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# Standard Specification for Electric-Resistance-Welded Metallic-Coated Carbon Steel Mechanical Tubing<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers round, square, rectangular, and special shape, electric-resistance-welded mechanical tubing, either zinc-coated (galvanized) after welding or produced from aluminum-coated, zinc-coated (galvanized), zinc-iron alloy-coated (galvannealed), or 55 % aluminum-zinc alloy-coated steel sheet. Tubing for use as electrical conduit (EMT) or intermediate metallic conduit (IMC) is not covered by this specification.

1.2 This specification covers mechanical tubing with outside diameters or maximum outside dimensions ranging from 1/2 to 15 in. [12.7 to 380.0 mm] and wall thickness from 0.028 to 0.180 in. [0.70 to 4.60 mm].

1.3 Sizes outside the ranges listed above may be ordered provided all other requirements of the specification are met.

1.4 This specification is expressed in both inch-pound units and in SI units; however, unless the purchase order specifies the applicable M specification designation (SI units), the inch-pound units shall apply. 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*:<sup>2</sup>

[A463/A463M Specification for Steel Sheet, Aluminum-Coated, by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[A653/A653M Specification for Steel Sheet, Zinc-Coated \(Galvanized\) or Zinc-Iron Alloy-Coated \(Galvannealed\)](#)

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

[by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[A792/A792M Specification for Steel Sheet, 55 % Aluminum-Zinc Alloy-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[A924/A924M Specification for General Requirements for Steel Sheet, Metallic-Coated by the Hot-Dip Process](#)

[B6 Specification for Zinc](#)

## 3. Classification

3.1 The types of tubing covered by this specification are:

Type Number	Code Letters	Description
1	AWAC	electric-resistance-welded aluminum-coated carbon steel mechanical tubing
2	AWG	electric-resistance-welded galvanized carbon steel mechanical tubing
3	AWPG	electric-resistance-welded carbon steel mechanical tubing, post-hot dipped galvanized
4	AWGA	electric-resistance-welded carbon steel mechanical tubing, zinc-iron alloy-coated (galvannealed)
5	AWGZ	electric-resistance-welded carbon steel mechanical tubing, 55 % aluminum-zinc alloy-coated

## 4. Ordering Information

4.1 The ordered wall thickness of the tubing shall be the total of the base metal and the metallic coating.

4.2 Orders for material under this specification shall include the following:

- 4.2.1 Quantity (feet, metres, or number of lengths),
- 4.2.2 Type, code letters, and description (Sections 1 and 3),
- 4.2.3 Applicable ASTM designation number(s),
- 4.2.4 Coating designation and type of coating,
- 4.2.5 Chemically treated or not chemically treated raw material,
- 4.2.6 Oiled or dry (Section 16),
- 4.2.7 Extra smooth coating (if required),
- 4.2.8 Customer application, including fabrication,
- 4.2.9 Flash condition (7.1),
- 4.2.10 Steel grade designation (Sections 5 and 9),
- 4.2.11 Report of chemical analysis if required (Sections 10 and 11),
- 4.2.12 Shape (round, square, rectangular, or special),

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

4.2.12.1 Dimensions: round—any two of the following: inside diameter, outside diameter, or wall thickness; square or rectangular—outside dimension, wall thickness, and corner radii, if required. (See 12.1 and 13.1 and 13.2.)

4.2.13 Length: round tubing—mill lengths or definite cut lengths (see 12.2); square and rectangular tubing—mill cut lengths and specified length (see 13.4).

4.2.14 Squareness of cut: round tubing, if required (see 12.3); square and rectangular tubing, if required (see 13.7),

4.2.15 Burrs removed, if required (see 15.2),

4.2.16 Special packaging (Section 19),

4.2.17 Customer specification number, if applicable,

4.2.18 Special requirements,

4.2.19 Special marking (Section 18), and

4.2.20 Recoating of outside diameter weld and heat-affected area, on precoated steel, if required.

## 5. Process

5.1 The steel shall be made from any process.

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

5.1.2 The primary melting may incorporate separate degassing or refining and may be followed by secondary melting, using electroslag remelting or vacuum remelting. If secondary melting is employed, the heat shall be defined as all of the ingots remelted from a single primary heat.

5.1.3 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.

5.2 For tubing produced from precoated steel sheet, the composition of the coating shall comply with the applicable specification.

5.2.1 *Specification A463/A463M*—Coating designation for aluminum coated-sheet.

5.2.2 *Specification A653/A653M*—Coating designation for galvanized and galvanized steel sheet.

5.2.3 *Specification A792/A792M*—Coating designation for 55% aluminum-zinc alloy-coated steel sheet.

5.2.4 Other grades of coated steel sheet, as listed in Table 1

and Table 2, may be used as the precoated material for the steel tubing upon agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser. Such steel sheet shall meet the requirements of Specification A463/A463M, A653/A653M, A792/A792M, and A924/A924M, except for the chemical requirements.

## 6. Manufacture

6.1 Tubes shall be made by the electric-resistance welding process and shall be made from hot or cold-rolled precoated steel.

6.2 Special manufacturing practices allow for post-hot dipped galvanizing of welded tubing. If this product is desired all sections of this specification will apply except Tables 3 and 4. Wall thickness tolerances shall be determined by agreement between the producer and purchaser.

## 7. Flash Conditions

7.1 The flash conditions under which tubing may be furnished are as follows: The flash shall be removed from the outside diameter of tubing covered by this specification. Tubing furnished to this specification may have the following conditions of welding flash on the inside diameter.

7.1.1 *Flash-In*—All tubing in which the inside diameter welding flash does not exceed the wall thickness or  $\frac{3}{32}$  in. [2.38 mm], whichever is less.

7.1.2 *Flash Controlled to 0.010 in. [0.25 mm], Maximum*—Tubing in which the height of the remaining welding flash is controlled so as not to exceed 0.010 in. [0.25 mm]. This condition is available in over 0.750 in. [19.0 mm] outside diameter and gages consistent with Tables 5 and 6.

7.1.3 *Flash Controlled to 0.005 in. [0.13 mm], Maximum*—When the inside diameter flash is controlled to 0.005 in. [0.13 mm] maximum in tubing produced to outside diameter and wall thickness, inside diameter and wall thickness, or outside diameter and inside diameter tolerances, the remaining inside diameter flash, if any, is part of the applicable inside diameter tolerance. This controlled flash is available in 0.750 in. [19.0 mm] outside diameter or greater.

7.2 Tubes shall be furnished in the following shapes, as specified by the purchaser: round, square, rectangular, or special shapes (as negotiated).

**TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements for Low-Carbon Steels<sup>A, B</sup>**

Grade Designation <sup>C</sup>	Composition, %			
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max
MT1010	0.05 to 0.15	0.30 to 0.60	0.035	0.035
MT1015	0.10 to 0.20	0.30 to 0.60	0.035	0.035
MTX1015	0.10 to 0.20	0.60 to 0.90	0.035	0.035
MT1020	0.15 to 0.25	0.30 to 0.60	0.035	0.035
MTX1020	0.15 to 0.25	0.70 to 1.00	0.035	0.035

<sup>A</sup> Rimmed or capped steels that may be used for the above grades are characterized by a lack of uniformity in their chemical composition, and for this reason product analysis is not technologically appropriate unless misapplication is clearly indicated.

<sup>B</sup> Chemistry represents heat analysis. Product analysis, except for rimmed or capped steel, is to be in accordance with usual practice as shown in Table 7.

<sup>C</sup> The letters MT indicate mechanical tubing.

**TABLE 2 Chemical Requirements for Other Carbon Steels<sup>A</sup>**

Grade Designation	Composition, %			
	Carbon	Manganese	Phosphorus, max	Sulfur, max
1008	0.10 max	0.50	0.035	0.035
1010	0.08 to 0.13	0.30 to 0.60	0.035	0.035
1015	0.12 to 0.18	0.30 to 0.60	0.035	0.035
1016	0.12 to 0.19	0.60 to 0.90	0.035	0.035
1017	0.14 to 0.21	0.30 to 0.60	0.035	0.035
1018	0.14 to 0.21	0.60 to 0.90	0.035	0.035
1019	0.14 to 0.21	0.70 to 1.00	0.035	0.035
1021	0.17 to 0.24	0.60 to 0.90	0.035	0.035

<sup>A</sup> Chemistry represents heat analysis. Product analysis, except for rimmed or capped steel, is to be in accordance with usual practice as shown in Table 7.



**TABLE 3 Wall Thickness Tolerance for Premetallic Coated As-Welded Tubing<sup>A</sup> (inch-pound units)**  
**Outside Diameter, in.**

Wall Thickness BWG <sup>B</sup> in.	1/2 to 1, incl		Over 1 to 1 15/16, incl		Over 1 15/16 to 3 3/4, incl		Over 3 3/4 to 4 1/2, incl		Over 4 1/2 to 6, incl		Over 6 to 8, incl		Over 8 to 10, incl		Over 10 to 12, incl		Over 12 to 15, incl	
	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus
22	0.028	0.002	0.006	0.006	0.002	0.006	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.010	0.002	0.010	0.002	0.010	0.002	0.010	0.002	0.010
20	0.035	0.003	0.006	0.006	0.002	0.006	0.003	0.003	0.002	0.010	0.004	0.010	0.003	0.011	0.003	0.011	0.003	0.011
18	0.049	0.004	0.007	0.008	0.003	0.008	0.003	0.003	0.004	0.006	0.006	0.012	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014
16	0.065	0.005	0.007	0.008	0.004	0.008	0.005	0.005	0.004	0.006	0.006	0.012	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014
14	0.083	0.006	0.008	0.008	0.006	0.008	0.005	0.005	0.007	0.013	0.007	0.013	0.004	0.016	0.004	0.016	0.004	0.016
13	0.095	0.008	0.010	0.010	0.007	0.011	0.007	0.011	0.006	0.012	0.006	0.012	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014
12	0.109	0.008	0.010	0.010	0.007	0.011	0.007	0.011	0.006	0.012	0.006	0.012	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014	0.004	0.014
11	0.120	0.009	0.011	0.011	0.008	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.007	0.013	0.007	0.013	0.004	0.016	0.004	0.016	0.004	0.016
10	0.134	0.009	0.011	0.011	0.008	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.007	0.013	0.007	0.013	0.004	0.016	0.004	0.016	0.004	0.016
9	0.148	0.009	0.012	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.007	0.013	0.007	0.013	0.006	0.014	0.006	0.014	0.006	0.014
8	0.165	0.009	0.012	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.007	0.013	0.007	0.013	0.006	0.014	0.006	0.014	0.006	0.014
7	0.180	0.009	0.012	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.008	0.012	0.007	0.013	0.007	0.013	0.006	0.014	0.006	0.014	0.006	0.014

<sup>A</sup> Post-hot dipped galvanized welded tubing wall thickness tolerances shall be determined by agreement between the producer and purchaser (6.2).

<sup>B</sup> Birmingham Wire Gage.



**TABLE 4 Wall Thickness Tolerance for Premetallic Coated As-Welded Tubing<sup>A</sup> (SI Units)**  
**Outside Diameter, mm**

Wall Thickness mm	13 to 25, incl		Over 25 to 50, incl		Over 50 to 100, incl		Over 100 to 150, incl		Over 150 to 200, incl		Over 200 to 250, incl		Over 250 to 375, incl	
	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus	Plus	Minus
1.0	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.20	0.08	0.20	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.25	0.08	0.28
1.5	0.10	0.18	0.10	0.15	0.08	0.23	0.05	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.10	0.35
2.0	0.15	0.20	0.15	0.20	0.13	0.23	0.10	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.10	0.30	0.10	0.40
2.5	0.20	0.25	0.20	0.25	0.18	0.28	0.15	0.30	0.15	0.30	0.10	0.40	0.10	0.40
3.0	0.22	0.27	0.23	0.28	0.20	0.30	0.18	0.33	0.18	0.33	0.10	0.40	0.10	0.40
3.5	0.23	0.28	0.23	0.28	0.20	0.30	0.18	0.33	0.18	0.33	0.10	0.40	0.10	0.40
4.0			0.23	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.18	0.33	0.18	0.33	0.15	0.40	0.15	0.40
4.5			0.23	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.18	0.33	0.18	0.33	0.15	0.40	0.15	0.40

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