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Steel, Mechanical Tubing
0.95Cr - 0.20Mo (0.28 - 0.33C) (SAE 4130)

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FOREWORD

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1. SCOPE:

1.1 Form:

This specification covers an aircraft-quality, low-alloy steel in the form of mechanical tubing.

1.2 Application:

This tubing has been used typically for parts, 0.375 inch (9.52 mm) and under in nominal thickness at time of heat treatment, requiring a through-hardening steel capable of developing hardness as high as 40 HRC when properly hardened and tempered and for parts of greater thickness but requiring proportionately lower hardness, but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS:

The following publications form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The latest issue of SAE publications shall apply. The applicable issue of other publications shall be the issue in effect on the date of the purchase order.

2.1 SAE Publications:

Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

AMS 2253	Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
MAM 2253	Tolerances, Metric, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
AMS 2259	Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
AMS 2301	Aircraft Quality Steel Cleanliness, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure
AMS 2370	Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel Wrought Products and Forging Stock

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2.1 (Continued):

AMS 2806 Identification, Bars, Wire, Mechanical Tubing, and Extrusions, Carbon and Alloy Steels and Corrosion and Heat Resistant Steels and Alloys
AS1182 Standard Machining Allowance, Aircraft Quality and Premium Aircraft-Quality Steel Bars and Mechanical Tubing

2.2 ASTM Publications:

Available from ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM A 255 End-Quench Test for Hardenability of Steel
ASTM A 370 Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
ASTM E 112 Determining the Average Grain Size
ASTM E 350 Chemical Analysis of Carbon Steel, Low-Alloy Steel, Silicon Electrical Steel, Ingot Iron, and Wrought Iron

2.3 U.S. Government Publications:

Available from DODSSP, Subscription Services Desk, Building 4D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.

MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products, Preparation for Shipment and Storage

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Composition:

Shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined by wet chemical methods in accordance with ASTM E 350, by spectrochemical methods, or by other analytical methods acceptable to purchaser.

TABLE 1 - Composition

Element	min	max
Carbon	0.28	0.33
Manganese	0.40	0.60
Silicon	0.15	0.35
Phosphorus	--	0.025
Sulfur	--	0.025
Chromium	0.80	1.10
Molybdenum	0.15	0.25
Nickel	--	0.25
Copper	--	0.35

3.1.1 Check Analysis: Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS 2259.

3.2 Condition:

Cold finished having hardness not higher than 25 HRC, or equivalent, except that tubing ordered hot finished and annealed or tempered shall have hardness not higher than 99 HRB, or equivalent (See 8.2); hardness shall be determined in accordance with ASTM A 370.

3.3 Properties:

Tubing shall conform to the following requirements; hardness testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A 370.

3.3.1 Grain Size: Shall be 5 or finer, determined in accordance with ASTM E 112.

3.3.2 Hardenability: Shall be J35=5 minimum and J28=8 minimum, determined on the standard end-quench test specimen in accordance with ASTM A 255 except that the steel shall be normalized at 1700 °F ± 10 (927 °C ± 6) and the test specimen austenitized at 1600 °F ± 10 (871 °C ± 6). The hardenability test is not required on tubing which will not yield a suitable specimen but the steel from which the tubing is made shall conform to the hardenability specified.

3.3.3 Decarburization:

3.3.3.1 Tubing ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.

3.3.3.2 Decarburization of tubing to which 3.3.3.1 is not applicable shall be not greater than shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2A - Maximum Decarburization, Inch/Pound Units

Nominal Wall Thickness Inches	Depth of Decarburization Inch ID	Depth of Decarburization Inch OD
Up to 0.109, incl	0.008	0.015
Over 0.109 to 0.203, incl	0.010	0.020
Over 0.203 to 0.400, incl	0.012	0.025
Over 0.400 to 0.600, incl	0.015	0.030
Over 0.600 to 1.000, incl	0.017	0.035
Over 1.000	0.020	0.040

TABLE 2B - Maximum Decarburization, SI Units

Nominal Wall Thickness Millimeters	Depth of Decarburization Millimeter ID	Depth of Decarburization Millimeter OD
Up to 2.77, incl	0.20	0.38
Over 2.77 to 5.16, incl	0.25	0.51
Over 5.16 to 10.16, incl	0.30	0.64
Over 10.16 to 15.24, incl	0.38	0.76
Over 15.24 to 25.40, incl	0.43	0.89
Over 25.40	0.51	1.02

3.3.3.3 Decarburization shall be measured by the microscopic method or by Rockwell Superficial 30-N scale or equivalent hardness testing method on hardened but untempered specimens protected during heat treatment to prevent changes in surface carbon content. Depth of decarburization, when measured by a hardness method, is defined as the perpendicular distance from the surface to the depth under that surface below which there is no further increase in hardness. Such measurements shall be far enough away from any adjacent surface to be uninfluenced by any decarburization or lack of decarburization thereon.

3.3.3.3.1 When determining the depth of decarburization, it is permissible to disregard local areas provided the decarburization of such areas does not exceed the above limits by more than 0.005 inch (0.13 mm) and the width is 0.065 inch (1.65 mm) or less.

3.4 Quality:

Tubing, as received by purchaser, shall be uniform in quality and condition, sound, and free from foreign materials and from imperfections detrimental to usage of the tubing.

3.4.1 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS 2301.

3.4.2 Tubing ordered hot rolled or cold drawn or ground, turned, or polished shall, after removal of the standard machining allowance in accordance with AS1182, be free from seams, laps, tears, and cracks open to the ground, turned, or polished surfaces.

3.5 Tolerances:

Shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS 2253 or MAM 2253.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS:

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection:

The vendor of tubing shall supply all samples for vendor's tests and shall be responsible for performing all required tests. Purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the tubing conforms to the requirements of this specification.

4.2 Classification of Tests:

Tests for all technical requirements are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable.

4.3 Sampling and Testing:

Shall be in accordance with AMS 2370.

4.4 Reports:

The vendor of tubing shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the results of tests for chemical composition, grain size, hardenability, and frequency-severity cleanliness rating of each heat. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat and lot number, AMS 6371H, size, and quantity.

4.5 Resampling and Retesting:

Shall be in accordance with AMS 2370.

5. PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY:

5.1 Sizes:

Except when exact lengths or multiples of exact lengths are ordered, straight tubing will be acceptable in mill lengths of 6 to 20 feet (1.8 to 6.1 m) but not more than 10% of any shipment shall be supplied in lengths shorter than 10 feet (3 m).

5.2 Identification:

Shall be in accordance with AMS 2806.

5.3 Protective Treatment:

Tubing ordered cold drawn, cold rolled, ground, turned, or polished shall be coated with a suitable corrosion-preventive compound prior to shipment.