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STEEL TUBING (SEAMLESS FOR MACHINED PARTS TO BE HEAT-TREATED)
.55 Ni .50 Cr .25 Mo (.38 - .43 C)
Cold Finished or Hot Finished

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1. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** A vendor shall mention this specification number in all quotations and when acknowledging purchase orders.

2. **COMPOSITION:**

		Individual Tube Check Analysis Over or Under
Carbon	0.38 - 0.43	0.02
Manganese	0.75 - 1.00	0.04
Phosphorus	0.040 max	0.005
Sulphur	0.040 max	0.005
Silicon	0.20 - 0.35	0.02
Nickel	0.40 - 0.70	0.03
Chromium	0.40 - 0.60	0.03
Molybdenum	0.20 - 0.30	0.03

3. **GRAIN SIZE:** 5 or finer as determined on the billet ASTM E19-39T, method a, unless otherwise ordered. A heat of steel predominately 5 or finer with grain as large as 3 is permissible.

4. **CONDITION:** (a) Unless otherwise ordered, the tubing shall be supplied cold finished in a strain annealed condition, suitable for machining, with a hardness of not more than Rockwell C-27 maximum.

5. **QUALITY:** (a) The tubing shall be uniform in quality and temper and shall not reveal injurious defects during the fabrication of parts. Unless otherwise specified, the steel used in the manufacture of this tubing shall be aircraft quality.

(b) The tubing shall have a good workmanlike finish consistent with established commercial practice.

(c) Machined surfaces of finished parts may be subject to magnetic inspection.

6. **TOLERANCES:** (a) Cold Finished Tubing.- The following variations in nominal outside diameter and wall thickness are permissible:

Nominal Outside Diameter Inches	Ratio of Wall Thickness to Outside Diameter	Tolerance, Individual Diameter Measurement (1)				Tolerance Wall Thickness %
		Outside Diameter Inches		Inside Diameter Inches		
Over 0.5 to 1.5, incl.	All thicknesses	-0.000	+0.005	-0.005	+0.000	+10 (2) (3)
Over 1.5 to 3.5, incl.	All thicknesses	-0.000	+0.010	-0.010	+0.000	+10 (2)
Over 3.5 to 5.5, incl.	All thicknesses	-0.000	+0.015	-0.015	+0.005	+10 (2)
Over 5.5	Under 5%	-0.030	+0.030	-0.035	+0.035	+10 (2)
	5% to 7.5%	-0.020	+0.020	-0.025	+0.025	+10 (2)
	Over 7.5%	-0.000	+0.030	-0.030	+0.015	+10 (2)

- Notes: (1) Tolerances are applicable only to two dimensions (length excepted).
- (2) For tubes falling under the following conditions, the inside diameter may vary over or under by an amount equal to 10% of the wall thickness. The wall thickness may have a variation of $\pm 12 \frac{1}{2}\%$.
- (a) I.D. is less than 50% of O.D.
 - (b) Wall thickness is more than 25% of O.D.
 - (c) Wall thickness is over $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches.
 - (d) Tube weighs more than 90 lbs per ft.
- (3) Tubing with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch or less inside diameter (or less than $\frac{5}{8}$ in. when the wall thickness is more than 20% of the O.D.) may have a wall thickness variation of $\pm 15\%$ and the inside diameter will be governed by the outside diameter and the wall thickness variations.
- (b) Hot Finished Tubing.- When hot finished tubing is ordered, the following variations in nominal outside diameter and wall thickness are permissible:

Nominal Outside Diameter	Ratio of Wall Thickness to Outside Diameter	Tolerances Individual Diameter Measurement Inches	Tolerance, Wall Thickness			
			Over .109 & Under %	.109 to .172 Incl. %	Over .172 to .203 Incl. %	Over .203 %
Under 3.0	All thicknesses	± 0.023	± 16.5	± 15	± 14	± 12.5
3.0 to 5.499, incl.	All thicknesses	± 0.031		± 15	± 14	± 12.5
5.5 to 7.999, incl.	All thicknesses	± 0.047				± 12.5
8 to 10.75, incl.	Under 5%	± 0.063				± 12.5
8 to 10.75, incl.	5% and over	± 0.047				± 12.5