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- *Admiralty
- Air Ministry
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- British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association
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- British Gear Manufacturers' Association
- British Internal Combustion Engine Manufacturers' Association
- *British Iron and Steel Federation
- *British Railways, The British Transport Commission
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- High Commission of India
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- Council of British Manufacturers of Petroleum Equipment
- Institute of Welding
- Institution of Water Engineers
- Lloyds' Register of Shipping
- London Transport Executive, The British Transport Commission
- Oil Companies Materials Association
- Tank and Industrial Plant Association
- Manufacturers of boilers and pressure vessels
- Manufacturers of pipes and tubes
- Steelmakers

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FOREWORD

At the request of large user organizations, a conference was held to consider the co-ordination of existing British Standards for steel pipes and tubes with the object of unifying them and avoiding minor discrepancies. As a result of that conference, a Committee was set up under the direction of the Mechanical Engineering Industry Standards Committee to carry out this work and a series of specifications for steel pipes for pressure purposes has been prepared. This standard, which has been approved by all Industry Standards Committees concerned, is one of the series.

Other standards in the series are:

- B.S. 3602 Steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes: carbon steel, high duties.
- B.S. 3603 Steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes: carbon steel, low temperature duties (in the course of preparation).
- B.S. 3604 Steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes: low and medium alloy steel (in the course of preparation).
- B.S. 3605 Steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes: austenitic stainless steel (in the course of preparation).

NOTE. For the purpose of this standard, no difference is intended in the meaning between 'pipe' and 'tube' though idiomatic use prefers sometimes the one and sometimes the other.

This series of standards supersedes the material specifications for plain end pipes in existing application standards. These application standards have still to be consulted for the other requirements appropriate to those standards. The existing application standard are:

- B.S. 534 Steel spigot and socket pipes and specials for water, gas and sewage.
- B.S. 778 Steel pipes and flanged joints for hydraulic purposes.
- B.S. 806 Ferrous pipes and piping installations for and in connection with land boilers.

- B.S. 879 Steel tubes for water well casing.
 B.S. 1507 Steel pipes for pressure vessels for use in the chemical and allied industries.
 B.S. 3351 Piping systems for the petroleum industry.

Standard sizes of carbon steel pipes are given in Appendix A. Information on obtaining the percentage elongation on various gauge lengths is given in Appendix B.

NOTE 1. In place of the customary, but incorrect, use of the pound as a unit of force, the unit called a pound-force (abbreviation lbf) has been used in this standard. It is that force which, when acting on a body of mass one pound, gives it an acceleration equal to that of standard gravity. The unit ton-force is used similarly.

NOTE 2. When metric equivalents of pipe dimensions in this standard are required, reference should be made to the corresponding values in the following ISO Recommendations:

ISO.R 64 Steel tubes, outside diameters.

ISO.R 65 Steel tubes suitable for screwing in accordance with ISO.R 7.

ISO.R 221 Steel tubes, thicknesses.

For this particular British Standard ISO.R 65 applies only to butt-welded pipes. When it is required to convert other figures in this standard from British units into metric units it is recommended that the conversion factors and the tables of conversion contained in B.S. 350, 'Conversion factors and tables', be used.

SPECIFICATION

SECTION ONE: GENERAL

SCOPE

1. This British Standard provides for carbon steel pipes made by various processes for the conveyance of gaseous and liquid fluids. Pipes manufactured in accordance with this standard are intended for use in pipelines or similar services at ambient temperatures or, where heated conditions prevail, at pressures not exceeding 300 lbf/in² at temperatures not exceeding 500°F. Where carbon steel pipes are required for other duties or for close bending, corrugating or other special applications, reference should be made to B.S. 3602* or B.S. 3603†.

This standard covers plain end pipes. Joints, together with specials, are covered in standards such as B.S. 534 and B.S. 806.

Tubes required for boilers or similar plant are covered in B.S. 3059‡. Tubes required screwed and socketed or plain end for screwing to B.S. 21§ are covered in B.S. 1387||.

It should be noted that the requirements for butt-welded pipes in this standard are identical with those for plain end tubes in B.S. 1387.

* B.S. 3602, 'Steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes: carbon steel, high duties'.

† B.S. 3603, 'Steel pipes and tubes for pressure purposes: carbon steel, low temperature duties'. (In course of preparation.)

‡ B.S. 3059, 'Steel boiler and superheater tubes'.

§ B.S. 21, 'Pipe threads'.

|| B.S. 1387, 'Steel tubes and tubulars suitable for screwing to B.S. 21 pipe threads'.

The following pipes are covered by this standard:

Type of pipe	Reference	Grade of steel
Buttwelded	BW	22
Hot finished seamless	HFS	22, 27 and 35
Cold drawn seamless	CDS	22, 27 and 35
Electric resistance welded	ERW	22 and 27
Hydraulic lap welded	HLW	26
Electric fusion welded	EFW	26

NOTE. The steels are designated by numbers corresponding to their minimum tensile strengths in tonf/in², viz. 22, 26, 27 and 35.

When the steel reference number is added to the pipe reference letters, the process of manufacture of the pipes and the tensile strength are indicated thus:

'HFS.22' indicates hot finished seamless steel pipes having a minimum tensile strength of 22 tonf/in².

For each type of pipe, the materials, the values for the appropriate tests, the heat treatment where applicable, and the dimensional tolerances are given in Section Two, but all types of pipes are subject to the general clauses in Section One.

INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE PURCHASER

2. The purchaser should state in his enquiry and order:
 - a. The type of pipe expressed by the appropriate reference and grade of steel where necessary as given in Clause 1.
 - b. The outside diameters and thicknesses (see Appendix A) and the lengths of the pipes required.
 - c. The design pressures and temperatures appropriate to the pipes if these are relevant.
 - d. Whether he desires to receive test certificates, or whether he wishes to have tests made specifically related to his order and, if the latter, whether or not he wishes himself or his representative to witness them.
 - e. Whether or not protective coating is to be provided (see Clause 5).
 - f. Whether end protection of pipes for transit is required.

CONDITION OF PIPES

3. All pipes shall be reasonably straight, free from harmful defects, of good commercial finish and as free as practicable from loose scale and rust. The ends shall be cut square with the axis of the pipe.

The repair by welding of minor defects on carbon steel pipes shall be permitted but when pipes are being manufactured under inspection at the manufacturer's works, such repair shall be done only after the sanction of the purchaser or his representative has first been obtained. Such pipes shall be hydraulically tested after the repairs by welding have been made.