



# Standard Specification for General Requirements for Nickel and Nickel Alloy Welded Pipe<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification contains various requirements that, with the exception of Section 5 and Section 10, are mandatory requirements to the following ASTM nickel and nickel alloy, longitudinally welded piping specifications:<sup>2</sup>

Title of Specification	ASTM Designation <sup>2</sup>
Welded UNS N08020, N08024, and N08026 Alloy Pipe	B 464
Welded Nickel-Iron-Chromium Alloy Pipe	B 514
Welded Nickel-Chromium-Iron-Alloy (UNS N06600, UNS N06603, UNS N06025 and UNS N06045) Pipe	B 517
Welded Nickel and Nickel-Cobalt Alloy Pipe	B 619
UNS N08904, UNS N08925, and UNS N08926 Welded Pipe	B 673
UNS N08367 Welded Pipe	B 675
Nickel-Alloy (UNS N06625, N06219, and N08825) Welded Pipe	B 705
Ni-Cr-Mo-Co-W-Fe-Si Alloy (UNS N06333) Welded Pipe	B 723
Welded Nickel (UNS N02200/UNS N02201) and Nickel Copper Alloy (UNS N04400) Pipe	B 725

1.2 One or more of the test requirements of Section 5 apply only if specifically stated in the product specification or in the purchase order.

1.3 In case of conflict between a requirement of the product specification and a requirement of this general specification, only the requirement of the product specification needs to be satisfied.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to become familiar with all hazards including those identified in the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheet for this product/material as provided by the manufacturer, to establish appropriate safety and health practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 02.04.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

- B 880 Specification for General Requirements for Chemical Check Analysis Limits for Nickel, Nickel Alloys and Cobalt Alloys<sup>2</sup>
- E 8 Test Methods for Tension Testing of Metallic Materials<sup>3</sup>
- E 18 Test Methods for Rockwell Hardness and Rockwell Superficial Hardness of Metallic Materials<sup>3</sup>
- E 29 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Test Data to Determine Conformance with Specifications<sup>4</sup>
- E 39 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel<sup>5</sup>
- E 76 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel-Copper Alloys<sup>6</sup>
- E 112 Test Methods for Determining the Average Grain Size<sup>3</sup>
- E 213 Practice for Ultrasonic Examination of Metal Pipe and Tubing<sup>7</sup>
- E 426 Practice for Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Examination of Seamless and Welded Tubular Products, Austenitic Stainless Steel and Similar Alloys<sup>7</sup>
- E 571 Practice for Electromagnetic (Eddy-Current) Examination of Nickel and Nickel Alloy Tubular Products<sup>7</sup>
- E 1473 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Nickel, Cobalt, and High-Temperature Alloys<sup>6</sup>

### 2.2 ANSI Standards:<sup>8</sup>

- B 1.20.1 Pipe Threads
- B 36.10 Welded and Seamless Wrought Steel Pipe
- B 36.19 Stainless Steel Pipe

### 2.3 Other Documents:<sup>9</sup>

- ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section IX - Welding and Brazing Qualifications

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

<sup>4</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

<sup>5</sup> Discontinued; see *1996 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

<sup>6</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.05.

<sup>7</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.03.

<sup>8</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

<sup>9</sup> Available from American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), ASME International Headquarters, Three Park Ave., New York, NY 10016-5900.

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *average diameter*—the average of the maximum and minimum outside diameters, as determined at any one cross section of the pipe.

3.1.2 *nominal wall*—a specified wall thickness with a plus or minus tolerance from the specified thickness.

3.1.3 *welded pipe*—a round hollow produced by forming flat stock and joining the single longitudinal seam by welding, and produced to the particular dimensions commercially known as pipe sizes (NPS).

### 4. Chemical Composition

4.1 In case of disagreement, the chemical composition shall be determined in accordance with the following methods:

UNS No. Prefixes	ASTM Method
N02	E 39
N04	E 76
N06, N08	E 1473

4.2 The ladle analysis of the material shall conform to the chemical requirements prescribed by the individual product specification.

4.3 The product (check) analysis of the material shall meet the requirements for the ladle analysis within the tolerance limits prescribed in Specification B 880.

### 5. Test Requirements

#### 5.1 Flattening Test:

5.1.1 A length of pipe not less than 4 in. (102 mm), shall be flattened under a load applied gradually at room temperature until the distance between the platens is five times the wall thickness. The weld shall be positioned 90° from the direction of the applied flattening force.

5.1.2 The flattened specimen shall not exhibit cracks.

5.1.3 Superficial ruptures resulting from surface imperfections shall not be a cause for rejection.

#### 5.2 Transverse Guided-Bend Weld Test:

5.2.1 For welded pipe made with weld filler and at the option of the manufacturer, the transverse guided bend weld test may be substituted in lieu of the flattening test. Two bend test specimens shall be taken transversely from pipe or the test specimens may be taken from a test plate of the same material and heat as the pipe, which is attached to the end of the cylinder and welded as a prolongation of the pipe longitudinal seam. Except as provided in 5.2.2, one shall be subject to a face guided bend test and a second to a root guided bend test. One specimen shall be bent with the inside surface of the pipe against the plunger and the other with the outside surface of the pipe against the plunger. Guided bend test specimens shall be prepared and tested in accordance with Section IX, Part QW, Paragraph QW 160 of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code and shall be one of the types shown in QW 463.1 of that code.

5.2.2 For wall thicknesses over 3/8 in. (9.5 mm) but less than 3/4 in. (19 mm) side bend tests may be made instead of the face and root bend tests. For specified wall thicknesses 3/4 in. and over, both specimens shall be subjected to the side bend tests. Side bend specimens shall be bent so that one of the side surfaces becomes the convex surface of the bend specimen.

5.2.3 The bend test shall be acceptable if no cracks or other defects exceeding 1/8 in. (3 mm) in any direction be present in the weld metal or between the weld and the pipe or plate metal after bending. Cracks which originate along the edges of the specimen during testing, and that are less than 1/4 in. (6.5 mm) measured in any direction shall not be considered.

#### 5.3 Pressure (Leak Test):

5.3.1 *Hydrostatic*— Each pipe shall be tested by the manufacturer to an internal hydrostatic pressure of 1000 psi (6.9 MPa) provided that the fiber stress, calculated from the following equation, does not exceed the allowable fiber stress for the material:

$$P = 2St/D \quad (1)$$

where:

$P$  = hydrostatic test pressure, psi (MPa),

$S$  = allowable fiber stress, for material in the condition (temper) furnished as specified in the product specification ( $S$  is calculated as the lower of 2/3 of the specified minimum 0.2 % offset yield strength or 1/4 of the specified minimum ultimate strength for the material),

$t$  = minimum wall thickness permitted, in. (mm), including minus tolerance, if any, and

$D$  = nominal outside diameter of the pipe, in. (mm).

5.3.1.1 The test pressure must be held for a minimum of 5 s.

NOTE 1—Testing at a pressure greater than 1000 psi may be performed upon agreement between the purchaser and manufacturer provided that the allowable fiber stress is not exceeded.

5.3.2 *Pneumatic (Air Underwater Test)*—Each pipe shall be tested at a pressure of 150 psi (1.05 MPa). The test pressure shall be held for a minimum of 5 s. Visual examination is to be made when the material is submerged and under pressure. The full length of pipe must be examined for leaks.

5.3.3 If any pipe shows leaks during hydrostatic or pneumatic testing, it shall be rejected.

#### 5.4 Nondestructive Electric Test:

5.4.1 *Eddy Current Testing*—Testing shall be conducted in accordance with Practices E 426 or E 571. The eddy current examination reference in this specification has the capability of detecting significant discontinuities, especially of the short, abrupt type.

5.4.1.1 Unless otherwise specified by the purchaser, the calibration standard shall contain, at the option of the manufacturer, any one of the following discontinuities to establish a minimum sensitivity level for rejection. The discontinuity shall be placed in the weld if visible.

5.4.1.2 *Drill Hole*—A hole not larger than 0.031 in. (0.79 mm) diameter shall be drilled radially and completely through the wall, care being taken to avoid distortion of the material while drilling.

5.4.1.3 *Transverse Tangential Notch*—Using a round file or tool with a 1/4 in. (6 mm) diameter, a notch shall be filed or milled on the pipe outside diameter tangential to the surface and transverse to the longitudinal axis of the material. Said

notch shall have a depth not exceeding 12.5 % of the specified wall thickness of the material, or 0.004 in. (0.10 mm), whichever is greater.

5.4.2 *Ultrasonic Testing*—Testing shall be conducted in accordance with Practice E 213. The ultrasonic examination referred to in this specification is intended to detect longitudinal discontinuities having a reflective area similar to or larger than the calibration reference notches specified in 5.4.2.1. The examination may not detect circumferentially oriented imperfections or short, deep defects.

5.4.2.1 For ultrasonic testing, longitudinal calibration notches shall be machined on the outside and inside diameter surfaces. The depth of the notches shall not exceed 12.5 % of the specified wall thickness or 0.004 in. (0.10 mm), whichever is greater. The notch shall be placed in the weld, if visible.

5.4.3 *Calibration Frequency*—The frequency of calibration checks shall be as follows:

5.4.3.1 At the beginning of each production run.

5.4.3.2 At least every four hours during testing.

5.4.3.3 At the end of each production run.

5.4.3.4 After any suspected equipment malfunction or work stoppage.

5.4.3.5 If, during any check, the equipment fails to detect the calibration defects, the instrument must be recalibrated and all material tested since the last satisfactory check shall be retested.

5.4.4 *Acceptance and Rejection*—Material producing a signal equal to or greater than the calibration defect shall be subject to rejection.

5.4.4.1 Test signals that are produced by imperfections that cannot be identified or that are produced by cracks or crack-like imperfections shall result in rejection of the pipe, subject to rework and retest.

5.4.4.2 If the imperfection is judged as not fit for use, the tube shall be rejected, but may be reconditioned and retested providing the wall thickness requirements are met. To be accepted, retested material shall meet the original electric test requirements.

5.4.4.3 If the imperfection is explored to the extent that it can be identified, and the pipe is determined to be fit for use, the material may be accepted without further testing providing the imperfection does not encroach on minimum wall thickness requirements.

5.5 *Tension Test*—Tension testing shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods E 8.

5.5.1 The material shall conform to the tensile properties prescribed in the individual product specification.

5.6 *Hardness Test*—Hardness testing shall be conducted in accordance with Test Methods E 18.

5.7 *Grain Size*—The measurement of average grain size may be carried out by the planimetric method, the comparison method, or the intercept method described in Test Methods E 112. In case of dispute, the “referee” method for determining average grain size shall be the intercept method.

5.8 For purposes of determining compliance with the specified limits for requirements of the properties listed in the

following table, an observed value or a calculated value shall be rounded in accordance with the rounding method of Practice E 29:

Requirements	Rounded Unit for Observed or Calculated Value
Chemical composition and tolerances	nearest unit in the last right-hand place of figures of the specified limit
Tensile strength and yield strength	nearest 1000 psi (7 MPa)
Elongation	nearest 1 %

## 6. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

6.1 Dimensions of pipe are shown in Table 1.

6.1.1 Permissible variations in outside diameter and wall thickness are shown in Table 2.

6.2 *Length*—When material is ordered as cut-to-length, the length shall conform to the permissible variations prescribed in Table 3. When material is ordered to random lengths, the lengths and variations shall be agreed upon between the manufacturer and purchaser.

6.3 *Straightness*—Material shall be reasonably straight and free of bends and kinks.

6.4 *Ends*—Ends shall be reasonably square and free from burrs.

## 7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The material shall be uniform in quality and temper, smooth, and free from imperfections that would render it unfit for use.

## 8. Sampling

8.1 *Lot Definition*:

8.1.1 A lot for chemical analysis shall consist of one heat.

8.1.2 A lot for all other testing shall consist of all material from the same heat, nominal size (excepting length), and condition (temper). When final heat treatment is in a batch-type furnace, a lot shall include only those pipes of the same size and the same heat that are heat-treated in the same furnace charge. When heat treatment is in a continuous furnace, a lot shall include all pipe of the same size and heat, heat-treated in the same furnace at the same temperature, time at temperature, and furnace speed during one production run. At no time shall a lot consist of more than 20 000 lb (9070 kg).

8.1.2.1 Where material cannot be identified by heat, a lot shall consist of not more than 500 lb (227 kg) of material of the same alloy in the same condition (temper) and nominal size (excepting length).

NOTE 2—For tension, hardness and flattening test requirements, the term lot applies to all lengths prior to cutting.

8.2 *Test Material Selection*:

8.2.1 *Chemical Analysis*—Representative samples from each lot shall be taken during pouring or subsequent processing.

8.2.2 *Mechanical and Other Properties*—Samples of the material to provide test specimens for mechanical and other properties shall be taken from such locations in each lot as to be representative of that lot. Test specimens shall be taken from material in the final condition (temper).

**TABLE 1 Dimensions of Pipe**

NOTE 1—The following table is a reprint of Table 1 of ANSI B36.19.

NOTE 2—The decimal thicknesses listed for the respective pipe sizes represent their nominal wall dimensions.

NPS Designator	Outside Diameter		Nominal Wall Thickness							
	in.	mm	Schedule 5S <sup>A</sup>		Schedule 10S <sup>A</sup>		Schedule 40S		Schedule 80S	
			in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm	in.	mm
1/8	0.405	10.29	...	...	0.049	1.24	0.068	1.73	0.095	2.41
1/4	0.540	13.72	...	...	0.065	1.65	0.088	2.24	0.119	3.02
3/8	0.675	17.15	...	...	0.065	1.65	0.091	2.31	0.126	3.20
1/2	0.840	21.34	0.065	1.65	0.083	2.11	0.109	2.77	0.147	3.73
3/4	1.050	26.67	0.065	1.65	0.083	2.11	0.113	2.87	0.154	3.91
1.0	1.315	33.40	0.065	1.65	0.109	2.77	0.133	3.38	0.179	4.55
1 1/4	1.660	42.16	0.065	1.65	0.109	2.77	0.140	3.56	0.191	4.85
1 1/2	1.900	48.26	0.065	1.65	0.109	2.77	0.145	3.68	0.200	5.08
2	2.375	60.33	0.065	1.65	0.109	2.77	0.154	3.91	0.218	5.54
2 1/2	2.875	73.03	0.083	2.11	0.120	3.05	0.203	5.16	0.276	7.01
3	3.500	88.90	0.083	2.11	0.120	3.05	0.216	5.49	0.300	7.62
3 1/2	4.000	101.60	0.083	2.11	0.120	3.05	0.226	5.74	0.318	8.08
4	4.500	114.30	0.083	2.11	0.120	3.05	0.237	6.02	0.337	8.56
5	5.563	141.30	0.109	2.77	0.134	3.40	0.258	6.55	0.375	9.52
6	6.625	168.28	0.109	2.77	0.134	3.40	0.280	7.11	0.432	10.97
8	8.625	219.08	0.109	2.77	0.148	3.76	0.322	8.18	0.500	12.70
10	10.750	273.05	0.134	3.40	0.165	4.19	0.365	9.27	0.500 <sup>B</sup>	12.70 <sup>B</sup>
12	12.750	323.85	0.156	3.96	0.180	4.57	0.375 <sup>B</sup>	9.52 <sup>B</sup>	0.500 <sup>B</sup>	12.70 <sup>B</sup>
14	14.000	355.60	0.156	3.96	0.188 <sup>B</sup>	4.78 <sup>B</sup>	...	...	...	...
16	16.000	406.40	0.165	4.19	0.188 <sup>B</sup>	4.78 <sup>B</sup>	...	...	...	...
18	18.000	457.20	0.165	4.19	0.188 <sup>B</sup>	4.78 <sup>B</sup>	...	...	...	...
20	20.000	508.00	0.188	4.78	0.218 <sup>B</sup>	5.54 <sup>B</sup>	...	...	...	...
22	22.000	558.80	0.188	4.78	0.218 <sup>B</sup>	5.54 <sup>B</sup>	...	...	...	...
24	24.000	609.60	0.218	5.54	0.250	6.35	...	...	...	...
30	30.000	762.00	0.250	6.35	0.312	7.92	...	...	...	...

<sup>A</sup> Schedules 5S and 10S wall thicknesses do not permit threading in accordance with ANSI B1.20.1.

<sup>B</sup> These do not conform to ANSI B36.10.

**TABLE 2 Permissible Variations in Outside Diameter<sup>A, B</sup> and Wall Thickness<sup>C</sup> For Welded Pipe**

NPS Designator	Permissible Variations in Outside Diameter			
	Over		Under	
	in.	mm	in.	mm
1/8 to 1 1/2, incl	1/64 (0.015)	0.4	1/32 (0.031)	0.8
Over 1 1/2 to 4, incl	1/32 (0.031)	0.8	1/32 (0.031)	0.8
Over 4 to 8, incl	1/16 (0.062)	1.6	1/32 (0.031)	0.8
Over 8 to 18, incl	3/32 (0.093)	2.4	1/32 (0.031)	0.8
Over 18 to 26, incl	1/8 (0.125)	3.2	1/32 (0.031)	0.8
Over 26 to 34, incl	5/32 (0.156)	4.0	1/32 (0.031)	0.8
Over 34 to 48, incl	3/16 (0.187)	4.8	1/32 (0.031)	0.8

<sup>A</sup> These permissible variations in outside diameter apply only to material as finished at the mill before subsequent swaging, expanding, bending, polishing, or other fabricating operations.

<sup>B</sup> Ovality is the difference between the maximum and the minimum outside diameter measured at any one cross section. There is no additional tolerance for ovality on material having a nominal wall thickness for more than 3 % of the outside diameter. On this material, the average of the maximum and the minimum outside diameter measurements will fall within the outside diameter tolerance shown in Table 2. An additional ovality allowance of twice the outside diameter tolerance spreads shown in Table 2, applied  $\pm 1/2$ , is allowed for material having a nominal wall thickness of 3 % or less of the nominal outside diameter.

<sup>C</sup> The wall thickness variation shall not exceed  $\pm 12.5$  % of the nominal wall thickness.

## 9. Retests and Retreatment

9.1 *Retests*—If the results of the mechanical tests of any group or lot do not conform to the requirements specified in the individual specification, retests may be made on additional pipes of double the original number from the same group or lot, each of which shall conform to the requirements specified.

9.2 *Retreatment*— If the individual pipes or the pipes selected to represent any group or lot fail to conform to the test

**TABLE 3 Permissible Variations in Cut Length<sup>A</sup>**

Outside Diameter, in. (mm)	Length Tolerance, in. (mm)	
	Over	Under
Cold finished:		
all sizes	1/4 (6.4)	0
Hot finished:		
all sizes	1/4 (6.4)	0

<sup>A</sup> These permissible variations in length apply to pipe in straight lengths. They apply to cut lengths up to and including 24 ft (7.3 m). For lengths over 24 ft, an additional over-tolerance of 1/8 in. (3.2 mm) for each 10 ft (3.0 m) or fraction thereof shall be permitted up to a maximum additional over-tolerance of 1/2 in. (12.7 mm).

requirements, the individual pipes or the group or lot represented may be reheat treated and resubmitted for test. Not more than two reheat treatments shall be permitted.

## 10. Specimen Preparation

### 10.1 Room Temperature Tensile Specimen:

10.1.1 Material shall be tested in the direction of fabrication. Whenever possible, the pipe shall be tested in full cross section. When testing in full section is not possible, longitudinal strip specimens or the largest possible round section shall be used. In the event of disagreement when full section testing is not possible, a longitudinal strip specimen with reduced gage length as contained in Test Methods E 8 shall be used.

### 10.2 Hardness Specimen:

10.2.1 The hardness specimen shall be prepared in accordance with Test Methods E 18. The test shall be made on the inside diameter surface of a specimen cut from the end, or on the inside of the pipe near the end, at the option of the manufacturer.

### 10.3 Grain Size:

10.3.1 If required, the grain size specimen shall be a transverse sample representing full wall thickness.

## 11. Inspection

11.1 Witnessing of testing or inspection by the purchaser's representative shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and the manufacturer as part of the purchase contract.

## 12. Rejection and Rehearing

12.1 Material tested by the purchaser that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification may be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of the test, the producer or supplier may make claim for a rehearing.

## 13. Certification

13.1 When specified in the purchase contract, a manufacturer's certification shall be furnished to the purchaser stating that the material has been manufactured, tested and inspected in accordance with this specification, and that the test results on representative samples meet specification requirements. When specified in the purchase contract, a report of the test results shall be furnished.

## 14. Product Marking

### 14.1 Material Marking:

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14.1.1 The name or brand of the manufacturer, the name of the material or UNS number, the letters ASTM, the product specification number, heat number, class (if applicable) and nominal pipe size shall be legibly marked on each piece ½ NPS and larger and lengths greater than 3 ft (914 mm). The material marking shall be by any method that will not result in harmful contamination.

14.1.2 For material smaller than ½ NPS, or lengths under 3 ft (914 mm), the information specified in 14.1.1 shall be legibly marked on each piece or marked on a tag securely attached to the bundle or box in which the material is shipped, at the option of the manufacturer.

## 15. Packaging and Package Marking

15.1 The following information shall be marked on the material or included on the package, or on a label or tag attached thereto: name of the material or UNS number, heat number, condition (temper), the letters ASTM, the product specification number, the nominal pipe size, gross, tare, and net weight, consignor and consignee addresses, contract or order number, and such other information as may be defined by the purchase contract.

## 16. Keywords

16.1 welded pipe