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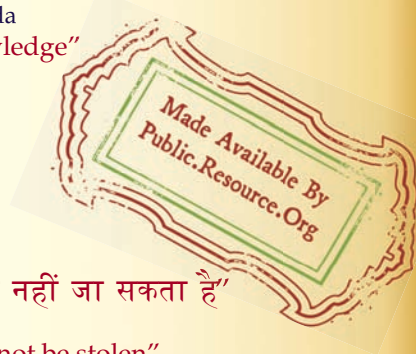
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## FOREWORD

This Indian Standard ( Third Revision ) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Copper and Copper Alloys Sectional Committee had been approved by the Metallurgical Engineering Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1963 and subsequently revised in 1972 and 1985. In this revision following modifications have been made:

- a) Requirements of tensile strength, percentage elongation and K value ( for hydrostatic test ) for half hard ( HB ) copper tubes have been included, as the tubes are also delivered in half hard ( HB ) condition;
- b) One more grade Cu-DPA has been incorporated as this grade is being used for copper tubes for general engineering purposes;
- c) Requirements of tensile strength, percentage elongation and K value ( for hydrostatic test ) for 'As drawn ( HD )' and 'Annealed ( O )' conditions have been modified;
- d) Requirements of tolerances on eccentricity, ovality, roundness and straightness have been incorporated;
- e) Hydrostatic/pneumatic/eddy current test has been made compulsory;
- f) Minimum testing period of 5 seconds for hydrostatic test/pneumatic test has been specified;
- g) Microscopic examination test and hydrogen embrittlement test have been included;
- h) Requirements of sampling and criteria for conformity and retest have been modified;
- j) Requirement of packing has been modified; and
- k) Requirement for test certificate has been added.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values ( *revised* )'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

# Indian Standard

## SOLID DRAWN COPPER TUBES FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING PURPOSES — SPECIFICATION

( Third Revision )

### 1 SCOPE

This standard covers the requirements of solid drawn (seamless) copper tubes for general engineering purposes.

### 2 REFERENCES

The Indian Standards listed in Annex A are necessary adjuncts to this standard.

### 3 TERMINOLOGY

**3.1** For the purpose of this standard the following definitions as given in IS 3288 (Part 3) : 1986 shall apply.

#### 3.1.1 Seamless Tube ( Solid Drawn Tube )

Tube produced from a tube shell by drawing.

#### 3.1.2 Tube Shell

A hollow cylinder produced by extrusion, rotary piercing, or casting for subsequent drawing into tube.

**3.2** In addition to above following definitions shall also apply.

#### 3.2.1 Eccentricity

$$\text{Eccentricity} = \frac{t(\text{Max}) - t(\text{Min})}{t(\text{average})}$$

where,  $t$  is wall thickness of the tube.

#### 3.2.2 Mean Outside Diameter

Half the sum of two diameters measured in the mutually perpendicular directions at any one cross-section of a tube.

#### 3.2.3 Mean Wall Thickness

Half the sum of two wall thicknesses at points diametrically opposite to each other at any one cross-section of a tube.

#### 3.2.4 Ovality

$$\text{Ovality} = \frac{D(\text{Max}) - D(\text{Min})}{D(\text{Average})}$$

where,  $D$  is outside diameter of the tube.

NOTE — Before bending for a bent tube.

#### 3.2.5 Out of Roundness

Out of roundness =  $D \text{ Max} - D \text{ Min}$ .

#### 3.2.6 Pipe/Tube

A hollow wrought product of uniform cross-section with only one enclosed void along its whole length and with a uniform wall thickness.

### 4 SUPPLY OF MATERIAL

General requirements relating to the supply of material shall be as laid down in IS 1387 : 1993.

### 5 GRADES

This standard covers seven grades of copper tubes, namely Cu-ETP, Cu-DHP, Cu-FRTP, Cu-DPA, Cu-ATP as specified in relevant parts of IS 191 (Parts 1 to 10) : 1980.

### 6 CONDITION

The tubes shall be supplied in one of the following conditions:

- a) **As Drawn (HD)** — Tubes in full hard condition produced by cold drawing.
- b) **Half Hard (HB)** — Tubes in half hard condition produced by cold drawing.
- c) **Annealed (O)**.

### 7 FREEDOM FROM DEFECTS

The tubes shall be reasonably clean, smooth and free from cracks, seams, slivers, scales and other defects detrimental to the intended applications.

### 8 DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES

#### 8.1 Dimensions

The tubes shall be designated by the outside diameter and the wall thickness. The outside diameter, wall thickness and length shall be as ordered by purchaser from the rationalized sizes of tubes as specified in IS 5493 : 1981.

## 8.2 Tolerances

**8.2.1** The relevant tolerances on mean outside diameter, wall thickness, straightness, length and roundness as specified in IS 5493 : 1981 shall be applicable for respective sizes.

**8.2.2** The tolerances on ovality and eccentricity shall be as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier. However no tolerance on ovality shall be specified for tubes of wall thickness up to and including 0.4 mm.

**8.2.3** The tolerances on ovality, roundness and eccentricity are applicable HB and HD tempers only. If the tubes are supplied in O condition the tolerances should be verified before heat-treatment.

## 9 CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

**9.1** The chemical composition shall comply with the requirement of relevant grade of copper as specified in IS 191 ( Parts 1 to 10 ) : 1980.

**9.2** The chemical composition shall be determined either by the method specified in IS 440 : 1964 or any other established instrumental/chemical method. In case of dispute, the procedure specified in IS 440 : 1964 shall be referee method.

## 10 PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

### 10.1 Mechanical Properties

#### 10.1.1 Tensile Test

A piece of tube selected for test, suitably plugged or flattened sufficiently for gripping or a strip cut from a tube, when tested in accordance with IS 2655 : 1964 shall conform to the requirements as given in Table 1.

**Table 1 Tensile Strength and Constant for Hydrostatic Test ( K )**  
( Clause 10.1.1 and 10.4.2 )

| Condition               | Tensile Strength, MPa | Percentage Elongation on Gauge Length<br>$5.65\sqrt{S_0}$ | K   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (1)                     | Min<br>(2)            | Min<br>(3)                                                | (4) |
| As Drawn ( HD )         |                       |                                                           | 113 |
| i) As such              | 280                   | —                                                         |     |
| ii) Strip cut from tube | 250                   | —                                                         |     |
| Half Hard ( HB )        |                       |                                                           | 99  |
| i) As such              | 235                   | 25                                                        |     |
| ii) Strip cut from tube | 225                   | 25                                                        |     |
| Annealed ( O )          |                       |                                                           | 85  |
| i) As such              | 205                   | 40                                                        |     |
| ii) Strip cut from tube | 195                   | 45                                                        |     |

### 10.2 Flattening and Doubling-Over Test

**10.2.1** For Tubes not Exceeding 100 mm in Outside Diameter or 3 mm in Wall Thickness

**10.2.1.1** The tubes shall be annealed before testing if supplied in HD or HB condition.

**10.2.1.2** A piece of tube shall be flattened down until the interior surfaces of the tube meet as shown in Fig. 1 and then doubled over on itself, that is bent through 180°, the bend being at right angles to the axis of the tube as shown in Fig. 2.

**10.2.2** For Tubes Over 100 mm in Outside Diameter or Exceeding 3 mm in Wall Thickness or Both

**10.2.2.1** A strip of 25 mm cut from the tubes longitudinally parallel to the axis, shall be capable of undergoing test both when cold and and red-hot without showing either crack or flaw on the outside of either bend.

**10.2.2.2** The test piece after flattening, shall be bent through an angle of 180° in opposite directions as shown in Fig. 3 and double-up close. The edges of the test piece shall be carefully rounded and smoothed longitudinally.

### 10.3 Drift Expanding Test

**10.3.1** The drift expanding test shall be carried out as per IS 2335 : 1985 for tubes not exceeding 100 mm in outside diameter and less than 3 mm in wall thickness. The test pieces of HB and HD tempers shall be annealed before testing and shall comply with the requirements specified in 10.3.2 without further annealing.

**10.3.2** The tube shall be capable of undergoing drifting by means of a taper drift having an included angle of 45° as shown in Fig. 4, without showing either crack or flaw until the outside diameter of the expanded end measures at least 25 percent more than the original diameter of the tube.

### 10.4 Non-Destructive Testing

**10.4.0** All tubes shall meet the requirements eddy-current or hydrostatic/pneumatic test as desired by the purchaser.

#### 10.4.1 Eddy-Current Test

**10.4.1.1** Each tube shall be subjected to the eddy-current test in accordance with IS 11612 : 1984. Tubes shall be tested in HD condition prior to the final annealing, unless otherwise agreed upon by the supplier and the purchaser.

**10.4.1.2** The hole size shall be as agreed in between the supplier and the purchaser.



FIG. 1 FLATTENING TEST

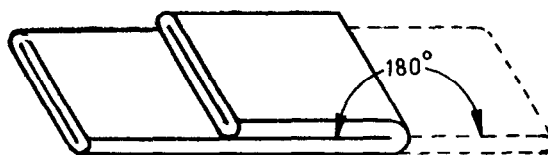


FIG. 2 DOUBLING-OVER TEST



FIG. 3 DOUBLE BEND TEST

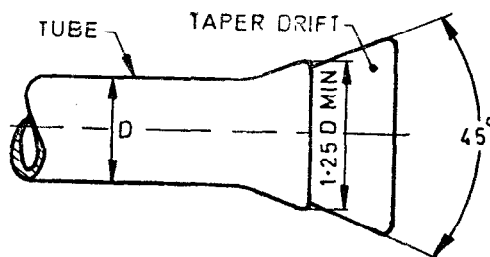


FIG. 4 DRIFT EXPANDING TEST

**10.4.1.3** The tubes which do not actuate the signalling device of the eddy-current tester shall be considered as conforming to the requirements of this test. Tubes with discontinuities indicated by the testing unit may, at the option of the manufacturer, be re-examined or retested to determine whether the discontinuity should be the cause for rejection. Signals that are found to have been caused by minor mechanical damage, soil or moisture shall not be the cause for rejection provided dimensions are still within the prescribed limits and the tube is suitable for the intended application.

#### 10.4.2 Hydrostatic Test

Each tube shall be subjected to an internal hydrostatic test pressure of 7 MPa or the value given by the following formula, whichever is less unless otherwise agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier. When subjected to the test for a minimum period of 5 seconds, the tube shall not show any sign of weeping or leaking.

$$P = \frac{Kt}{D}$$

where

$P$  = internal hydrostatic test pressure in MPa,

$K$  = a constant as specified in Table 1,

$t$  = nominal wall thickness of the tube in mm, and

$D$  = nominal outside diameter of the tube in mm.

#### 10.4.3 Pneumatic Test

Each tube shall be tested to a minimum internal air pressure of 40 N/cm<sup>2</sup> for a minimum period

of 5 seconds without showing any sign of leakage while immersed in water.

#### 10.5 Microscopic Examination ( for O Condition Only )

**10.5.1** Samples in longitudinal direction of tubes selected for the test shall be subjected to microscopic examination in accordance with IS 4748 : 1988 at a magnification of 75 × and shall show uniform and complete recrystallization with an average grain size of 0.025 to 0.050 mm. Maximum grain size shall not exceed 0.050 mm.

**10.5.2** Examination of unetched specimen shall show reasonable freedom from dirt, slag or foreign matter.

#### 10.6 Hydrogen Embrittlement Test ( for Cu-DHP and Cu-DPA Grades )

Test specimen of tubes shall be capable of meeting the requirements of hydrogen embrittlement test as per IS 6243 : 1985.

### 11 SAMPLING AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY

**11.0** Unless otherwise agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier, the following procedure of sampling and criteria for conformity should be followed for acceptance of a lot.

#### 11.1 Lot

In any consignment tubes of the same grade, size, thickness and condition shall be grouped together to constitute a lot of 300 tubes or 1 000 kg ( whichever is higher ) or part thereof.

## 11.2 Dimensional Tolerances

From each lot, ten tubes shall be selected at random and tested for length, outside diameter and wall thickness. No failure shall occur if the lot is to be accepted under this clause.

## 11.3 Chemical Composition and Mechanical Properties

From the lot found acceptable for dimensions, one test shall be conducted for each of the chemical composition and mechanical properties, requirements given in the specification. The lot shall be accepted if the samples tested meet all the chemical composition and mechanical properties requirements of the specification.

## 11.4 Hydrostatic/Pneumatic/Eddy-Current Test

Each tube shall be tested for hydrostatic/pneumatic/eddy-current test as prescribed in 10.4.

## 11.5 Microscopic Examination/Hydrogen Embrittlement Test

One sample from each lot shall be tested for above tests.

## 11.6 Retest

### 11.6.1 Chemical Composition

If a test result of chemical analysis fails to satisfy the requirements for any of the elements, two more tests for that element shall be done on the same sample in order to confirm that the analysis has been done properly. If both the test results satisfy the relevant requirements the lot shall be considered as conforming to the specification; otherwise not.

### 11.6.2 Mechanical Properties

If the test result on any sample for mechanical test ( tensile test, drift expanding test, flattening test ) fails to satisfy the requirement for any of the mechanical properties two more samples shall be retested for that test only. If both the test results satisfy the relevant requirements, the lot shall be considered as conforming to specification; otherwise not.

## 11.6.3 Microscopic Examination/Hydrogen Embrittlement Test

Should any specimen fail under above tests, all the tubes represented by the sample shall stand rejected. However, they may be resubmitted for inspection after stress-relieving treatment.

## 12 PACKING

The tubes shall be suitably covered with a polyethylene sheet and packed to avoid movements and rubbing. The tube ends shall be protected by proper inserts to avoid damage during handling and transit. Each package shall be of convenient weight for ease of handling and shall not exceed 1 000 kg ( gross ). The bottom of the packing case shall be rigid to enable the tubes to maintain straightness.

## 13 MARKING

13.1 Boxes containing tubes shall be suitably marked with the following details:

- a) Lot number,
- b) Grade,
- c) Condition,
- d) Size and thickness, and
- e) Indication of the source of manufacture.

## 13.2 Standard Marking

13.2.1 The material may also be marked with the Standard Mark.

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## 14 TEST CERTIFICATE

The manufacturer/supplier should provide test certificate for each consignment giving information like grade, lot number, condition, size, thickness and corresponding chemical composition and physical properties.

## ANNEX A

( Clause 2 )

## LIST OF REFERRED INDIAN STANDARDS

| <i>IS No.</i>                   | <i>Title</i>                                                                                    | <i>IS No.</i> | <i>Title</i>                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 191 ( Parts 1<br>to 10 ) : 1980 | Copper ( <i>third revision</i> )                                                                | 4748 : 1988   | Method for estimating average<br>grain size of metals ( <i>first<br/>revision</i> )                                    |
| 440 : 1964                      | Methods of chemical analysis<br>of copper ( <i>revised</i> )                                    |               |                                                                                                                        |
| 1387 : 1993                     | General requirements for the<br>supply of metallurgical<br>materials ( <i>second revision</i> ) | 5493 : 1981   | Dimensions of wrought copper<br>and copper alloy tubes ( <i>first<br/>revision</i> )                                   |
| 2335 : 1985                     | Method for drift expanding<br>test for metallic tubes ( <i>first<br/>revision</i> )             | 6243 : 1985   | Method of hydrogen embrittle-<br>ment test of copper ( <i>first<br/>revision</i> )                                     |
| 2655 : 1964                     | Method for tensile testing of<br>copper and copper alloy tubes                                  | 11612 : 1984  | Code of practice for eddy-<br>current testing of non-ferrous<br>seamless pipes and tubes ( <i>first<br/>revision</i> ) |
| 3288 ( Part 3 ) :<br>1986       | Glossary of terms relating to<br>copper and copper alloys:<br>Part 3 Wrought forms              |               |                                                                                                                        |

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