



Standard Specification for Seamless Ferritic and Austenitic Alloy-Steel Boiler, Superheater, and Heat-Exchanger Tubes¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification² covers minimum-wall-thickness, seamless ferritic and austenitic steel boiler, superheater, and heat-exchanger tubes, designated Grades T5, TP304, etc. These steels are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

1.2 Grades containing the letter, H, in their designation, have requirements different from those of similar grades not containing the letter, H. These different requirements provide higher creep-rupture strength than normally achievable in similar grades without these different requirements.

1.3 The tubing sizes and thicknesses usually furnished to this specification are 1/8 in. [3.2 mm] in inside diameter to 5 in. [127 mm] in outside diameter and 0.015 to 0.500 in. [0.4 to 12.7 mm], inclusive, in minimum wall thickness. Tubing having other dimensions may be furnished, provided such tubes comply with all other requirements of this specification.

1.4 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 of this specification is specified in the order.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:³

A 262 Practices for Detecting Susceptibility to Intergranular Attack in Austenitic Stainless Steels

A 941 Terminology Relating to Steel, Stainless Steel, Re-

lated Alloys and Ferroalloys

A 1016/A 1016M Specification for General Requirements for Ferritic Alloy Steel, Austenitic Alloy Steel, and Stainless Steel Tubes

E 112 Test Methods for Determining Average Grain Size

E 527 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)

2.2 Other Standard:

SAE J1086 Practice for Numbering Metals and Alloys (UNS)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology A 941.

4. Ordering Information

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

- 4.1.1 Quantity (feet, metres, or number of lengths),
- 4.1.2 Name of material (seamless tubes),
- 4.1.3 Grade (Tables 1 and 2),
- 4.1.4 Condition (hot finished or cold finished),
- 4.1.5 Controlled structural characteristics (see 6.3),
- 4.1.6 Size (outside diameter and minimum wall thickness),
- 4.1.7 Length (specific or random),
- 4.1.8 Hydrostatic Test or Nondestructive Electric Test (see 10.1),
- 4.1.9 Specification designation and year of issue,
- 4.1.10 Increased sulfur (for machinability, see Note B, Table 1, and 14.3), and
- 4.1.11 Special requirements and any supplementary requirements selected.

5. General Requirements

5.1 Product furnished to this specification shall conform to the requirements of Specification A 1016/A 1016M, including

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² For ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code applications see related Specification SA-213 in Section II of that Code.

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.

⁴ Available from Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

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



TABLE 1 Chemical Composition Limits, %^A, for Low Alloy Steel

| Grade | UNS Designation | Composition, % | | | | | | | | | | | | | Other Elements | | |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-----------|--------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | Carbon | Manganese | Phosphorus | Sulfur | Silicon | Nickel | Chromium | Molybdenum | Vanadium | Boron | Niobium | Nitrogen | Aluminum | | Tungsten | |
| T2 | K11547 | 0.10–0.20 | 0.30–0.61 | 0.025 | 0.025 ^B | 0.10–0.30 | ... | 0.50–0.81 | 0.44–0.65 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T5 | K41545 | 0.15 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.50 | ... | 4.00–6.00 | 0.45–0.65 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T5b | K51545 | 0.15 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 1.00–2.00 | ... | 4.00–6.00 | 0.45–0.65 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T5c | K41245 | 0.12 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.50 | ... | 4.00–6.00 | 0.45–0.65 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Ti 4xC–0.70 |
| T9 | K90941 | 0.15 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.25–1.00 | ... | 8.00–10.00 | 0.90–1.10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T11 | K11597 | 0.05–0.15 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.50–1.00 | ... | 1.00–1.50 | 0.44–0.65 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T12 | K11562 | 0.05–0.15 | 0.30–0.61 | 0.025 | 0.025 ^B | 0.50 | ... | 0.80–1.25 | 0.44–0.65 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T17 | K12047 | 0.15–0.25 | 0.30–0.61 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.15–0.35 | ... | 0.80–1.25 | ... | 0.15 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T21 | K31545 | 0.05–0.15 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.50–1.00 | ... | 2.65–3.35 | 0.80–1.06 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T22 | K21590 | 0.05–0.15 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.50–1.00 | ... | 1.90–2.60 | 0.87–1.13 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T23 | K40712 | 0.04–0.10 | 0.10–0.60 | 0.030 | 0.010 | 0.50 | ... | 1.90–2.60 | 0.05–0.30 | 0.20–0.30 | 0.0005–0.006 | 0.02–0.08 | 0.03 | ... | 1.45–1.75 | ... | ... |
| T24 | K30736 | 0.05–0.10 | 0.30–0.70 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.15–0.45 | ... | 2.20–2.60 | 0.90–1.10 | 0.20–0.30 | 0.0015–0.007 | 0.012 | 0.02 | 0.02 | ... | Ti 0.06–0.10 | ... |
| T91 | K90901 | 0.07–0.14 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.20–0.50 | ... | 8.0–9.5 | 0.85–1.05 | 0.18–0.25 | 0.06–0.1 | 0.030–0.070 | 0.04 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| T92 | K92460 | 0.07–0.13 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.50 | ... | 8.5–9.5 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.15–0.25 | 0.04–0.09 | 0.030–0.070 | 0.04 | 1.5–2.00 | ... | ... | ... |
| T122 | K91271 | 0.07–0.14 | 0.70 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.50 | ... | 10.0–12.5 | 0.25–0.60 | 0.15–0.30 | 0.0005–0.005 | 0.04–0.10 | 0.04 | 1.50–2.50 | ... | Cu 0.30–1.70 | ... |
| T911 | K91061 | 0.09–0.13 | 0.30–0.60 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.10–0.50 | ... | 8.5–9.5 | 0.90–1.10 | 0.18–0.25 | 0.0003–0.006 | 0.06–0.10 | 0.04 | 0.90–1.10 | ... | ... | ... |

^A Maximum, unless range or minimum is indicated. Where ellipses (...) appear in this table, there is no requirement, and analysis for the element need not be determined or reported.

^B It is permissible to order T2 and T12 with 0.045 max Sulfur. See 14.3.

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any supplementary requirements that are indicated in the purchase order. Failure to comply with the general requirements of Specification A 1016/A 1016M constitutes nonconformance with this specification. In case of conflict between the requirements of this specification and Specification A 1016/A 1016M, this specification shall prevail.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Manufacture and Condition*—Tubes shall be made by the seamless process and shall be either hot finished or cold finished, as specified. Grade TP347HFG shall be cold finished.

6.2 *Heat Treatment:*

6.2.1 *Ferritic Alloy and Ferritic Stainless Steels*—The ferritic alloy and ferritic stainless steels shall be reheated for heat

treatment in accordance with the requirements of Table 3. Heat treatment shall be carried out separately and in addition to heating for hot forming.

6.2.2 *Austenitic Stainless Steels*—All austenitic tubes shall be furnished in the heat-treated condition, and shall be heat treated in accordance with the requirements of Table 3. Alternatively, immediately after hot forming, while the temperature of the tubes is not less than the specified minimum solution treatment temperature, tubes may be individually quenched in water or rapidly cooled by other means.

6.3 If any controlled structural characteristics are required, these shall be so specified in the order as to be a guide as to the most suitable heat treatment.

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TABLE 2 Chemical Composition Limits, %^A, for Austenitic and Ferritic Stainless Steel

| Grade | UNS Designation | Composition | | | | | | | | | | | Other Elements | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----|--|-----|
| | | Carbon | Manganese | Phosphorous | Sulfur | Silicon | Chromium | Nickel | Molybdenum | Nitrogen ^B | Niobium | Titanium | | | | |
| TP201 | S20100 | 0.15 | 5.5–7.5 | 0.060 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 16.0–18.0 | 3.5–5.5 | ... | 0.25 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| TP202 | S20200 | 0.15 | 7.5–10.0 | 0.060 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0–19.0 | 4.0–6.0 | ... | .025 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| XM-19 _C | S20910 S21500 | 0.06 0.06–0.15 | 4.0–6.0 5.5–7.0 | 0.045 0.045 | 0.030 0.030 | 1.00 0.20–1.00 | 20.5–23.5 14.0–16.0 | 11.5–13.5 9.0–11.0 | 1.50–3.00 0.80–1.20 | 0.20–0.40 | 0.10–0.30 0.75–1.25 | ... | ... | ... | V 0.10–0.30 B 0.003–0.009 V 0.15–0.40 | |
| TP304 _C | S25700 S30400 S30403 S30409 S30432 | 0.02 0.08 0.035 ^D 0.04–0.10 0.07–0.13 | 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 0.50 | 0.025 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.045 | 0.010 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.030 | 6.5–8.0 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.03 | 8.0–11.5 18.0–20.0 18.0–20.0 18.0–20.0 17.0–19.0 | 22.0–25.0 8.0–11.0 8.0–12.0 8.0–11.0 7.5–10.5 | 0.50 | ... | 0.20–0.60 | ... | ... | ... | Al 0.003–0.030 B 0.001–0.010 Cu 2.5–3.5 | |
| TP304N _C | S30451 S30453 S30615 | 0.08 0.035 ^D 0.016–0.24 | 2.00 2.00 2.00 | 0.045 0.045 0.030 | 0.030 0.030 0.030 | 1.00 1.00 3.2–4.0 | 18.0–20.0 18.0–20.0 17.0–19.5 | 8.0–11.0 8.0–11.0 13.5–16.0 | ... | 0.10–0.16 0.10–0.16 | ... | ... | ... | ... | Al 0.8–1.5 Ce 0.03–0.08 | |
| TP309S _C | S30815 S30908 S30909 | 0.05–0.10 0.08 0.04–0.10 | 0.80 2.00 2.00 | 0.040 0.045 0.045 | 0.030 0.030 0.030 | 1.00 1.00 1.00 | 22.0–24.0 22.0–24.0 22.0–24.0 | 10.0–12.0 12.0–15.0 12.0–16.0 | ... | ... | 10xC–1.10 10xC–1.10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| TP309Cb _C | S30940 S30941 | 0.08 0.04–0.10 | 2.00 2.00 | 0.045 0.045 | 0.030 0.030 | 1.00 1.00 | 22.0–24.0 24.0–26.0 | 12.0–16.0 19.0–22.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| TP310S _C | S31002 S31008 S31009 | 0.02 0.08 0.04–0.10 | 2.00 2.00 2.00 | 0.020 0.045 0.045 | 0.015 0.030 0.030 | 0.15 1.00 1.00 | 24.0–26.0 24.0–26.0 24.0–26.0 | 19.0–22.0 19.0–22.0 19.0–22.0 | 0.10 ... | 0.10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| TP310H _C | S31040 S31041 | 0.08 0.04–0.10 | 2.00 2.00 | 0.045 0.045 | 0.030 0.030 | 1.00 1.00 | 24.0–26.0 24.0–26.0 | 19.0–22.0 19.0–22.0 | ... | ... | 10xC–1.10 10xC–1.10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| TP310HCb _C | S31042 S31050 S31060 | 0.04–0.10 0.025 0.05–0.10 | 2.00 2.00 1.00 | 0.045 0.020 0.040 | 0.030 0.030 0.030 | 1.00 0.40 0.50 | 24.0–26.0 24.0–26.0 22.0–24.0 | 19.0–22.0 21.0–23.0 10.0–12.5 | ... | 0.15–0.35 0.10–0.16 0.18–0.25 | 0.20–0.60 | ... | ... | ... | Ce + La 0.025–0.070 B 0.001–0.010 Cu 0.50–1.00 B 0.004–0.008 | |
| TP316 _C | S31254 S31272 | 0.020 0.08–0.12 | 1.00 1.50–2.00 | 0.030 0.030 | 0.010 0.015 | 0.80 0.30–0.70 | 19.5–20.5 14.0–16.0 | 17.5–18.5 14.0–16.0 | 6.0–6.5 1.00–1.40 | 0.18–0.22 | ... | 0.30–0.60 | ... | ... | ... | |
| TP316L _C | S31600 S31603 S31609 S31651 S31653 S31700 S31717L S31603 S31725 S31726 S32050 S32100 | 0.08 0.035 ^D 0.04–0.10 0.08 0.035 ^D 0.08 0.035 0.03 0.03 0.030 0.030 0.08 | 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 1.50 2.00 | 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.045 0.035 0.035 0.045 | 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.030 0.020 0.030 | 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 | 16.0–18.0 16.0–18.0 16.0–18.0 16.0–18.0 16.0–18.0 18.0–20.0 18.0–20.0 18.0–20.0 17.0–20.0 22.0–24.0 17.0–19.0 | 10.0–14.0 10.0–14.0 11.0–14.0 10.0–13.0 10.0–13.0 11.0–15.0 11.0–15.0 13.5–17.5 13.5–17.5 20.0–23.0 9.0–12.0 | 2.00–3.00 2.00–3.00 2.00–3.00 2.00–3.00 2.00–3.00 3.0–4.0 3.0–4.0 4.0–5.0 4.0–5.0 6.0–6.8 ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| TP317LMN _C | S31726 S32050 S32100 | 0.03 0.030 0.08 | 2.00 1.50 2.00 | 0.045 0.035 0.045 | 0.030 0.020 0.030 | 1.00 1.00 1.00 | 17.0–20.0 22.0–24.0 17.0–19.0 | 13.5–17.5 20.0–23.0 9.0–12.0 | ... | 0.20 0.10–0.20 0.21–0.32 | ... | ... | ... | ... | Cu 0.75 Cu 0.75 Cu 0.40 | |
| TP321H | S32109 | 0.04–0.10 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0–19.0 | 9.0–12.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5(C + N)–0.70 4(C + N)–0.70 | |

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TABLE 2 Continued

| Grade | UNS Designation | Composition | | | | | | | | | | | Other Elements |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Carbon | Manga- nese | Phospho- rous | Sulfur | Silicon | Chromium | Nickel | Molybdenum | Nitrogen ^B | Niobium | Titanium | |
| C | S32615 | 0.07 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 4.8-6.0 | 16.5-19.5 | 19.0-22.0 | 0.30-1.50 | ... | ... | ... | Cu 1.50-2.50 |
| C | S33228 | 0.04-0.08 | 1.00 | 0.020 | 0.015 | 0.03 | 26.0-28.0 | 31.0-33.0 | ... | 0.60-1.00 | ... | ... | Ce 0.05-0.10, Al 0.025 |
| C | S34565 | 0.030 | 5.0-7.0 | 0.030 | 0.010 | 1.00 | 23.0-25.0 | 16.0-18.0 | 4.0-5.0 | 0.40-0.60 | 0.10 | ... | ... |
| TP347 | S34700 | 0.08 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0-20.0 | 9.0-13.0 | ... | ... | 10xC-1.10 | ... | ... |
| TP347H | S34709 | 0.04-0.10 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0-19.0 | 9.0-12.0 | ... | ... | 8xC-1.10 | ... | ... |
| TP347HFG | S34710 | 0.06-0.10 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0-19.0 | 9.0-12.0 | ... | ... | 8xC-1.10 | ... | ... |
| TP347LN | S34751 | 0.005-0.020 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0-19.0 | 9.0-12.0 | ... | 0.06-0.10 | 0.20-0.50 ^F | ... | ... |
| TP348 | S34800 | 0.08 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0-19.0 | 9.0-12.0 | ... | ... | ... | Co 0.20, Ta 0.10 | ... |
| TP348H | S34809 | 0.04-0.10 | 2.00 | 0.045 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.0-19.0 | 9.0-12.0 | ... | ... | ^G | Co 0.20, Ta 0.10 | ... |
| ... | S35045 | 0.06-0.10 | 1.50 | 0.045 | 0.015 | 1.00 | 25.0-29.0 | 32.0-37.0 | ... | ... | 0.15-0.60 | Al 0.15-0.60 | ... |
| XM-15 | S38100 | 0.08 | 2.00 | 0.030 | 0.030 | 1.50-2.50 | 17.0-19.0 | 17.5-18.5 | ... | ... | ... | Cu 0.75 | ... |
| TP444 | S44400 | 0.03 | 1.00 | 0.040 | 0.030 | 1.00 | 17.5-19.5 | ... | 1.75-2.50 | 0.035 | ... | ... | ... |

^AMaximum, unless a range or minimum is indicated. Where ellipses (...) appear in this table, there is no minimum and analysis for the element need not be determined or reported.

^BThe method of analysis for Nitrogen shall be a matter of agreement between the purchaser and the producer.

^CFor these alloys, there is no common grade designation. The UNS number uniquely identifies these alloys.

^DFor small diameter or thin walls, or both, where many drawing passes are required, a carbon maximum of 0.040% is necessary in Grades TP304L, TP304LN, TP316L, and TP316LN.

^EGrade TP347LN shall have an Nb content of not less than 15 times the carbon content.

^FGrade TP348 shall have an Nb + Ta content of not less than 10 times the carbon content and not more than 1.10%.

^GGrade TP348H shall have an Nb + Ta content of not less than 8 times the carbon content and not more than 1.10%.

^HGrade TP444 shall have Ni + Cu = 1.00 max.

^IGrade TP444 shall have Ti + Nb = 0.20 + 4(C + N)-0.80.

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 *Composition Requirements:*

7.1.1 The alloy steels shall conform to the chemical requirements given in Table 1.

7.1.2 The stainless steels shall conform to the chemical requirements given in Table 2.

7.2 *Product Analysis:*

7.2.1 An analysis of either one billet or one tube shall be made from each heat. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified.

7.2.2 If the original test for product analysis fails, retests of two additional billets or tubes shall be made. Both retests, for the elements in question shall meet the requirements of the specification; otherwise all remaining material in the heat or lot (as described in Section 13) shall be rejected or, at the option of the producer, each billet or tube may be individually tested for acceptance. Billets or tubes that do not meet the requirements of the specification shall be rejected.

8. Grain Size

8.1 Grain size shall be as given in Table 3, as determined in accordance with Test Methods E 112.

8.2 Grain size determinations, to demonstrate compliance with 8.1, shall be made on one end of one finished tube from each lot. See 13.1.

9. Mechanical Properties

9.1 *Tensile Requirements:*

9.1.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to tensile properties given in Table 4.

9.1.2 Table 5 gives the computed minimum elongation values for each $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. [0.8-mm] decrease in wall thickness. Where the wall thickness lies between two values shown in Table 5, the minimum elongation value shall be determined by the following equations. For Grades T23, T24, T91, T92, T122, T911, and S44400: $E = 32t + 10.00$ [$E = 1.25t + 10.00$]. For all other ferritic alloy grades: $E = 48t + 15.00$ [$E = 1.87t + 15.00$].

where:

E = elongation in 2 in. [50 mm], %, and

t = actual thickness of specimen, in. [mm].

9.1.3 One tension test shall be made on a specimen from one tube 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. See 13.2.

9.2 *Hardness Requirements:*

9.2.1 The material shall conform to the hardness requirements given in Table 4. See 13.2.

9.2.2 Brinell, Vickers, or Rockwell hardness tests shall be made on specimens from two tubes from each lot. See 13.2.

9.3 *Flattening Test*—One flattening test shall be made on specimens from each end of one finished tube, not the one used for the flaring test, from each lot. See 13.1.

9.4 *Flaring Test*—One flaring test shall be made on specimens from each end of one finished tube, not the one used for the flattening test, from each lot. See 13.1.

9.5 Mechanical property requirements do not apply to tubing smaller than $\frac{1}{8}$ in. [3.2 mm] in inside diameter or thinner than 0.015 in. [0.4 mm] in thickness.

10. Hydrostatic or Nondestructive Electric Test

10.1 Each tube shall be subjected to the nondestructive electric test or the hydrostatic test. The type of test to be used shall be at the option of the manufacturer, unless otherwise specified in the purchase order.

11. Forming Operations

11.1 Tubes, when inserted in a boiler or tube sheet, shall stand expanding and beading without showing cracks or flaws. Superheater tubes when properly manipulated shall stand all forging, welding, and bending operations necessary for application without developing defects. See Note 1.

NOTE 1—Certain of the ferritic steels covered by this specification will harden if cooled rapidly from above their critical temperature. Some will air harden, that is, become hardened to an undesirable degree when cooled in air from high temperatures, particularly chromium-containing steels with chromium of 4 % and higher. Therefore, operations that involve heating such steels above their critical temperatures, such as welding, flanging, and hot bending, should be followed by suitable heat treatment.

12. Surface Condition

12.1 Ferritic alloy cold-finished steel tubes shall be free of scale and suitable for inspection. A slight amount of oxidation is not considered scale.

12.2 Ferritic alloy hot-finished steel tubes shall be free of loose scale and suitable for inspection.

12.3 Stainless steel tubes shall be pickled free of scale. When bright annealing is used, pickling is not necessary.

12.4 Any special finish requirement shall be subject to agreement between the supplier and the purchaser.

13. Sampling

13.1 For flattening, flaring, and grain size requirements, the term lot applies to all tubes, prior to cutting, of the same size (see 4.1.6) that are produced from the same heat of steel. When final heat treatment is in a batch-type furnace, a lot shall include only those tubes of the same size and from the same heat that are heat treated in the same furnace charge. When the final heat treatment is in a continuous furnace or when the heat-treated condition is obtained directly by quenching after hot forming, the number of tubes of the same size and from the same heat in a lot shall be determined from the size of the tubes as prescribed in Table 6.

13.2 For tensile and hardness test requirements, the term lot applies to all tubes prior to cutting, of the same size (see 4.1.6) that are produced from the same heat of steel. When final heat treatment is in a batch-type furnace, a lot shall include only those tubes of the same size and the same heat that are heat treated in the same furnace charge. When the final heat treatment is in a continuous furnace, or when the heat-treated condition is obtained directly by quenching after hot forming, a lot shall include all tubes of the same size and heat, heat treated in the same furnace at the same temperature, time at heat, and furnace speed; or all tubes of the same size and heat, hot formed and quenched in the same production run, except as prescribed in 9.1.3.