

SPECIFICATIONS FOR STEEL PIPE

Published pipe standards serve three functions.

- 1. They dictate manufacturing and testing requirements and prescribed methods of measuring the required mechanical and physical properties.
- 2. Without specifications, it would be difficult for the pipe buyer to establish a common ground of understanding with the producer as to product requirements.
- 3. When the pipe producer marks a specification on this product they warrant that the pipe is made from prime quality steel and meets all the requirements of the specification.

Standard pipe is manufactured and tested as prescribed by ASTM (formerly American Society for Testing Materials), an international, non-profit technical and Scientific organization formed for "the consensus development of standards on characteristics and performance of materials, products, systems and services." The society operates through more than 127 main technical committees. These committees function under regulations that ensure balanced representation among producers, users and general interest groups. The published standards, therefore, represent the consensus viewpoint of all involved. Line pipe and Oil Country products are manufactured and tested as prescribed by the American Petroleum Institute (API). The API operates similarly to the ASTM except that producers, consumers, and associations with primary interests in oil or gas are involved.

GRADE

Grade refers to divisions within different types of seamless and ERW pipe and designates mechanical properties such as minimum yield and tensile strengths. Grade B has higher tensile and yield strength than Grade A. It is manufactured to higher carbon content steel. Grade A, being a softer steel, is easier to bend and is recommended for use in close coiling and cold bending. Grade B has higher stress values and is better suited for machining operations. Grade C, which is available in ASTM-106, has higher tensile and yield strength than Grades A & B.

DIMENSIONS

Many changes have been made to ASTM specifications over the years. One of the more recent has been to make the specifications fit with metric, and more correctly, with the measurements of pipe and the related fittings.

To change the pipe outside diameter (OD) and wall thickness, simply multiply the SI dimensions by the appropriate factor to convert to metric. However, an inch is not a real inch. Nowhere on pipe 12" and smaller is there a corresponding measurement because this size has no real numerical value.

To solve this problem and still retain the intent of the size designation, the inch mark was removed from the column showing the size, and the term NPS was added as were the following words: The dimensionless designator NPS (nominal pipe size) has been substituted in this standard for such traditional terms as "nominal diameter," "size," and "nominal size." They are now stated as NPS 1, NPS 2, NPS 6, NPS 12, NPS 14, etc.

WARNING

Most pipe specifications are restricted by tolerances for outside diameter, wall thickness, and weight. Pipe must meet all three criteria or material could be rejected. Please refer to the applicable specifications.

DIGEST OF COMMON - PIPE SPECIFICATIONS

Specification and Size Range Where Indicated	Scope	Туре	Grades	Chemistry
A-120 (has been withdrawn) NPS 1/8 - 16	Blk & Galv Welded & SMLS pipe for ordinary use - not Intended for close coiling bending or high temperature service	OW ERW SMLS	None Specified	None Specified
A-53 NPS 1/8 - 26	Blk & Galv Welded & SMLS pipe suitable for welding and forming operations CW not intended for flanging. Grade B not intended for close coiling or severe cold forming. Pipe required for close coiling should be specified on order.	CW - Type F ERW - Type E SMLS - Type S	CW - Type F ERW & SMLS Grade A & B	Composition, max % C Mg P S Type S (seamless pipe) Open-health, electric-furnace or basic-oxygen: Grade A 0.25 .095 0.05 0.045 Grade A 0.25 .095 0.05 0.045 Type E (electric resistance welded) 0 0.05 0.045 Open-health, electric-furnace or basic-oxygen: Grade A 0.25 .095 0.05 0.045 Grade A 0.25 .095 0.05 0.045 Grade B 0.30 1.20 0.05 0.045 Grade B 0.30 1.20 0.05 0.045 Grade B 0.30 1.20 0.05 0.045 Dopen-health, electric-furnace or basic-oxygen: 0.30 1.20 0.05 0.045 Ladle and Check Limits Ladle and Check Limits Visit Visit Visit
A-106 NPS 1/8 - 26	SMLS for high temperature service. Suitable for bending, flanging, and similar forming operations.	SMLS Only	Grades A, B & C	Composition, max % Element* Grade A Grade B Grade C Chrome 0.40 0.40 0.40 Copper 0.40 0.40 0.40 Molybdenum 0.15 0.15 0.15 Nickel 0.40 0.40 0.40 Vanadium 0.08 0.08 0.08 *These five elements combined shall not exceed 1%. * *
A-135 NPS 2-30	Electric resistance welded for conveying fluid, gas or vapor.	ERW Only	Grades A & B	% max Element Grade A Grade B Carbon 0.25 0.30 Manganese 0.95 1.20 Phosphorus 0.035 0.035 Sulfur 0.035 0.035 Ladle and check limits
A-252 NPS 6 - 24	ERW or SMLS for Pipe Piles	ERW SMLS DSAW	Grades 1, 2, 3	All grades .05 Max. % Phos. Ladle & check limits
A-333	SMLS & Welded Carbon & Alloy Steel pipe for low temperature service	SMLS ERW	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	% max G R C M N P S Si N i C R C U 1 .30 .40 .05
A-335 NPS 1/8 - 26	SMLS Alloy Steel Pipe for high temperature service	SMLS Only	P1, P2, P5, P5b, P5c, P9, P11, P12, P15, P21, P22, P91	Grade UNS Des. C Des. Mg max P max S max Si max Cr Mo P1 K11522 10-20 30-80 025 025 10-50 .44-65 P2 K11547 .10-20 -30-80 025 025 10-30 5-81 .44-65 P5 K41546 .15max -30-80 025 025 .10-30 5-81 .44-65 P5 K51546 .15max -30-80 025 025 .50max .4-6 .45-65 P6 K51546 .15max -30-80 025 025 .50max .4-6 .45-65 P9 Sty000 .15max -30-80 025 025 .50max .4-6 .45-65 P12 K11567 .05-15 .30-80 025 .025 .50max .80-125 .44-66 P15 K11578 .05-15 .30-80 025 .025 .50max .92-5 .87-11.3 P24 K11578 </td
A-501 Square & Rectangular 1" - 10" Round 1" - 24"	Hot Formed Welded & SMLS Round, Square & Rectangular Tubing	SMLS Welded	None Specified	Composition % Element Heat Analysis Product Analysis Carbon, max. 0.26 0.30 Phosphorus, max. 0.035 0.045 Sulfur, max. 0.035 0.045 Copper, min.* 0.20 0.18 *When copper steel is specified •
A-587 NPS 1/2" - 10"	EW Pipe for process lines suitable for severe forming involving flanging and close bending	ERW Only	None Specified	% MAX. % MIN. C MN P S AL .15 .2763 .035 .035 .0211
A-589 Type 1 NPS 6-16	SMLS & Welded Water Pipe Type 1 Drive Pipe	Type 1 SMLS or Welded	Type 1 A or B	% MAX. P S .050 .060

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	Specification and Size Range Where Indicated	Tensiles	Hydrostatic	Tests Bend	Flattening	Wall Tolerance	OD Tolerance
	A-120 (has been withdrawn) NPS 1/8 - 16	None Specified	yes	None Specified	None Specified	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	1/2" - 1-1/2" + 1/64" -1/32" 2" & over- +/- 1% of OD
	A-53 NPS 1/8 - 26	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile C W 25,000 45,000 GR-A 30,000 48,000 GR-B 35,000 60,000	yes	yes - 2" & under Std. & XHY 90° to 12 times nom. diameter. Close coiling 180° to 8 times nom. dia.	yes - over 2" nom. XHY & lighter. CW 90° to 75% ODv	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	1/2" - 1-1/2" + 1/64" -1/32" 2" & over- +/- 1% of OD
CON	A-106 NPS 1/8 - 26	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile A 30,000 48,000 B 35,000 60,000 C 40,000 70,000	yes	Not req'd over 2" diameter. 90°to 12 times dia. Close coiling 180°to 8 times diameter	yes - over 2" dia.	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	1/8" - 1-1/2" + 1/64" -1/32" 2" - 4" +/- 1/32" 5" - 8" + 1/16" -1/32" 10" - 18" + 3/32" -1/32" 18" & over- 1/8" -1/32"
TIN	A-135 NPS 2-30	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile A 30,000 48,000 B 35,000 60,000	yes	None Specified	yes - for all sizes to 2/3 OD	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	For all sizes +/- 1% of OD
IUED	A-252 NPS 6 - 24	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile 1 30,000 50,000 2 35,000 60,000 3 40,000 66,000	None Specified	None Specified	None Specified	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall. Surface defects no more than 25% deep	+/- 1% of OD
	A-333	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile 1 30,000 50,000 2 35,000 65,000 3 35,000 60,000 6 35,000 65,000 7 35,000 65,000 8 75,000 100,000 9 46,000 63,000 10 65,000 80,000 11 35,000 65,000	yes	None Specified	yes - for all sizes	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	2" - 4" +/- 1/32" 5" - 8" + 1/16" - 1/32" 10" - 18" + 3/32" - 1/32" 18" & + 1/8" Over - 1/32"
	A-335 NPS 1/8 - 26	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile P1 30,000 55,000 P2 30,000 55,000 P-91 60,000 85,000 All Others 30,000 60,000	yes	yes	yes	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	1/8" - 1-1/2" + 1/64" -1/32" 2" - 4" +/- 1/32" 4" - 8" + 1/16" - 1/32" 10" - 18" + 3/32" - 1/32" 20" - 26" + 1/8" -1/32"
	A-501 Square & Rectangular 1" - 10" Round 1" - 24"	MIN. P.S.I. Yield Tensile 36.000 58.000	None Specified	Round None Shapes Yes	None Specified	None Specified Weight shall not be less than specified by more than 3.5%. Surface defect no more than 15%	Round: 1-1/2" & under + 1/65" - 1/32" 2" & over +/- 1% of OD Shapes: 2-1/2" & under +/020 2-1/2" - 3-1/2" +/025 3-1/2" - 5-1/2" +/030 5-1/2" & over +/- 1%
	A-587 NPS 1/2" - 10"	MIN. P.S.I. Yield Tensile 30,000 48,000	None Specified Nondestructive test shall be made	None Specified A flange test shall be made	yes - for all sizes	Refer to table 4 ASTM Standards for A-587	Refer to table 4 ASTM Standards for A-587
	A-589 Type 1 NPS 6-16	MIN. P.S.I. Grade Yield Tensile C W 25,000 45,000 A 30,000 48,000 B 35,000 60,000	yes	None Specified	None Specified	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% nominal wall	1-1/2" & under + 1/64" - 1/32" 2" & over +/- 1% of OD

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Specification and Size Range Where Indicated	Scope	Туре	Grades				Chen	nistry			
Type II NPS 1-12	Type II Water well reamed and drifted	Type II SMLS, ERW or CW	Type II A or CW			-	% M P .050	MAX. S .060	-		
Type III NPS 1-2	Type III Driven well pipe	Type III SMLS, ERW or CW	Type III A or CW								\cap
Type IV NPS 3-8	Type IV Water well casing	Type IV SMLS, ERW or CW	Type IV A or CW								EI
API 5L	Welded and SMLS	CW, ERW, SMLS	CW			Lad	le %M	ax			
	Line pipe	DSAW	Grade 25	_	GR	С	MN	Р	S		
			DSAW		A-25	.21	.60	.08	.06		7
			ERW & SMLS		A	.22	.90	.04	.05		
			Grades A & B		В	.27	1.15	.04	.05		- T
					ERW	21	00	04	05		
				_	В	.26	1.15	.04	.05		7
						Ladle	% Max	% Min			
API 5I X	Welded and SMLS	FRW & SMLS	X-42 X-46	GR	С	MN	Р	S	СВ	V	\odot
AT TOEX	High test line pipe	DSAW	X-52 X-60	SMLS	00	4.05	0.4	05			T
	3		X-65 X-70	X-42 X-46	.29	1.25	.04	.05			\cup
			X-80	X-52	.31	1.35	.04	.05			
				X-60	.26	1.35	.04	.05		.02	
				ERW	20	1.05	04	05			
				X-42 X-46	.28 30	1.25	.04	.05			
				X-52	.30	1.35	.04	.05			
				X-60	.26	1.35	.04	.05	.005		
Federal	Comparable to A-120										
VVVF-400											
Federal WWP-404	Comparable to A-53										

ASTM & API SPECIFICATIONS WITH COMPARABLE ANSI DESIGNATIONS

ASTM OR API	ANSI DESI	GNATIONS	TITLE
DESIGNATIONS	CURRENT	REPLACED	
ASTM A-53	B-125.1	B-36.1	Welded & Seamless pipe
ASTM A-106	B-125.30	B-36.3	Seamless carbon steel pipe for high temperature service
ASTM A-120*	B-125-2	B-36.20	Black & galvanized and seamless steel pipe for ordinary uses
ASTM A-134	B-125.55	B-36.4	Electric-fusion (Arc) welded steel plate pipe (sizes 16" & over)
ASTM A-135	B-125.3	B-36.5	Electric resistance welded pipe
ASTM A-139	B-125.31	B-36.9	Electric-fusion (Arc) welded steel plate pipe (sizes 4" & over)
ASTM A-155	B-125.4	B-36.11	Electric fusion welded steel pipe for high temperature service
ASTM A-211	B-125.56	B-36.16	"Insert discontinued 1994"
ASTM A-312	B-125.16	B-36.26	Seamless and welded austenitic stainless steel pipe
ASTM A-333	B-125.17	B-36.40	Seamless and welded steel pipe for low temperature service
ASTM A-335	B-124.24	B-36.42	Seamless ferritic alloy steel pipe for high temperature service

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	Type II NPS 1-12	Grade CW A B	MIN. P.S.I. Yield 25,000 30,000 35,000	Tensile 45,000 48,000 60,000	yes	None Specified	None Specified	Min. wall shall not be more than 12.5% under nominal wall	1-1/2" & under + 1/64" - 1/32" 2" & over- +/- 1% of OD
CONTINU	Type III NPS 1-2 Type IV NPS 3-8 API 5L	Grade A-25 A B	MIN. P.S.I. Yield 25,000 30,000 35,000	Tensile 45,000 48,000 60,000	yes	yes-for A-25 pipe 2-3/8 & smaller	yes	2-7/8" & smaller + 20% - 12.5% 3-1/2" OD + 18% - 12.5% 4" - 18" + 15% - 12.5% 20" & larger + 17.5% - 10%	1.900 & under + .016"031" 2-38" - 4" OD +/- 1% 4-1/2" & over +/75%
ED	API 5LX	Grade X-42 X-46 X-52 X-60	MIN. P.S.I. Yield 42,000 46,000 52,000 60,000	Tensile 60,000 63,000 66,000 75,000	yes	None Specified	yes - for ERW	+ 15% - 12.5%	+/75%
	Federal WWP-406	Comparable to A-120							
	Federal WWP-404	Comparable to A-53							

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ASTM & API SPECIFICATIONS WITH COMPARABLE ANSI DESIGNATIONS

ASTM A-358	B-125.57	B-36.47	Electric fusion welded austenitic chromium-nickel alloy steel pipe for high temperature service
ASTM A-369	B-125.77	B-36.48	Carbon & ferritic alloy steel forged and bored pipe
			for high temperature service
ASTM A-376	B-125-25	B-36.43	Seamless austenitic steel pipe for high temperature
			temperature central station service
ASTM A-381	B-125.25	B-36.49	Metal arc welded steel pipe for high pressure
			transmission systems
ASTM A-405	B-125.26	B-36.44	Seamless ferritic alloy steel pipe specially heat
			treated for high temperature service
ASTM A-523	G-62.5		Plain end seamless & ERW steel pipe for high
			pressure pipe type cable circuits
ASTM A-524	B-125.37	B-36.56	Seamless C.S. pipe for process piping
ASTM A-530	B-125.20	B-36.57	General requirements for specialized
			carbon and alloy steel pipe
API 5L			Line pipe
API 5LX			High test line pipe
API 5LS			Spiral weld line pipe

FEDERAL

WWP-404c is similar to ASTM A-53 except that Government inspection and continuous identification marking of electric weld and seamless is mandatory. It covers black and galvanized welded and seamless pipe for flanging, bending, and coiling and for use with fresh water, oil, steam, air, and gas on shore plus a limited number of shipboard uses. Sizes 1/8 inch through 24 inch. WWP-406c is a federal specification comparable to ASTM A-120 (withdrawn 1988). Mills can certify that A-120 pipe in a distributor's stock meets all the requirements of WWP-406c.

A.W.W.A.

C-200 covers black welded and seamless pipe intended for the conveyance of water in sizes 6 inch and larger. Specification prescribes hydrostatic test pressures for sizes of pipe covered. Tensile, flattening, and bending tests are required.

ASME

B31.1 Code for pressure piping. Prescribes minimum requirements for design, manufacture, test, and installations of power piping systems for steam generating plants, central heating plants, and industrial plants.

B31.2 Fuel Gas Piping.

- **B31.3 Petroleum Refinery Piping.**
- B31.4 Liquid PetroleumTransportation Piping Systems.

B31.5 Refrigeration Piping.

B31.7 Nuclear Power Piping

B31.8 Gas Transmission and Distributing Piping Systems. Covers design, fabrication, installation, inspection, testing, and the safety aspects of operation and maintenance of gas transmission and distribution systems.

ANSI (ASME)

B36.10 American Standard for Wrought-Steel and Wrought-Iron pipe. Designates dimensions, weights, and schedule numbers for welded and seamless pipe. Schedules 10 through Schedules Double Extra Heavy (DXH/XXH).

B36.19 American Standard for Stainless Steel Pipe. Designates dimensions, weights, and schedule numbers for welded and seamless Stainless Steel Pipe, Schedules 5 through Schedules 80.

A.A.R.

M-111 covers black and galvanized welded and seamless pipe intended for coiling, bending, flanging, and other special purposes; and is suitable for welding. Purpose for which pipe is intended should be stated on orders. M-111 is comparable in most requirements to ASTM A-53.

M-130 covers black and galvanized welded and seamless pipe for ordinary uses in steam, water, gas, and air lines. Sizes 1/8 inch through 12 inch. Pipe to this specification is not intended for close coiling, bending, or high temperature service. M-130 is comparable in most requirements to ASTM A-120.