

Alloy 825 Seam Welded Pressure Tubing

HEAT TREATED / 35 KSI MINIMUM YIELD STRENGTH / UNS N08825



Application

Alloy 825 seam welded pressure tubing in the heat treated condition is typically used in oil and natural gas wells for applications including hydraulically actuated surface-controlled subsurface safety valves, chemical injection, and instrumentation. In such applications, it is commonly referred to as control line tubing.

The tubing is generally deployed by strapping it to the outside of the production casing. It may be encapsulated and can be included along with other pressure tubing or TEC and mechanical components, such as bumpers, within a flatpack. The tubing is frequently supplied as 5,000 to 35,000 ft. coils on a wooden or steel reel, depending on size.

Description

Alloy 825 is a titanium-stabilized austenitic nickel-iron - chromium alloy with additions of molybdenum and copper. The chemical composition of the alloy is listed in Table 1. The alloy is characterized by good resistance to stress-corrosion cracking due to its nickel content (38.0 to 46.0) and satisfactory resistance to pitting and crevice corrosion.

Alloy 825 has shown good corrosion resistance in oil and gas production environments containing hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide and chlorides. Consult ISO 15156-3, Table A.14 for the limits regarding material type 4c in hydrogen sulfide containing environments for oil and gas production.

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Manufacturing Process and Resultant Properties

Strip splice welds join lengths of cold rolled strip to enable long lengths between orbital welds (greater than 5,000 ft between orbital welds is achievable). The strip is formed into a tubular cross section and longitudinally seam welded using either the gas tungsten arc (GTAW) or laser beam welding (LBW) process. The tubing may be welded at a larger outside diameter, sunk to final size and subsequently heat treated. Heat treated tubing is joined by orbital welding to achieve the desired length. The final material condition of the tubing is heat treated. Mechanical properties, permissible variation in tubing dimensions and size dependant characteristics / properties are listed in Tables 3, 4, and 5 on reverse respectively.

Nondestructive Testing (NDT)

Eddy current testing (ECT) is performed on the longitudinally seam welded tubing and strip splice welds in the as-heat treated condition. Radiographic testing is performed on all orbital welds and those strip splice welds detected by ECT. Yield pressure hydrostatic testing is performed on the heat treated tubing at final size.

Standards and Specifications

Tubing Specification PTM-TS-002, Alloy 825 Tubing for Control Line Applications

ASTM B704, Standard Specification for Welded UNS N06625, UNS N06219, and UNS N08825 Alloy Tubes

Meets the material limits for annealed and cold-worked, solid-solution, nickel-based alloys listed in ISO 15156-3, for Material Type 4c in Table A.14

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Table 1 - Chemical Composition

UNS N08825 with further restrictions by Draka Strip Specification, PTM-SS-003, (%)

Ni	Cr	Fe	Mn	C	Cu	Si	S	P	Al	Ti	Mo	B
38.0 - 46.0	21.5 - 23.5	22.0 min	1.0 max	0.020 max	1.5 - 3.0	0.5 max	0.005 max	0.020 max	0.2 max	0.6 - 1.2	2.5 - 3.5	0.006 max

Table 2 - Typical Physical Constants and Thermal Properties

Density (lbs/in ³)	0.293
Modulus of tension elasticity (x10 ⁶ psi)	28.3 at 70°F 26.8 at 400°F
Mean coefficient of thermal expansion from 70°F to temperature shown (in/in/°F x 10 ⁻⁶)	7.8 to 200°F 8.3 to 400°F

Table 3 - Mechanical Properties

Property	Minimum	Maximum	Typical
Ultimate Tensile Strength UTS, (psi)	85,000	-	100,000
0.2% Offset Yield Strength, YS (psi)	35,000	-	50,000
Elongation in 2 inches, E (%)	30	-	38
Hardness, HR30TW	-	85	70

Note: Typical properties vary with the amount of cold work. Vickers Hardness testing was performed in weld metal and base metal regions on mounted cross sections.

Table 4 - Permissible Variation in Tubing Dimensions

Nominal Outside Diameter (in)	OD (± in)	t (± %)
Less than 0.625	0.003	10
Equal to or greater than 0.625	0.005	10

Table 5 - Size Dependant Characteristics / Properties (based upon nominal tubing dimensions)

Nominal Outside Diameter in	Nominal Wall Thickness in	Minimum Burst Pressure psi	Minimum Collapse Pressure psi	Metal Cross Section in ²	Flow Cross Section in ²	Volume per unit Length gal/1000 ft	Weight per unit Length lbs/1000 ft	Load at Minimum 0.2% YS lbs	Load at Typical UTS lbs
0.125	0.022	26,297	9,153	0.0071	0.0052	0.3	25.0	249	712
0.125	0.028	33,469	11,068	0.0085	0.0037	0.2	30.0	299	853
0.125	0.035	41,836	12,987	0.0099	0.0024	0.1	34.8	346	990
0.250	0.035	21,166	7,630	0.0236	0.0254	1.3	83.1	827	2,364
0.250	0.049	29,632	10,075	0.0309	0.0181	0.9	108.8	1,083	3,094
0.250	0.065	39,308	12,443	0.0378	0.0113	0.6	132.8	1,322	3,778
0.375	0.035	14,167	5,347	0.0374	0.0731	3.8	131.4	1,308	3,738
0.375	0.049	19,833	7,214	0.0502	0.0603	3.1	176.4	1,756	5,018
0.375	0.065	26,310	9,157	0.0633	0.0471	2.4	222.6	2,216	6,330
0.375	0.083	33,595	11,100	0.0761	0.0343	1.8	267.7	2,665	7,614
0.500	0.035	10,646	4,109	0.0511	0.1452	7.5	179.8	1,790	5,113
0.500	0.049	14,905	5,599	0.0694	0.1269	6.6	244.1	2,430	6,943
0.500	0.065	19,771	7,194	0.0888	0.1075	5.6	312.3	3,109	8,883
0.500	0.083	25,247	8,852	0.1087	0.0876	4.6	382.3	3,806	10,873
0.625	0.035	8,527	2,999	0.0649	0.2419	12.6	228.1	2,271	6,487
0.625	0.049	11,938	4,557	0.0887	0.2181	11.3	311.8	3,103	8,867
0.625	0.065	15,836	5,896	0.1144	0.1924	10.0	402.1	4,002	11,453
0.625	0.083	20,221	7,316	0.1413	0.1655	8.6	496.9	4,946	14,133

Notes Regarding Burst and Collapse Pressure

Minimum ultimate tensile strength, UTS_{min} and minimum 0.2% offset yield strength, YS_{min} per above table.

Maximum outside diameter, OD_{max} per above table.

Minimum wall thickness, t_{min} per above table.

Minimum burst pressure = (2 x t_{min} x UTS_{min}) / OD_{max}; assumes no axial or other loading except internal pressure.

Collapse pressure based on API 5C3; assumes no ovality, internal pressure or other loading except external pressure.

Notes Regarding Load at 0.2% YS & UTS

The load at minimum 0.2% YS represents the load at which 0.002 in/in of plastic (permanent) axial strain deformation has occurred.

The load at typical UTS represents the load to cause failure. Decisions regarding the pull out load to be applied to tubing should consider these two loads.

The data herein is approximate and subject to normal manufacturing tolerances. These specifications are subject to change without notice.

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