



Standard Specification for Welded Stainless Steel Mechanical Tubing¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation A554; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon (ϵ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers welded austenitic, ferritic, and austenitic-ferritic duplex stainless steel mechanical tubing intended for use in ornamental, structural, exhaust, and other applications where appearance, mechanical properties, or corrosion resistance is needed. The grades covered are listed in [Table 1](#).

1.2 This specification covers as-welded or cold-reduced mechanical tubing in sizes to 16 in. (406.4 mm) outside dimension, and in wall thicknesses 0.020 in. (0.51 mm) and over.

1.3 Tubes shall be furnished in one of the following shapes as specified by the purchaser: round, square, rectangular, or special.

1.4 Supplementary requirements of an optional nature are provided and when desired shall be so stated in the order.

1.5 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

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

[A751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products](#)

[A790/A790M Specification for Seamless and Welded Ferritic/Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipe](#)

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

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

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee A01 on Steel, Stainless Steel and Related Alloys and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee A01.10 on Stainless and Alloy Steel Tubular Products.

Current edition approved March 1, 2016. Published March 2016. Originally approved in 1965. Last previous edition approved in 2015 as A554-15a. DOI: 10.1520/A0554-16.

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.

2.2 *Military Standards*:

[MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipment and Storage](#)³

[MIL-STD-163 Steel Mill Products Preparation for Shipment and Storage](#)³

2.3 *Federal Standard*:

[Fed. Std. No. 123 Marking for Shipments \(Civil Agencies\)](#)³

2.4 *SAE Standard*:

[SAE J 1086 Numbering Metals and Alloys](#)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [A941](#).

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Orders for material under this specification should include the following, as required, to describe the desired material adequately:

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

4.1.2 Name of material (welded stainless steel mechanical tubing),

4.1.3 Form (round, square, rectangular, special, see [1.3](#)),

4.1.4 Dimensions:

4.1.4.1 Round—outside diameter and wall thickness for all conditions (Section [9](#)). Alternatively, for cold-reduced condition, outside diameter and inside diameter or inside diameter and wall dimensions may be specified,

4.1.4.2 Square and rectangular outside dimensions and wall thickness (see [10.1](#)),

4.1.4.3 Special (to be specified),

4.1.5 Length (mill lengths, cut lengths, or multiple lengths (see [9.3](#))),

4.1.6 Grade ([Table 1](#)),

4.1.7 Condition (see [7.1](#)),

4.1.8 Inside diameter bead condition (see [7.2](#)),

4.1.9 Surface finish (see Section [12](#)),

4.1.10 Report of chemical analysis, if required (Section [8](#)),

4.1.11 Individual supplementary requirements, if required,

4.1.12 End use,

4.1.13 Specification designation,

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

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

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

TABLE 1 Chemical Requirements^A

UNS # ^J	Grade	Composition, %											Copper	Other			
		Carbon	Manga- nese,	Phos- phorus	Sulfur	Silicon	Nickel	Chromium	Molybdenum	Titanium	Columbium	Nitrogen					
		Austenitic															
MT-301		0.15	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	6.0-8.0	16.0-18.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-302		0.15	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	8.0-10.0	17.0-19.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-304		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	8.0-11.0	18.0-20.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-304L		0.035 ^B	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	8.0-13.0	18.0-20.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-305		0.12	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	10.0-13.0	17.0-19.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-309S		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	12.0-15.0	22.0-24.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-309S-Cb		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	12.0-15.0	22.0-24.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-310S		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	19.0-22.0	24.0-26.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-316		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	10.0-14.0	16.0-18.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-316L		0.035 ^B	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	10.0-15.0	16.0-18.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...		0.030	2.00	0.045	0.015	1.00	8.0-9.5	19.5-21.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-317		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	11.0-14.0	18.0-20.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-321		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	9.0-13.0	17.0-20.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-330		0.15	2.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	33.0-36.0	14.0-16.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-347		0.08	2.00	0.045	0.030	1.00	9.0-13.0	17.0-20.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Ferritic															
MT-429		0.12	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	0.50 max	14.0-16.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-430		0.12	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	0.50 max	16.0-18.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MT-430-Ti		0.10	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	0.075 max	16.0-19.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S40900	409 ^F	0.030	1.00	0.040	0.020	1.00	0.50	10.5-11.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S40910		0.030	1.00	0.040	0.020	1.00	0.50	10.5-11.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S40920		0.030	1.00	0.040	0.020	1.00	0.50	10.5-11.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S40930		0.030	1.00	0.040	0.020	1.00	0.50	10.5-11.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S43400	434	0.120	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	...	16.0-18.0	0.75-1.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S43600	436	0.120	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	...	16.0-18.0	0.75-1.25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S43035	439	0.030	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	0.50	17.0-19.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S41003	^F	0.030	1.50	0.040	0.030	1.00	1.50	10.5-12.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S44400	444	0.025	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	1.00	17.5-19.5	1.75-2.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S41008	410 ^S	0.080	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	0.60	11.5-13.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S44100	444	0.030	1.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	1.00	17.5-19.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Austenitic-Ferritic															
S31803		0.030	2.00	0.030	0.020	1.00	4.5-6.5	21.0-23.0	2.5-3.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S32003		0.030	2.00	0.030	0.020	1.00	3.0-4.0	19.5-22.5	1.50-2.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S32101		0.040	4.0-6.0	0.040	0.030	1.00	1.35-1.70	21.0-22.0	0.10-0.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S32202		0.030	2.00	0.040	0.010	1.00	1.00-2.80	21.5-24.0	0.45 max	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

TABLE 1 Continued

UNS # ¹	Grade	Composition, %											Other
		Carbon	Manga- nese,	Phos- phorus	Sulfur	Silicon	Nickel	Chromium	Molybdenum	Titanium	Columbium	Nitrogen		Copper
S32205	2205 ^K	0.030	2.00	0.030	0.020	1.00	4.5-6.5	22.0-23.0	3.0-3.5	...	0.14-0.20	...	...
S32304	2304 ^K	0.030	2.50	0.040	0.040	1.00	3.0-5.5	21.5-24.5	0.05-0.60	...	0.05-0.20	0.05-0.60	...
S32550	255 ^K	0.04	1.50	0.040	0.030	1.00	4.5-6.5	24.0-27.0	2.9-3.9	...	0.10-0.25	1.50-2.50	...
S32750 ^H	2507 ^K	0.030	1.20	0.035	0.020	0.80	6.0-8.0	24.0-26.0	3.0-5.0	...	0.24-0.32	0.5	...
S32760 ^I		0.030	1.00	0.030	0.010	1.00	6.0-8.0	24.0-26.0	3.0-4.0	...	0.20-0.30	0.50-1.00	W
S81921		0.030	2.00-4.00	0.040	0.030	1.00	2.00-4.00	19.0-22.0	1.00-2.00	...	0.14-0.20	...	...
S82011		0.030	2.0-3.0	0.040	0.020	1.00	1.00-2.00	20.5-23.5	0.10-1.00	...	0.15-0.27	0.50	...
S82441		0.030	2.5-4.0	0.035	0.005	0.70	3.0-4.5	23.0-25.0	1.00-2.00	...	0.20-0.30	0.10-0.80	...

^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.
^BFor small diameter or thin walls, or both, where many drawing passes are required, a carbon content of 0.040 % max is necessary in grades MT-304L and MT-316L. Small outside diameter tubes are defined as those less than 0.500 in. (12.7 mm) in outside diameter and light wall tubes as those less than 0.049 in. (1.24 mm) in average wall thickness.
^CThe columbium content shall be not less than ten times the carbon content and not more than 1.00 %.
^DThe titanium content shall be not less than five times the carbon content and not more than 0.60 %.
^ES40900 (Type 409) has been replaced by S40910, S40920, and S40930. Unless otherwise specified in the ordering information, an order specifying S40900 or Type 409, shall be satisfied by any one of S40910, S40920, or S40930 at the option of the seller. Material meeting the requirements of S40910, S40920, or S40930 may, by agreement between purchaser and manufacturer, be certified as S40900.
^FS41003 chemical composition relates to Type 412, which is not currently an AISI or SAE number.
^GS44100 chemical composition relates to Type 441, which is not currently an AISI or SAE number.
^H% Cr + 3.3 x %Mo + 16 x %N = 41 min.
^I% Cr + 3.3 x %Mo + 16 x %N = 40 min.
^JDesignation established in accordance with Practice E527 and SAE J 1086.
^KCommon name, not a trademark, widely used, not associated with any one producer.