



## Standard Specification for PTFE Tubing<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope \*

1.1 This specification covers PTFE tubing manufactured from PTFE resin produced from dispersion specified in Specification D 4895.

NOTE 1—PTFE tube and rod manufactured from resin specified in Specification D 4894 are covered in Specification D 1710.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The inch-pound units given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following hazard caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 8, of this specification: *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 There is currently no published ISO standard relating to this specification.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials for Testing<sup>2</sup>
- D 792 Test Methods for Specific Gravity (Relative Density) and Density of Plastics by Displacement<sup>2</sup>
- D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 1505 Test Method for Density of Plastics by the Density-Gradient Technique<sup>2</sup>
- D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics<sup>3</sup>
- D 1675 Test Method for Polytetrafluoroethylene Tubing<sup>4</sup>
- D 1710 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Basic Shapes, Rod, and Heavy-Walled Tubing<sup>2</sup>
- D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vols 08.01 and 08.04.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 10.01.

D 3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics<sup>5</sup>

D 4894 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene Granular Molding and Ram Extrusion Materials<sup>6</sup>

D 4895 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin Produced From Dispersion<sup>6</sup>

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method<sup>6</sup>

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 The terminology given in Terminology D 883 is applicable to this specification.

#### 3.2 Description of Term Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *lot*—a collection of units of product from which a sample is to be drawn and inspected to determine conformance with the acceptability criteria, and is to be accepted or rejected as a whole. It may differ from a collection of units designated as a lot for other purposes, for example, production, shipment, etc.

### 4. Classification

4.1 This specification provides for two types of PTFE tubing differentiated by size schedule as follows:

4.1.1 *Type I*—Tubing based upon the American Wire Gage (AWG) sizes.

4.1.2 *Type II*—Tubing based upon fractional inch sizes.

4.2 The types are further differentiated in accordance with increasing wall thicknesses as follows:

4.2.1 *Grade A*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 1 listed as light-weight wall.

4.2.2 *Grade B*—Tubing having walls of greater thickness than Class A listed as thin wall.

4.2.3 *Grade C*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 2 listed as standard wall.

4.2.4 *Grade D*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 3 listed as chemical tubing.

4.2.5 *Grade E*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 2 and Table 3 listed as heavy wall.

4.3 A one-line system may be used to specify materials covered by this specification. The system uses predefined cells

<sup>5</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.02.

<sup>6</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

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

**TABLE 1 Dimensions and Tolerances for Type I PTFE Tubing, mm (in.) (Grades A and B)**

AWG Size	Inside Diameter			Grade A	
				Lightweight Wall	
	min	max	nom	min	max
30	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
28	0.33 (0.013)	0.46 (0.018)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
26	0.41 (0.016)	0.53 (0.021)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.66 (0.026)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.01 (0.040)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.12 (0.044)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.37 (0.054)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
14	1.65 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
7	3.66 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.005)	0.25 (0.011)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
4	5.18 (0.204)	5.69 (0.224)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
3	5.82 (0.229)	6.33 (0.249)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
2	6.55 (0.258)	7.06 (0.278)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
1	7.34 (0.289)	7.90 (0.311)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
0	8.26 (0.325)	8.81 (0.347)	0.25 (0.012)	0.22 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)

  

AWG Size	Inside Diameter			Grade B	
				Thin Wall	
	min	max	nom	min	max
30	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.23 (0.009)	0.19 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
28	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
26	0.41 (0.016)	0.56 (0.022)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.69 (0.027)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.01 (0.040)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.11 (0.044)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.38 (0.054)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
14	1.63 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
7	3.66 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
4	5.18 (0.204)	5.69 (0.224)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
3	5.82 (0.229)	6.33 (0.249)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
2	6.55 (0.258)	7.06 (0.278)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
1	7.34 (0.289)	7.90 (0.311)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
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to refer to specific aspects of this specification, as illustrated below.

Specification				
Standard Number: Block	Type :	Grade :	Class	Special Notes
Example: Specification D 3295 – 97	I	A		

For this example, the line callout would be Specification D 3295 – 97, IA and would specify tubing having walls listed as lightweight wall that has all the properties listed for that type

and grade in the appropriate specified properties, tables, or both, in the specification identified. A comma is used as the separator between the standard number and the type. Separators are not needed between the type, and grade.<sup>7</sup> Provision for special notes is included so that other information can be provided when required. An example would be in Specification

<sup>7</sup> See the *Form and Style Manual for ASTM Standards*, available from ASTM Headquarters.

**TABLE 2 Dimensions and Tolerances for Type I PTFE Tubing, mm (in.) (Grades C and E)**

AWG Size	Inside Diameter			Grade C	
				Standard Wall	
	min	max	nom	min	max
30	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
28	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
26	0.41 (0.016)	0.56 (0.022)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.67 (0.027)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.010)	0.38 (0.014)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.31 (0.012)	0.25 (0.010)	0.36 (0.014)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.02 (0.040)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.11 (0.044)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.37 (0.054)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
14	1.63 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
7	3.66 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
4	5.18 (0.204)	5.69 (0.224)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
3	5.82 (0.229)	6.33 (0.249)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
2	6.55 (0.258)	7.06 (0.278)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
1	7.34 (0.289)	7.90 (0.311)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
0	8.26 (0.325)	8.81 (0.347)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)

  

AWG Size	Inside Diameter			Grade E	
				Heavy Wall	
	min	max	nom	min	max
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.69 (0.027)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.02 (0.040)	0.46 (0.018)	0.38 (0.015)	0.53 (0.021)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.12 (0.044)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.37 (0.054)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
14	1.63 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.64 (0.025)	0.51 (0.020)	0.76 (0.030)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.64 (0.025)	0.51 (0.020)	0.76 (0.030)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.76 (0.030)	0.64 (0.025)	0.89 (0.035)
7	3.65 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.76 (0.030)	0.64 (0.025)	0.89 (0.035)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.76 (0.030)	0.64 (0.025)	0.89 (0.035)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.81 (0.032)	0.69 (0.027)	0.94 (0.037)

D 3295 – 96 where dimensions and tolerances are specified for each AWG size within type and grade. When special notes are used, they should be preceded by a comma.

### 5. Physical Properties

5.1 The tubing shall be made of PTFE meeting the requirements of Specification D 4895 and may contain a maximum of two mass percentage of additive.

5.2 The melting point for both types of tubing shall be 327 ± 10°C (621 ± 18°F) when measured in accordance with 8.1.4.

5.3 The inside diameter, wall thickness, and tolerances of the tubing shall be as shown in Tables 1-3 and when determined in accordance with 8.1.3.1 and 8.1.3.2.

5.4 The specific gravity of the tubing shall be as specified in Table 4 when determined in accordance with 8.1.5.

5.5 The weight loss of the tubing shall not exceed 0.05 % when determined in accordance with 8.1.6.

5.6 The tubing shall have tensile properties as specified in Table 4 and a minimum elongation of 200 % when determined in accordance with 8.1.7.

5.7 The tubing shall be a minimum dielectric breakdown as shown in Table 5 when determined in accordance with 8.1.8.

5.8 The inside diameter of the tubing shall be within the applicable tolerance limits after subsection to the thermal treatment of 8.1.9.

5.9 The tubing shall remain free of cracks when tested for low-temperature flexibility in accordance with 8.1.11.

5.10 The color of the tubing shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. The tubing shall exhibit