



AEROSPACE MATERIAL SPECIFICATION	AMS6361™	REV. H
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Steel Tubing, Seamless 0.95Cr - 0.20Mo (0.28 - 0.33C) (SAE 4130), Aircraft Quality, 125 ksi (862 MPa) Tensile Strength (Composition similar to UNS G41300)		

RATIONALE

AMS6361H is the results from a Five-Year Review and update of the specification. The revision revises the Title to include product quality, updates composition reporting (see 3.1.1), revises tensile test method (see 3.4.1), revises decarburization (see 3.4.3.4.1 and 3.4.3.4.2), updates the prohibition of unauthorized exceptions (see 1.1, 3.4.1.1 Rev G, 4.4.2, and 8.4), defines the specific test requirements (see 4.2), and incorporates changes to AMS2301 testing requirements (see 4.2.1 and 4.4.3).

1. SCOPE

1.1 Form

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

1.2 Application

This tubing has been typically used in thin-walled sections where a minimum tensile strength of 125 ksi (862 MPa) is required, but usage is not limited to such applications.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The issue of the following documents in effect on the date of the purchase order forms a part of this specification to the extent specified herein. The supplier may work to a subsequent revision of a document unless a specific document issue is specified. When the referenced document has been cancelled and no superseding document has been specified, the last published issue of that document shall apply.

2.1 SAE Publications

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- AMS2253 Tolerances, Carbon and Alloy Steel Tubing
- AMS2259 Chemical Check Analysis Limits, Wrought Low-Alloy and Carbon Steels
- AMS2301 Steel Cleanliness, Aircraft Quality, Magnetic Particle Inspection Procedure

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- AMS2370 Quality Assurance Sampling and Testing, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steel Wrought Products and Forging Stock
- AMS2807 Identification, Carbon and Low-Alloy Steels, Corrosion and Heat-Resistant Steels and Alloys Sheet, Strip, Plate, and Aircraft Tubing
- AS7766 Terms Used in Aerospace Metals Specifications

2.2 ASTM Publications

Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Tel: 610-832-9585, www.astm.org.

- ASTM A370 Mechanical Testing of Steel Products
- ASTM A751 Standard Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products
- ASTM E112 Determining Average Grain Size
- ASTM E1077 Standard Test Methods for Estimating the Depth of Decarburization of Steel Specimens
- ASTM E1444E1444M Magnetic Particle Testing for Aerospace

2.3 Definitions

Terms used in AMS are defined in AS7766.

3. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Composition

Composition shall conform to the percentages by weight shown in Table 1, determined in accordance with ASTM A751 or by other analytical methods acceptable to the 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 The producer may test for any element not listed in Table 1 and include this analysis in the report of 4.4. Reporting of any element not listed in the composition table is not a basis for rejection unless limits of acceptability are specified by the purchaser.

3.1.2 Check Analysis

Composition variations shall meet the applicable requirements of AMS2259.

3.2 Condition

Tubing shall be hardened by quenching from a temperature within the range 1500 to 1600 °F (816 to 871 °C) and tempered to meet the requirements of 3.4.1.

3.3 Fabrication

Tubing shall be produced by a seamless process. Any surface finishing operation applied to remove objectionable pits and surface blemishes shall be performed prior to final heat treatment. A light polish to improve surface appearance may be employed after final heat treatment.

3.4 Properties

Tubing shall conform to the following requirements; tensile testing shall be performed in accordance with ASTM A370:

3.4.1 Tensile Properties

Shall be as shown in Table 2.

Table 2 - Minimum tensile properties

Property	Value
Tensile Strength	125 ksi (862 MPa)
Yield Strength at 0.2% Offset	100 ksi (689 MPa)
Elongation in 2 Inches (50 mm) or 4D	
Full Tube	12%
Strip	7%

3.4.1.1 Unless otherwise specified, the strain rate shall be set at 0.005 in/in/min (0.005 mm/mm/min) and maintained within a tolerance of ± 0.002 in/in/min (± 0.002 mm/mm/min) through 0.2% offset yield strain. After the yield strain, the speed of the testing machine shall be set between 0.05 and 0.5 in/in (0.05 and 0.5 mm/mm) of the length of the reduced section (or distance between the grips for specimens not having a reduced section) per minute. Alternatively, an extensometer and strain rate indicator may be used to set the strain rate between 0.05 and 0.5 in/in/min (0.05 and 0.5 mm/mm/min).

3.4.2 Average Grain Size

3.4.2.1 Average grain size shall be ASTM No. 5 or finer, determined in accordance with ASTM E112.

3.4.3 Decarburization

3.4.3.1 Tubing ordered ground, turned, or polished shall be free from decarburization on the ground, turned, or polished surfaces. Decarburization on tubing ID shall not exceed the maximum depth specified in Table 3.

3.4.3.2 Allowable decarburization of pierced billets, tubing for redrawing, or tubing ordered to specified microstructural requirements shall be as agreed upon by the purchaser and producer.

3.4.3.3 Tubing where 3.4.3.1 or 3.4.3.2 are not applicable shall be free from complete decarburization. Partial decarburization shall be not greater than shown in Table 3.

Table 3A - Maximum decarburization, inch/pound units

Nominal Wall Thickness (T) Inch	Depth of Partial Decarburization	Depth of Partial Decarburization	Depth of Partial Decarburization
	Inch ID	Inch OD	Inch ID+OD
Up to 0.040, incl	0.18T	0.18T	0.25T
Over 0.040 to 0.050, incl	0.009	0.009	0.012
Over 0.050 to 0.070, incl	0.010	0.010	0.014
Over 0.070 to 0.080, incl	0.012	0.012	0.016
Over 0.080 to 0.090, incl	0.014	0.014	0.018
Over 0.090 to 0.100, incl	0.015	0.015	0.020
Over 0.100 to 0.150, incl	0.017	0.017	0.022
Over 0.150 to 0.188, incl	0.020	0.020	0.026

Table 3B - Maximum decarburization, SI units

Nominal Wall Thickness Millimeters	Depth of Partial Decarburization	Depth of Partial Decarburization	Depth of Partial Decarburization
	Millimeters ID	Millimeters OD	Millimeters ID+OD
Up to 1.02, incl	0.18T	0.18T	0.25T
Over 1.02 to 1.27, incl	0.23	0.23	0.30
Over 1.27 to 1.78, incl	0.25	0.25	0.36
Over 1.78 to 2.03, incl	0.30	0.30	0.41
Over 2.03 to 2.29, incl	0.36	0.36	0.46
Over 2.29 to 2.54, incl	0.38	0.38	0.51
Over 2.54 to 3.81, incl	0.43	0.43	0.56
Over 3.81 to 4.78, incl	0.51	0.51	0.66

3.4.3.4 Decarburization shall be evaluated by one of the two methods of 3.4.3.4.1 or 3.4.3.4.2.

3.4.3.4.1 Metallographic Method

A cross section of the surface shall be prepared in accordance with ASTM E1077 and examined metallographically at a magnification not to exceed 200X. The product shall not show a layer of complete (ferrite) or partial decarburization exceeding the limits of Table 3.

3.4.3.4.2 Hardness Traverse Method

The total depth of decarburization shall be determined by a traverse method using microindentation hardness testing in accordance with ASTM E1077. Samples shall be hardened and protected during heat treatment to prevent changes in surface carbon content. Samples may be tempered at the option of the producer. Measurements shall be far enough away from any adjacent surface to be uninfluenced by any decarburization on the adjacent surface. Acceptance shall be as listed in Table 3.

3.4.3.4.3 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.

3.4.3.4.4 In case of dispute, the total depth of decarburization determined using the microindentation hardness traverse method shall govern.

3.5 Quality

Tubing as received by the purchaser shall be uniform in quality and condition and shall have a finish conforming to the best practice for high-quality aircraft tubing. It shall be smooth and free from heavy scale or oxide, burrs, seams, tears, grooves, laminations, slivers, pits, and other imperfections detrimental to usage of the tubing. Surface imperfections such as handling marks, straightening marks, light mandrel and die marks, shallow pits, and scale pattern will not be considered injurious if the imperfections are removable within the tolerances specified for wall thickness, but removal of such imperfections is not required.

3.5.1 Steel shall be aircraft quality conforming to AMS2301.

3.5.2 When specified, the tubing, either with or without machining of the surfaces, shall be subjected to magnetic particle inspection in accordance with ASTM E1444/E1444M. Standards for acceptance shall be as agreed upon by the purchaser and producer.

3.6 Tolerances

Tubing tolerances shall conform to all applicable requirements of AMS2253.

3.7 Exceptions

Any exceptions shall be authorized by the purchaser and reported as in 4.4.2.

4. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS

4.1 Responsibility for Inspection

The producer of tubing shall supply all samples for the producer's tests and shall be responsible for the performance of all required tests. The purchaser reserves the right to sample and to perform any confirmatory testing deemed necessary to ensure that the tubing conforms to specified requirements.

4.2 Classification of Tests

4.2.1 Acceptance Testing

Composition (see 3.1), tensile (see 3.4.1), average grain size (see 3.4.2), decarburization (see 3.4.3), frequency-severity cleanliness (see 3.5.1), and tolerances (see 3.6) are acceptance tests and shall be performed on each heat or lot as applicable. If process qualification in accordance with AMS2301 has been met, the frequency-severity cleanliness rating shall be conducted on a periodic basis as defined in AMS2301.

4.3 Sampling and Testing

Sampling and testing shall be in accordance with AMS2370.

4.4 Reports

4.4.1 The producer of the tubing shall furnish with each shipment a report showing the producer's identity, country where the metal was melted (i.e., final melt in the case of metal processed by multiple melting operations), results of tests for composition and frequency-severity cleanliness rating of each heat (see 4.4.3), for tensile properties and average grain size of each lot, and stating that the product conforms to the other technical requirements. This report shall include the purchase order number, heat and lot numbers, AMS6361H, size, and quantity.

4.4.2 When material produced to this specification has exceptions taken to the technical requirements listed in Section 3, the report shall contain a statement "This material is certified as AMS6361H(EXC) because of the following exceptions:" and the specific exceptions shall be listed (see 5.2).