	Molybdenum			
TP 304L	S30403	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	8.0–13.0	...	...	...	0.10
...	S30416	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.015	0.80–2.00 ^C	17.5–19.5	9.0–11.0	0.40–0.80	...	...	0.10
TP 316L	S31603	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	16.0–18.0	10.0–14.0	2.00	...	...	0.10
TP 317L	S31703	0.030	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	18.0–20.0	11.0–15.0	3.00 4.0	...	...	0.10
TP 321	S32100	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0	...	^C	...	...
TP 321	S32100	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0	...	^D	...	...
TP 347	S34700	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0	...	...	^D	...
TP 347	S34700	0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	17.0–19.0	9.0–12.0	...	...	^E	...

^A New designation established in accordance with Practice E527 and SAE J1086.

^B The carbon analysis shall be reported to the nearest 0.01 %, except for the low carbon (0.030) types, which shall be reported to the nearest 0.001 %.

^C S30416 has a range of composition for Silicon instead of a max.

^D The titanium content shall be not less than five times the carbon content and not more than 0.70 %.

^E The columbium plus tantalum content shall be not less than ten times the carbon content and not more than 1.10 %.

[A370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products](#)

[A409/A409M Specification for Welded Large Diameter Austenitic Steel Pipe for Corrosive or High-Temperature Service](#)

[A700 Guide for Packaging, Marking, and Loading Methods for Steel Products for Shipment](#)

[A941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Related Alloys, and Ferroalloys](#)

[A999/A999M Specification for General Requirements for Alloy and Stainless Steel Pipe](#)

[E340 Practice for Macroetching Metals and Alloys](#)

[E527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys in the Unified Numbering System \(UNS\)](#)

2.2 AWS Standards:

[A5.4 Corrosion—Resisting Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Steel Covered Welding Electrodes³](#)

[A5.9 Corrosion—Resisting Chromium and Chromium-Nickel Steel Welding Rods and Bare Electrodes³](#)

2.3 SAE Standard:

[SAE J1086 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys \(UNS\)⁴](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions: <https://www.astm.org/standards/a778>

3.2 The definitions in Specification A999/A999M and Terminology A941 are applicable to this specification.

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material to this specification should include the following:

4.1.1 Quantity (feet, metres, or number of pieces),

4.1.2 Name of material (welded unannealed austenitic stainless steel tubular products),

4.1.3 Straight seam or spiral butt seam,

4.1.4 Grade (see Table 1),

4.1.5 Size (outside diameter and specified wall thickness) (see 10.3 and 10.4),

4.1.6 Length (mill standard lengths, or specify cut lengths) (see 10.1),

4.1.7 Optional requirements (Supplementary Requirements S1 to S5),

³ Available from American Welding Society (AWS), 550 NW LeJeune Rd., Miami, FL 33126, <http://www.aws.org>.

⁴ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.

- 4.1.8 Certification requirements,
- 4.1.9 Specification designation, and
- 4.1.10 Special requirements.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 It is anticipated that the ASTM Subcommittees A01.06, A01.10, A01.17, A01.22, and A01.28 will use the standard composition limits listed in this specification for the grades identified by the corresponding UNS designation in the product specification unless there is a specific technical justification for doing otherwise. The compositions in this specification shall not be considered as chemical requirements for any particular product until adopted by the subcommittee overseeing that product.

6. Manufacture

6.1 The tubular products shall be welded from flat-rolled steel sheet, coil, or plate by a shielded arc-welding or laser welding process. The material used for manufacture shall conform to the requirements of one of the grades of Specification **A240/A240M** listed in **Table 1**. At the manufacturer's option, filler metal may be used.

6.2 Tubular products 14 in. [350 mm] in diameter and smaller shall have a single longitudinal weld or a spiral butt weld seam. Tubular products of larger diameter may have a maximum of three longitudinal welds. All weld tests, examinations, inspections, or treatments are to be performed on each weld seam.

6.3 Circumferentially welded joints of the same quality as the longitudinal or spiral joints shall be permitted by agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

6.4 All tubular products shall be furnished clean and free of scale.

6.5 Welding:

6.5.1 The welds shall be made by the manual or automatic welding process.

6.5.2 The welded joints may show a reinforcing bead no greater than $\frac{1}{16}$ in. [1.57 mm] on either surface of the tubular product. At no place shall the thickness of the weld section be less than the minimum wall thickness permitted by the tolerances of **10.4**. The weld bead may be removed at the option of the manufacturer or upon agreement between the manufacturer and purchaser.

6.5.3 Injurious weld defects shall be repaired by removal to sound metal and rewelding.

6.5.4 The alloy content (chromium, nickel, molybdenum, columbium, and carbon) of the filler metal shall conform to that required for the plate or the welding electrodes as shown in Table II of Specification AWS A5.4 or in Table I of Specification AWS A5.9, except that when welding on Type 321 base metal, the deposited weld metal may correspond to Type 347.

7. Mechanical Test Requirements

7.1 Each lot shall be subjected to one transverse tension test and two transverse guided bend tests.

NOTE 1—The term *lot* applies to all pipe of the same grade, of the same thickness, produced from the same heat with the same weld procedure.

7.2 The maximum lot size shall be in accordance with the following table:

Diameter Range	Lot Size (lengths)
up to 3 in. [75 mm] exclusive	400
3 in. [75 mm] to 8 in. [200 mm] exclusive	300
8 in. [200 mm] to 14 in. [350 mm] exclusive	200
14 in. [350 mm] and over	100