



# Standard Specification for Seamless and Welded Carbon Steel Water-Well Pipe<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers four specific types of plain end or threaded and coupled carbon steel pipe for use in water wells.

1.2 Each type of water well pipe shall conform to the following methods of manufacture and grade as specified on the purchase order:

1.2.1 *Type I, Drive Pipe*—Seamless or electric-resistance-welded, Grades A and B.

1.2.2 *Type II, Water-Well Reamed and Drifted Pipe*—Seamless or electric-resistance-welded, Grades A and B, or furnace-butt welded.

1.2.3 *Type III, Driven Well Pipe*—Seamless or electric-resistance-welded, Grades A and B, or furnace-butt welded.

1.2.4 *Type IV, Water-Well Casing Pipe*—Seamless or electric-resistance-welded, Grades A and B, or furnace-butt welded.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

NOTE 1—The dimensionless designator NPS (nominal pipe size) has been substituted in this standard for such traditional terms as “nominal diameter,” “size,” and “nominal size.”

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

A 53/A 53M Specification for Pipe, Steel, Black and Hot-Dipped, Zinc-Coated Welded and Seamless<sup>2</sup>

A 370 Test Methods and Definitions for Mechanical Testing of Steel Products<sup>3</sup>

A 751 Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology for Chemical Analysis of Steel Products<sup>3</sup>

A 865 Specification for Threaded Couplings, Steel, Black or Zinc Coated (Galvanized), Welded or Seamless, for Use in Steel Pipe Joints<sup>2</sup>

### 2.2 API Standard:

5L Specification for Line Pipe<sup>4</sup>

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *defect*—an imperfection of sufficient size or magnitude to be cause for rejection.

3.1.2 *imperfection*—any discontinuity or irregularity found in the pipe.

## 4. Ordering Information

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

4.1.1 Quantity (feet or number of lengths),

4.1.2 Name of material or type number (see 1.2),

4.1.3 Method of manufacture (furnace-butt welded, seamless, or electric-resistance-welded),

4.1.4 Grade (A or B for seamless or electric-resistance welded),

4.1.5 Finish (black or galvanized),

4.1.6 Dimensions (NPS or outside diameter and wall thickness, or both, for Types I, II, and III. Outside diameter and wall thickness for Type IV),

4.1.7 End finish (plain end or threaded and coupled),

4.1.8 Coupling class for Type III (standard pipe, line pipe, or reamed and drifted pipe coupling),

4.1.9 Coupling make-up (hand tight or power tight),

4.1.10 Length (required random range length or special lengths),

4.1.11 Specification designation, and

4.1.12 Special requirements.

## 5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The steel for both seamless and welded pipe shall be made by one of the following processes: open-hearth, electric-furnace, or basic-oxygen.

5.2 Steel may be cast in ingots or may be strand cast. When steels of different grades are sequentially strand cast, identification of the resultant transition material is required. The

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.01.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.03.

<sup>4</sup> Available from American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L. St., NW, Washington, DC 20005.



producer shall remove the transition material by any established procedure that positively separates the grades.

6. Chemical Composition

6.1 The steel shall conform to the following requirements as to chemical composition:

Phosphorus, max, %	0.050
Sulfur, max, %	0.060

7. Heat Analysis

7.1 An analysis of each heat of steel shall be made by the manufacturer to determine the percentage of the elements specified in 6.1. When requested by the purchaser, the chemical composition thus determined shall be reported to the purchaser, and shall conform to the requirements specified in 6.1.

8. Product Analysis

8.1 An analysis may be made by the purchaser on two lengths of pipe from each lot of 500 lengths, or fraction thereof.

Samples for chemical analysis and the methods of analysis shall conform to the requirements of Test Methods, Practices, and Terminology A 751. The chemical composition thus determined shall conform to the requirements specified in 6.1.

8.2 If the analysis of either pipe does not conform to the requirements of 6.1, analysis shall be made on additional lengths of pipe of double the original number from the same lot, each of which shall conform to the requirements specified.

9. Tensile Requirements

9.1 The material shall conform to the requirements as to tensile properties specified in Table 1. See Table 2 for minimum elongation values.

9.2 The test specimen taken across the weld shall show a tensile strength not less than the minimum tensile strength specified for the grade of pipe ordered. This test is not required for pipe under 8 in. in outside diameter.

TABLE 1 Tensile Requirements

	Butt Welded	Grade A	Grade B
Tensile strength, min, psi (MPa)	48 000 (330)	48 000 (330)	60 000 (415)
Yield strength, min, psi (MPa)	30 000 (205)	30 000 (205)	35 000 (240)
Elongation in 2 in.	A,B	A,B	A,B

<sup>A</sup> The minimum elongation in 2 in. (50.8 mm) shall be that determined by the following equation:

e = 625 000 A<sup>0.2</sup>/ U<sup>0.9</sup>

where:

e = minimum elongation in 2 in. (50.8 mm) in percent rounded to the nearest 0.5 %.

A = cross-sectional area of the tension test specimen in square inches, based on specified outside diameter or nominal specimen width and specified wall thickness rounded to the nearest 0.01 in.<sup>2</sup> If the area thus calculated is greater than 0.75 in.<sup>2</sup>, then the value 0.75 shall be used.

U = specified tensile strength, psi.

<sup>B</sup> See Table 2 for minimum elongation values for various size tension specimens and grades.

TABLE 2 Elongation Values<sup>A</sup>

Area, A in. <sup>B</sup>	Tension Test Specimen			Elongation in 2 in. min %		
	Specified Wall Thickness, in. <sup>C</sup>			Specified Tensile Strength, psi		
	3/4-in. Specimen	1-in. Specimen	1 1/2-in. Specimen	45 000	48 000	60 000
0.75 and greater	0.944 and greater	0.746 and greater	0.497 and greater	38.5	36.0	29.5
0.74	0.980-0.993	0.735-0.745	0.490-0.496	38.0	36.0	29.5
0.73	0.967-0.979	0.726-0.734	0.484-0.489	38.0	36.0	29.5
0.72	0.954-0.966	0.715-0.725	0.477-0.483	38.0	36.0	29.5
0.71	0.941-0.953	0.706-0.714	0.471-0.476	38.0	35.5	29.0
0.70	0.927-0.940	0.695-0.705	0.464-0.470	38.0	35.5	29.0
0.69	0.914-0.926	0.686-0.694	0.457-0.463	37.5	35.5	29.0
0.68	0.900-0.913	0.675-0.685	0.450-0.456	37.5	35.5	29.0
0.67	0.887-0.899	0.666-0.674	0.444-0.449	37.5	35.5	29.0
0.66	0.874-0.886	0.655-0.665	0.437-0.443	37.5	35.0	29.0
0.65	0.861-0.873	0.646-0.654	0.431-0.436	37.0	35.0	28.5
0.64	0.847-0.860	0.635-0.645	0.424-0.430	37.0	35.0	28.5
0.63	0.834-0.846	0.626-0.634	0.417-0.423	37.0	35.0	28.5
0.62	0.820-0.833	0.615-0.625	0.410-0.416	37.0	35.0	28.5
0.61	0.807-0.819	0.606-0.614	0.404-0.409	36.5	34.5	28.5
0.60	0.794-0.806	0.595-0.605	0.397-0.403	36.5	34.5	28.5
0.59	0.781-0.793	0.586-0.594	0.391-0.396	36.5	34.5	28.0
0.58	0.767-0.780	0.575-0.585	0.384-0.390	36.5	34.5	28.0
0.57	0.754-0.766	0.566-0.574	0.377-0.383	36.0	34.0	28.0



TABLE 2 Continued

Area, A in. <sup>B</sup>	Tension Test Specimen			Elongation in 2 in. min %		
	Specified Wall Thickness, in. <sup>C</sup>			Specified Tensile Strength, psi		
	¾-in. Specimen	1-in. Specimen	1½-in. Specimen	45 000	48 000	60 000
0.56	0.740–0.753	0.555–0.565	0.370–0.376	36.0	34.0	28.0
0.55	0.727–0.739	0.546–0.554	0.364–0.369	36.0	34.0	28.0
0.54	0.714–0.726	0.535–0.545	0.357–0.363	36.0	34.0	27.5
0.53	0.701–0.713	0.526–0.534	0.351–0.356	35.5	33.5	27.5
0.52	0.687–0.700	0.515–0.525	0.344–0.350	35.5	33.5	27.5
0.51	0.674–0.686	0.506–0.514	0.337–0.343	35.5	33.5	27.5
0.50	0.660–0.673	0.495–0.505	0.330–0.336	35.5	33.5	27.0
0.49	0.647–0.659	0.486–0.494	0.324–0.329	35.0	33.0	27.0
0.48	0.634–0.646	0.475–0.485	0.317–0.323	35.0	33.0	27.0
0.47	0.621–0.633	0.466–0.474	0.311–0.316	35.0	33.0	27.0
0.46	0.607–0.620	0.455–0.465	0.304–0.310	34.5	33.0	27.0
0.45	0.594–0.606	0.446–0.454	0.297–0.303	34.5	32.5	26.5
0.44	0.580–0.593	0.435–0.445	0.290–0.296	34.5	32.5	26.5
0.43	0.567–0.579	0.426–0.434	0.284–0.289	34.5	32.5	26.5
0.42	0.554–0.566	0.415–0.425	0.277–0.283	34.0	32.0	26.5
0.41	0.541–0.553	0.406–0.414	0.271–0.276	34.0	32.0	26.0
0.40	0.527–0.540	0.395–0.405	0.264–0.270	34.0	32.0	26.0
0.39	0.514–0.526	0.386–0.394	0.257–0.263	33.5	31.5	26.0
0.38	0.500–0.513	0.375–0.385	0.250–0.256	33.5	31.5	26.0
0.37	0.487–0.499	0.366–0.374	0.244–0.249	33.0	31.5	25.5
0.36	0.474–0.486	0.355–0.365	0.237–0.243	33.0	31.0	25.5
0.35	0.461–0.473	0.346–0.354	0.231–0.236	33.0	31.0	25.5
0.34	0.477–0.460	0.335–0.345	0.224–0.230	32.5	31.0	25.0
0.33	0.434–0.446	0.326–0.334	0.217–0.233	32.5	30.5	25.0
0.32	0.420–0.433	0.315–0.325	0.210–0.216	32.5	30.5	25.0
0.31	0.407–0.419	0.306–0.314	0.204–0.209	32.0	30.5	25.0
0.30	0.394–0.406	0.295–0.305	0.197–0.203	32.0	30.0	24.5
0.29	0.381–0.393	0.286–0.294	0.191–0.196	31.5	30.0	24.5
0.28	0.367–0.380	0.275–0.285	0.184–0.190	31.5	29.5	24.5
0.27	0.354–0.366	0.266–0.274	0.177–0.183	31.0	29.5	24.0
0.26	0.340–0.353	0.255–0.265	0.170–0.176	31.0	29.0	24.0
0.25	0.327–0.339	0.246–0.254	0.164–0.169	30.5	29.0	23.5
0.24	0.314–0.326	0.235–0.245	0.157–0.163	30.5	29.0	23.5
0.23	0.301–0.313	0.226–0.234	0.151–0.156	30.0	28.5	23.5
0.22	0.287–0.300	0.215–0.225	0.144–0.150	30.0	28.5	23.0
0.21	0.274–0.286	0.206–0.214	0.137–0.143	29.5	28.0	23.0
0.20	0.260–0.273	0.195–0.205	0.130–0.136	29.5	27.5	22.5
0.19	0.247–0.269	0.186–0.194	0.124–0.129	29.0	27.5	22.5
0.18	0.234–0.246	0.175–0.185	0.117–0.123	29.0	27.0	22.0
0.17	0.221–0.233	0.166–0.174	0.111–0.116	28.5	27.0	22.0
0.16	0.207–0.220	0.155–0.165	0.104–0.110	28.0	26.5	21.5
0.15	0.194–0.206	0.146–0.154	0.097–0.103	27.5	26.0	21.5
0.14	0.180–0.193	0.135–0.145	0.091–0.096	27.5	26.0	21.0
0.13	0.167–0.179	0.126–0.134	0.084–0.090	27.0	25.5	21.0
0.12	0.154–0.166	0.115–0.125	0.077–0.083	26.5	25.0	20.5
0.11	0.141–0.153	0.106–0.114	0.071–0.076	26.0	24.5	20.0
0.10	0.127–0.140	0.095–0.105	0.064–0.070	25.5	24.0	19.5
0.09	0.114–0.126	0.086–0.094	0.057–0.063	25.0	23.5	19.5
0.08	0.100–0.113	0.075–0.085	0.050–0.056	24.5	23.0	19.0
0.07	0.087–0.099	0.066–0.074	0.044–0.049	24.0	22.5	18.5
0.06	0.074–0.086	0.055–0.065	0.037–0.043	23.0	22.0	18.0
0.05	0.061–0.073	0.046–0.054	0.031–0.036	22.5	21.0	17.0
0.04	0.047–0.060	0.035–0.045	0.024–0.030	21.5	20.0	16.5
0.03	0.034–0.046	0.026–0.034	0.017–0.023	20.0	19.0	15.5
0.02	0.020–0.033	0.015–0.025	0.010–0.016	18.5	17.5	14.5
0.01 and less	0.019 and less	0.014 and less	0.009 and less	16.0	15.0	12.5

<sup>A</sup> Tabulated in this table are the minimum elongation values calculated by the equation given in Table 1.

<sup>B</sup> 1 in.<sup>2</sup> = 645.16 mm<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>C</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

## 10. Dimensions, Weights, and Permissible Variations

10.1 The dimensions and weights of all types of pipe included in this specification are listed in Tables 3-10:



TABLE 3 Dimensions, Weights, and Test Pressures for Drive Pipe

NPS Designator	Weight per Foot, lb/ft <sup>A</sup>		Wall Thickness, in. <sup>B</sup>	Diameters, in. <sup>B</sup>		No. of Threads per Inch	Couplings			Test Pressures, psi <sup>C</sup>	
	Nominal Threads and Couplings	Calculated Plain Ends		Outside	Inside		Length, in. <sup>B</sup>	Outside Diameter, in. <sup>B</sup>	Calculated Weight, lb <sup>D</sup>	Grade A	Grade B
6	19.45	18.97	0.280	6.625	6.065	8	5½	7.290	13.35	1200	1300
8	25.55	24.70	0.277	8.625	8.071	8	6½	9.625	26.89	1200	1300
8	29.35	28.55	0.322	8.625	7.981	8	6½	9.625	26.89	1300	1600
8	32.40	31.27	0.354	8.625	7.917	8	6½	9.625	26.89	1300	1600
10	32.75	31.20	0.279	10.750	10.192	8	6½	11.750	36.05	940	1100
10	35.75	34.24	0.307	10.750	10.136	8	6½	11.750	36.05	1000	1200
10	41.85	40.48	0.365	10.750	10.020	8	6½	11.750	36.05	1200	1400
12	45.45	43.77	0.330	12.750	12.090	8	6½	14.000	52.72	950	1100
12	51.15	49.56	0.375	12.750	12.000	8	6½	14.000	52.72	1100	1200
14 D	57.00	54.57	0.375	14.000	13.250	8	7½	15.000	50.22	950	1100
16 D	65.30	62.58	0.375	16.000	15.250	8	7½	17.000	57.17	850	1000

<sup>A</sup> 1 lb/ft = 1.488 kg/m.  
<sup>B</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm.  
<sup>C</sup> 1 psi = 6.895 MPa.  
<sup>D</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg.

TABLE 4 Basic Threading Data for Drive Pipe

NOTE—All dimensions are in inches (1 in. = 25.4 mm).

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Pipe				Threads <sup>A</sup>				Coupling					
NPS Designator	Outside Diameter	Number per Inch	Length, End of Pipe to Hand-tight Plane	Effective Length	Total Length, End of Pipe to Vanish Point	Pitch Diameter at Hand-tight Plane	Outside Diameter	Length	Diameter of Recess	Depth of Recess	Length, Face of Coupling to Hand-tight Plane	Width of Bearing Face	Hand-tight Standoff, Threads
	D <sup>B</sup>		L <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>	L <sub>2</sub> <sup>B</sup>	L <sub>4</sub> <sup>B</sup>	E <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>	W <sup>B</sup>	N <sub>L</sub> <sup>B</sup>	Q <sup>B</sup>	q <sup>B</sup>	M <sup>B</sup>	b <sup>B</sup>	A <sup>B</sup>
6	6.625	8	1.093	1.973	2.438	6.51375	7.390	5½	6.719	¾	0.595	¼	6
8	8.625	8	1.593	2.473	2.938	8.51375	9.625	6½	8.719	¾	0.595	¼	6
10	10.750	8	1.843	2.723	3.188	10.63875	11.750	6½	10.844	¾	0.595	¾	6
12	12.750	8	1.843	2.723	3.188	12.63875	14.000	6½	12.844	¾	0.595	¾	6
14 D	14.000	8	2.093	2.973	3.438	13.88875	15.000	7½	14.094	¾	0.595	¾	6
16 D	16.000	8	2.093	2.973	3.438	15.88875	17.000	7½	16.094	¾	0.595	¾	6

<sup>A</sup> Taper of threads is 3/16 in./ft on diameter for all sizes.  
<sup>B</sup> See Fig. 1.

Type	Tables
I, Drive Pipe	3, 4
II, Reamed and Drifted Pipe	5, 6
III, Driven Well Pipe	7, 8
IV, Water-Well Casing Pipe	9, 10

10.2 Permissible Variations in Weight and Dimensions:

10.2.1 *Weight*—The weight of all types of pipe included in this specification shall vary not more than ±5 % from that prescribed. The weight tolerance for pipe NPS 4 and under may be determined from the weight of the customary lifts of pipe as produced for shipment, divided by the number of feet of pipe in the lift. For pipe over NPS 4, where individual lengths may be weighed, the weight is applicable to the individual length.

10.2.2 *Outside Diameter*—For pipe NPS 1½ and under, the outside diameters shall vary not more than 1/64 in. (0.4 mm) from the outside diameter specified. For pipe NPS 2 and over the outside diameter shall vary not more than ±1 % from the size specified.

10.2.3 *Inside Diameter*—For Type II pipe, the inside diameter at any point, shall permit passage of a drift pin having a length and diameter as indicated in Table 5 and Table 11.

10.2.4 *Thickness*—The minimum wall thickness shall be not more than 12.5 % under the nominal wall thickness specified.

10.3 Lengths:

10.3.1 Unless otherwise specified on the purchase order, pipe lengths shall be in accordance with the following regular practice:

10.3.1.1 Types I, II, and IV pipe may be furnished in single random lengths of 16 to 22 ft (4.9 to 6.7 m).

10.3.1.2 Type III pipe may be furnished in a random range from 3 to 6 ft (0.9 to 1.8 m) or 6 to 10 ft (1.8 to 3.0 m) as specified.

10.3.2 Random lengths other than indicated in 10.3.1 and cut lengths, shall be subject to negotiation and shall be indicated on the purchase order.



**TABLE 5 Dimensions, Weights, and Test Pressures for Water-Well Reamed and Drifted Pipe**

NPS Designator	Weight per Foot, lb/ft <sup>A</sup>		Wall Thickness, in. <sup>B</sup>	Diameters, in. <sup>B</sup>		No. of Threads per Inch	Couplings			Test Pressures, psi <sup>C</sup>		
	Nominal Threads and Couplings	Calculated Plain Ends		Out-side	In-side <sup>D</sup>		Length, in. <sup>B</sup>	Outside Diameter, in. <sup>B</sup>	Calculated Weight, lb <sup>E</sup>	Butt Welded	Grade A	Grade B
1	1.70	1.68	0.133	1.315	1.049	11½	2¾	1.576	0.52	700	700	700
1¼	2.30	2.27	0.140	1.660	1.380	11½	2¾	1.900	0.60	1000	1000	1100
1½	2.75	2.72	0.145	1.900	1.610	11½	2¾	2.200	0.84	1000	1000	1100
2	3.75	3.65	0.154	2.375	2.067	11½	3⅞	2.750	1.58	1000	2300	2500
2	4.00	3.94	0.167	2.375	2.041	11½	3⅞	2.750	1.58	1000	2500	2500
2½	5.90	5.79	0.203	2.875	2.469	8	3⅞	3.250	2.32	1000	2500	2500
3	7.70	7.58	0.216	3.500	3.068	8	4⅞	4.000	3.80	1000	2200	2500
3½	9.25	9.11	0.226	4.000	3.548	8	4⅞	4.625	5.53	1200	2000	2400
4	11.00	10.79	0.237	4.500	4.026	8	4⅞	5.200	7.14	1200	1900	2200
5	15.00	14.62	0.258	5.563	5.047	8	4½	6.296	9.57	1200	1700	1900
6	19.45	18.97	0.280	6.625	6.065	8	4⅞	7.390	12.32	...	1500	1800
8	29.35	28.55	0.322	8.625	7.981	8	5⅞	9.625	22.35	...	1300	1600
10	41.85	40.48	0.365	10.750	10.020	8	5⅞	11.750	30.61	...	1200	1400
12	51.15	49.56	0.375	12.750	12.000	8	5⅞	14.000	47.96	...	1100	1200

<sup>A</sup> 1 lb/ft = 1.488 kg/m.  
<sup>B</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm.  
<sup>C</sup> 1 psi = 6.895 MPa.  
<sup>D</sup> Drift pin dimensions (see Table 11)  
<sup>E</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg.

**TABLE 6 Basic Threading Data for Water-Well Reamed and Drifted Pipe**

NOTE—All dimensions are in inches (1 in. = 25.4 mm).

NPS Designator	Pipe		Threads <sup>A</sup>				Coupling						
	Outside Diameter	Number per Inch	Length, End of Pipe to Hand-tight Plane	Effective Length	Total Length, End of Pipe to Vanish Point	Pitch Diameter at Hand-tight Plane	Outside Diameter	Length	Diameter of Recess	Depth of Recess	Length, Face of Coupling to Hand-tight Plane	Width of Bearing Face	Hand-tight Standoff, Threads
	D <sup>B</sup>		L <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>	L <sub>2</sub> <sup>B</sup>	L <sub>4</sub> <sup>B</sup>	E <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>	W <sup>B</sup>	NL <sup>B</sup>	Q <sup>B</sup>	q <sup>B</sup>	M <sup>B</sup>	b <sup>B</sup>	A <sup>B</sup>
1	1.315	11½	0.4811	0.6828	0.9845	1.24369	1.576	2¾	1.378	0.1875	0.5034	¼	0
1¼	1.660	11½	0.5051	0.7068	1.0085	1.58869	1.900	2¾	1.723	0.1875	0.5034	¼	0
1½	1.900	11½	0.5218	0.7235	1.0252	1.82869	2.200	2¾	1.963	0.1875	0.5034	⅜	0
2	2.375	11½	0.7012	0.9884	1.2901	2.29835	2.750	3⅞	2.469	0.1875	0.5889	⅜	0
2½	2.875	8	0.9342	1.1375	1.5712	2.77792	3.250	3⅞	2.969	0.1875	0.6370	⅜	0
3	3.500	8	0.9967	1.2000	1.6337	3.40292	4.000	4⅞	3.594	0.1875	0.6370	⅞	0
3½	4.000	8	1.0467	1.2500	1.6837	3.90292	4.625	4⅞	4.094	0.1875	0.6370	⅞	0
4	4.500	8	1.0967	1.3000	1.7337	4.40292	5.200	4⅞	4.594	0.1875	0.6370	¼	0
5	5.563	8	1.2030	1.4063	1.8400	5.46592	6.296	4½	5.657	0.1875	0.6370	¼	0
6	6.625	8	1.3092	1.5125	1.9462	6.52792	7.390	4⅞	6.719	0.1875	0.6370	¼	0
8	8.625	8	1.5092	1.7125	2.1462	8.52792	9.625	4⅞	8.719	0.1875	0.6370	¼	0
10	10.750	8	1.7217	1.9250	2.3587	10.65292	11.750	5⅞	10.844	0.1875	0.6370	⅜	0
12	12.750	8	1.9217	2.1250	2.5587	12.65292	14.000	5⅞	12.844	0.1875	0.6370	⅜	0

<sup>A</sup> Taper of threads is ¾ in./ft on diameter for all sizes.  
<sup>B</sup> See Fig. 2

**11. Ends**

11.1 When ordered with plain ends, the pipe shall be furnished to the following practice unless otherwise specified.

11.1.1 *NPS 1½ and smaller*—Unless otherwise specified on the purchase order, end finish shall be at the option of the manufacturer.

11.1.2 *NPS 2 and larger*—Unless otherwise specified on the purchase order, end finish shall be plain end beveled to an

angle of 30° + 5° and -0°, as measured from a line drawn perpendicular to the axis of the pipe, with a root face of ¼ in. ± 1/32 in.

11.2 When ordered threaded and coupled, each length of water well pipe shall be furnished with threaded ends and provided with a suitable coupling applied hand-tight. If couplings are required to be made up power tight, this shall be indicated on the purchase order.



**TABLE 7 Dimensions,<sup>A</sup> Weights,<sup>A</sup> and Test Pressures for Driven Well Pipe**

NPS Designator	Weight per Foot, lb/ft <sup>B</sup>		Wall Thickness, in. <sup>C</sup>	Diameters, in. <sup>C</sup>		No. of Threads per Inch	Test Pressures, psi <sup>D</sup>		Grade A	Grade B
	Nominal Threads and Couplings	Calculated Plain Ends		Outside	Inside <sup>A</sup>		Calculated Weight, lb <sup>E</sup>	Butt Welded		
1	1.68	1.68	0.133	1.315	1.049	11½	0.40	700	700	700
1¼	2.28	2.27	0.140	1.660	1.380	11½	0.48	1000	1000	1100
1½	2.73	2.72	0.145	1.900	1.610	11½	0.67	1000	1000	1100
2	3.68	3.65	0.154	2.375	2.067	11½	1.05	1000	2300	2500

<sup>A</sup> Nominal T & C weights shown are based on the standard pipe coupling. For pipe weights with reamed and drifted coupling applied, see Table 5 of this specification. For weights with the line pipe coupling applied refer to API Standard 5L.

<sup>B</sup> 1 lb/ft = 1.488 kg/m.

<sup>C</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

<sup>D</sup> 1 psi = 6.895 MPa.

<sup>E</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg.

**TABLE 8 Basic Threading Data<sup>A</sup> for Driven Well Pipe**

NOTE—All dimensions are inches (1 in. = 25.4 mm).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pipe			Threads			Joint Make-up			
NPS Designator	Outside Diameter	Number per Inch	Length, End of Pipe to Hand-tight Plane	Effective Length	Total Length, End of Pipe to Vanish Point	Pitch Diameter at Handtight Plane	Length, Face of Coupling to Handtight Plane	Width of Bearing Face	Handtight Standoff, Threads
	D <sup>B</sup>		L <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>	L <sub>2</sub> <sup>B</sup>	L <sub>4</sub> <sup>B</sup>	E <sub>1</sub> <sup>B</sup>	M <sup>B</sup>	b <sup>B</sup>	A <sup>B</sup>
1	1.315	11½	0.400	0.6828	0.9845	1.23863	0.1304	approximately 1/3 thickness of coupling	5.22
1¼	1.660	11½	0.420	0.7068	1.0085	1.58338	0.1304		5.27
1½	1.900	11½	0.420	0.7235	1.0252	1.82234	0.1304		5.46
2	2.375	11½	0.436	0.7565	1.0582	2.29627	0.1304		5.66

<sup>A</sup> Based on standard-weight pipe with standard coupling. For basic threading data of reamed and drifted coupling see Table 6 of this specification. For line pipe coupling refer to API Standard 5L.

<sup>B</sup> See Fig. 3.

**TABLE 9 Dimensions, Weights, and Test Pressures for Water-Well Casing**

Size, Outside Diameter, in. <sup>A</sup>	Weight per Foot, lb/ft <sup>B</sup>		Wall Thickness, in. <sup>A</sup>	Diameters, in. <sup>A</sup>		No. of Threads per Inch	Couplings			Test Pressures, psi <sup>C</sup>
	Threads and Couplings	Plain Ends		Outside	Inside		Length, in. <sup>A</sup>	Outside Diameter, in. <sup>A</sup>	Calculated Weight, lb <sup>D</sup>	
3.500	4.60	4.51	0.125	3.500	3.250	14	3½	4.000	2.86	1100
4.000	5.65	5.53	0.134	4.000	3.732	14	3½	4.500	3.24	1000
4.500	6.75	6.61	0.142	4.500	4.216	14	3½	5.000	4.26	950
5.500	9.00	8.79	0.154	5.500	5.192	14	4½	6.050	6.38	850
6.000	10.50	10.22	0.164	6.000	5.672	14	4½	6.625	7.84	850
6.625	13.00	12.72	0.185	6.625	6.255	11½	4½	7.390	11.88	850
8.625	17.80	16.90	0.188	8.625	8.249	11½	5¼	9.625	22.92	650

<sup>A</sup> 1 in. = 25.4 mm.

<sup>B</sup> 1 lb/ft = 1.488 kg/m.

<sup>C</sup> 1 psi = 6.895 MPa.

<sup>D</sup> 1 lb = 0.454 kg.

11.3 The basic thread dimensions for each type of water well pipe are shown in Table 4, Table 6, Table 8, and Table 10. An illustration of the joint of each type of water well pipe is shown in Figs. 1-4.

11.4 For Type III pipe, the threads on the pipe ends are interchangeable with either the standard pipe coupling, the reamed and drifted pipe coupling, or the API line pipe coupling. Orders for this class material shall indicate the coupling class desired.

11.4.1 Standard pipe couplings shall be manufactured in accordance with Specification A 865.

11.4.2 Line pipe couplings shall be manufactured in accordance with API 5L Specification for Line Pipe.

11.5 The threads on the pipe ends not protected by a coupling shall be suitably protected against damage in normal handling and transit conditions.

11.6 The length of the pipe shall be measured to the outer face of the coupling.



**TABLE 10 Basic Threading Data for Water-Well Casing**

NOTE—All dimensions are in inches (1 in. = 25.4 mm).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Threads <sup>A</sup>						Coupling						
Size, Out-side Diameter	Number per Inch	Length, End of Pipe to Hand-tight Plane	Effective Length	Total Length, End of Pipe to Vanish Point	Pitch Diameter at Hand-tight Plane	Outside Diameter	Length	Diameter of Recess	Depth of Recess	Length, Face of Coupling to Hand-tight Plane	Width of Bearing Face	Hand-tight Standoff,
3½	14	0.5241	1.0455	1.3071	3.4296	4.000	3⅞	3¹⁹⁄₃₂	¼	0.426	⅝₃₂	5
4	14	0.5741	1.0955	1.3571	3.9296	4.500	3⅞	4³⁄₃₂	¼	0.426	⅝₃₂	5
4½	14	0.6241	1.1455	1.4071	4.4296	5.000	3⅞	4¹⁹⁄₃₂	¼	0.426	⅝₃₂	5
5½	14	0.7241	1.2455	1.5071	5.4296	6.050	4⅞	5¹⁹⁄₃₂	¼	0.426	⅝₃₂	5
6	14	0.7741	1.2955	1.5571	5.9296	6.625	4⅞	6³⁄₃₂	¼	0.426	⅝₃₂	5
6⅝	11½	0.9123	1.3784	1.6973	6.5445	7.390	4⅞	6²³⁄₃₂	¼	0.437	¾₁₆	4
8⅝	11½	1.1123	1.5784	1.8973	8.5445	9.625	5¼	6²³⁄₃₂	¼	0.437	¾₁₆	4

<sup>A</sup> Taper of threads is ⅜ in./ft on diameter for all sizes.

**TABLE 11 Drift Pin Dimensions**

NPS Designator	Length of Pin, in.	Diameter of Pin, in., Smaller Than Nominal Inside Diameter of Pipe
To 6, incl	12	⅜₃₂
8, 10, 12	12	⅞

**12. Finish**

12.1 The finished pipe shall be reasonably straight and free of defects. Any imperfection that exceeds 12½ % of the nominal wall thickness, or violates minimum wall shall be considered a defect.

12.2 The pipe ends shall be free of burrs. The zinc coating on galvanized pipe shall be free of voids or excessive roughness.

**13. Galvanized Pipe**

13.1 For the types of water well pipe required with galvanized coating, such coating shall comply with the requirements of the latest revision of Specification A 53/A 53M.

**14. Number of Tests**

14.1 One longitudinal or transverse tension test of seamless and welded pipe, and in addition, one transverse weld test for electric-welded pipe NPS 8 and larger, shall be made on one length of pipe from each lot of 500 lengths, or fraction thereof, of each size. A length is defined as the length as ordered, except that in the case of orders for lengths shorter than single random, the term lot shall apply to the lengths as rolled, prior to cutting to the required short lengths.

14.2 Each length of pipe shall be subjected to the hydrostatic test as indicated for the type, size, and grade as shown in Tables 4-9. The hydrostatic pressure shall be maintained for not less than 5 s for all sizes of seamless and electric-resistance-welded pipe.

**15. Retests**

15.1 If the results of the tension tests of any lot do not conform to the requirements of Table 1, the lot shall be

rejected, or retests shall be made on additional pipe of double the original number from the same lot, each of which shall conform to the requirements specified.

**16. Test Methods**

16.1 The tension tests required shall conform to those described in the latest issue of Test Methods and Definitions A 370.

16.1.1 The longitudinal tension test specimen shall be taken from the end of the pipe and for welded pipe the specimen may be taken from the skelp or strip, at a point approximately 90° from the weld and shall not be flattened between gage marks. The sides of each specimen shall be parallel between gage marks.

16.1.2 Transverse weld test specimen from electric-welded pipe shall be taken with the weld at the center of the specimen. All transverse test specimens shall be approximately 1½ in. or 38 mm wide in the gage length and shall represent the full wall thickness of the pipe from which the specimen was cut.

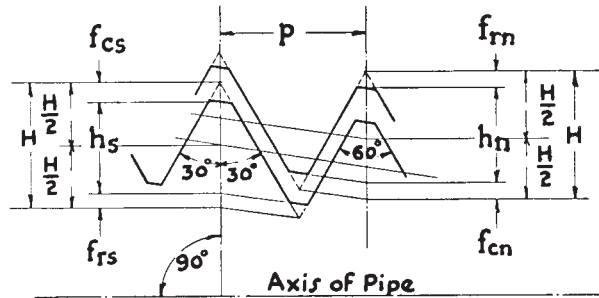
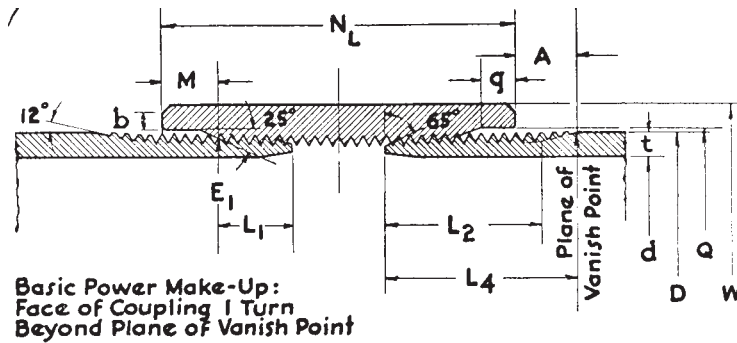
16.1.3 All specimens shall be tested at room temperature.

**17. Hydrostatic Test**

17.1 Each length of pipe shall be tested at the mill to the hydrostatic pressures as prescribed for each type of pipe in Table 3, Table 5, Table 7, and Table 9. The hydrostatic test may be applied at the discretion of the manufacturer on pipe with plain ends, with threads only, or with threads and coupling.

**18. Inspection**

18.1 The inspector representing the purchaser shall have entry, at all times while work on the contract of the purchaser is being performed, to all parts of the manufacturer's works that concern the manufacture of the material ordered. The manufacturer shall afford the inspector all reasonable facilities to satisfy him that the material is being furnished in accordance with this specification. All tests and inspection shall be made at the place of manufacture prior to shipment unless otherwise specified, and shall be so conducted as not to interfere unnecessarily with the operation of the works.



**Taper 1 in 64 on Diameter**  
(Shown Exaggerated in Diagram)

Thread Height Dimensions, in.

Thread Element	8 Threads per Inch $p = 0.125$
$H = 0.866p$	0.1082
$h_s = h_n = 0.760p$	0.0950
$f_{rs} = f_{rn} = 0.033p$	0.0041
$f_{cs} = f_{cn} = 0.073p$	0.0091

**FIG. 1 Basic Threading Data for Drive Pipe (Handling-Tight Assembly) (See Table 4)**

**19. Rejection**

19.1 Each length of pipe received from the manufacturer may be inspected by the purchaser and, if it does not meet the requirements of this specification based on the inspection and test method as outlined in the specification, the length may be rejected and the manufacturer shall be notified. Disposition of rejected pipe shall be a matter of agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

19.2 Pipe found in fabrication or in installation to be unsuitable for the intended use, under the scope and requirements of this specification, may be set aside and the manufacturer notified. Such pipe shall be subject to mutual investigation as to the nature and severity of the deficiency and the forming or installation, or both, conditions involved. Disposition shall be a matter for agreement.

**20. Certification**

20.1 The producer or supplier shall, upon request, furnish to the purchaser a certification of inspection stating that the material has been manufactured, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification (including the year date designation) and has been found to meet the requirements.

**21. Product Marking**

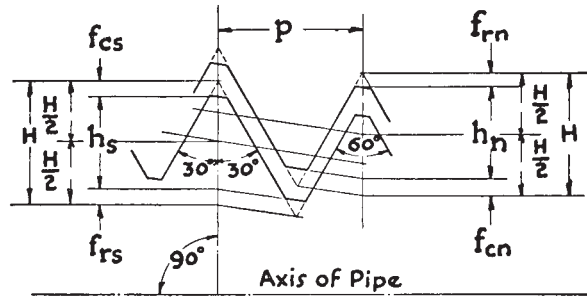
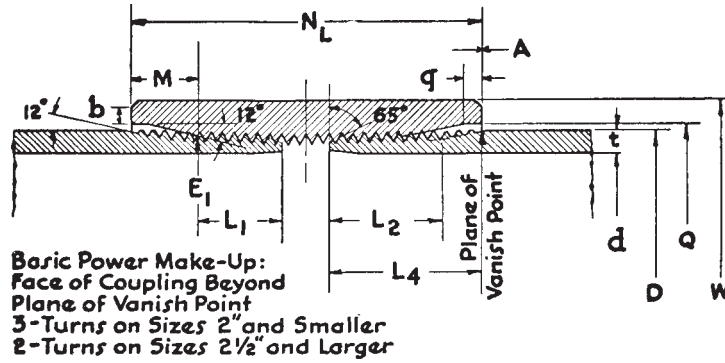
21.1 Each length of pipe shall be legibly marked by rolling, stamping, or stenciling to show: the name or brand of the manufacturer, type number, the kind of pipe (butt-welded, electric-resistance-welded, or seamless), grade, nominal or outside diameter size, wall thickness, the specification number and the length. Length shall be marked in feet and tenths of a foot or metres to two decimal places, depending on the units to which the material was ordered or other marking subject to agreement.

21.2 Marking shall begin approximately 12 in. (305 mm) from the coupling of each length.

21.3 Type II pipe NPS 1½ and under and for all sizes of Type III pipe, the required marking as specified in 21.1 may be applied to a tag securely attached to the bundle or bale prepared for shipment.

NOTE 2—When pipe sections are cut into shorter lengths by a subsequent processor for resale as material, the processor shall transfer complete identifying information to each unmarked cut length, or to metal tags securely attached to bundles of unmarked small diameter pipe. The same material designation shall be included with the information transferred, and the processor’s name, trademark, or brand shall be added.





**Taper 1 in 16 on Diameter  
(Shown Exaggerated in Diagram)**

Thread Height Dimensions, in.

Thread Element	11½ Threads per Inch $p = 0.0870$	8 Threads per Inch $p = 0.125$
$H = 0.866p$	0.0753	0.1082
$h_s = h_n = 0.760p$	0.0661	0.0950
$f_{rs} = f_{rn} = 0.033p$	0.0029	0.0041
$f_{cs} = f_{cn} = 0.073p$	0.0063	0.0091

**FIG. 2 Basic Threading Data for Water-Well Reamed and Drifted Pipe (Handling-Tight Assembly) (See Table 6)**

21.4 *Bar Coding*—In addition to the requirements in 21.1, 21.2, and 21.3, bar coding is acceptable as a supplemental identification method. The purchaser may specify in the order a specific bar coding system to be used.

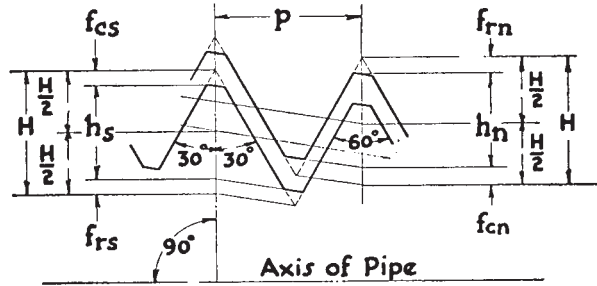
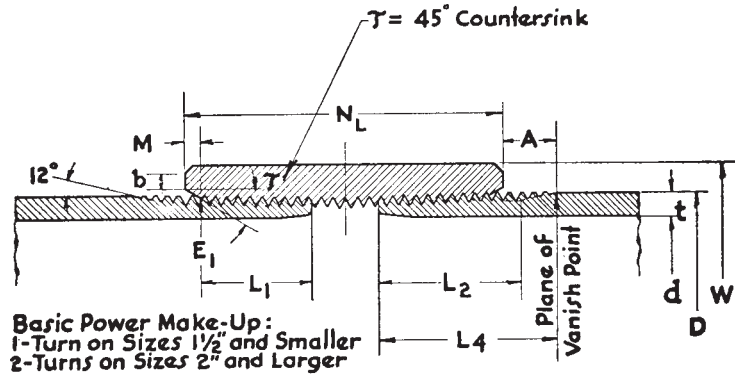
**22. Packaging**

22.1 All types and sizes of water well pipe may be shipped loose except that NPS 1½ and smaller sizes of Type II pipe and all sizes of Type III pipe shall be packaged in bundles or bales of convenient size for handling.

22.2 If special packaging is required for any pipe size, such requirements shall be negotiated and the required practice shall be indicated on the purchase order.

**23. Keywords**

23.1 carbon steel pipe; seamless steel pipe; steel pipe; water well pipe; welded steel pipe

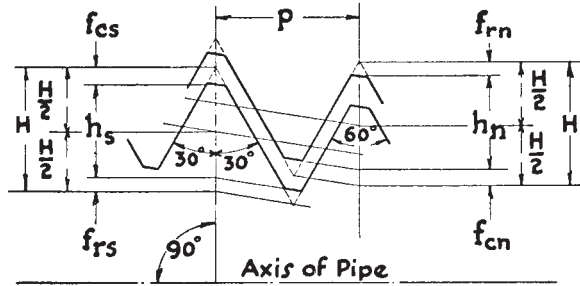
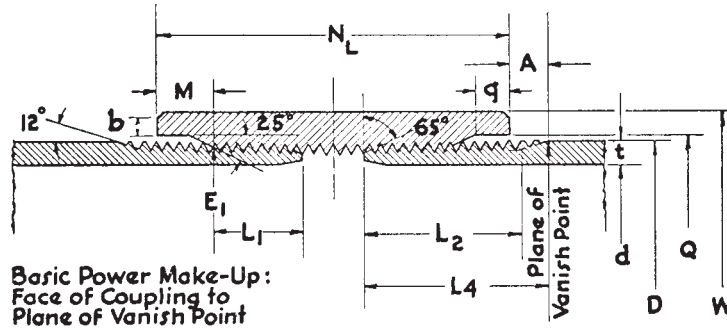


**Taper 1 in 16 on Diameter  
 (Shown Exaggerated in Diagram)**

Thread Height Dimensions, in.

Thread Element	$11\frac{1}{2}$ Threads per Inch $p = 0.0870$
$H = 0.866p$	0.0753
$h_s = h_n = 0.760p$	0.0661
$f_{rs} = f_{rn} = 0.033p$	0.0029
$f_{cs} = f_{cn} = 0.073p$	0.0063

**FIG. 3 Basic Threading Data for Driven Well Pipe (Handling-Tight Assembly) (See Table 8)**



**Taper 1 in 32 on Diameter  
(Shown Exaggerated in Diagram)**

Thread Height Dimensions, in.

Thread Element	14 Threads per Inch $p = 0.0714$	11½ Threads per Inch $p = 0.0870$
$H = 0.866p$	0.0619	0.0753
$h_s = h_n = 0.760p$	0.0543	0.0661
$f_{rs} = f_{rn} = 0.033p$	0.0024	0.0029
$f_{cs} = f_{cn} = 0.073p$	0.0052	0.0063

**FIG. 4 Basic Threading Data for Water-Well Casing (Handling-Tight Assembly) (See Table 10)**



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