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Cold drawn 18/10 chromium-nickel corrosion-resisting steel tube —

(Niobium stabilized: 800 MPa) (Weldable)

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NOTE 2 Tube of the same composition for use in the softened condition is covered by BS T 66.

1 Inspection and testing procedure

- **1.1 General.** This British Standard shall be used in conjunction with sections 1 and 3 of the latest issue of BS T 100.
- **1.2** Sulphur printing or deep etching tests. One sample shall be taken from each ingot for deep etching tests.

2 Process of manufacture

The steel shall be manufactured by an electric process.

3 Chemical composition

The steel shall contain:

Element	%	
Element	min.	max.
Carbon	_	0.08
Silicon	0.2	1.0
Manganese	0.5	2.0
Phosphorus		0.035
Sulphur	_	0.025
Chromium	17.0	19.0
Nickel	9.0	12.0
Niobium	10 ×	1.0
	carbon content	

4 Surface dressing

The steel shall be overall dressed.

5 Condition

The tube shall be supplied in either of the following conditions, at the option of the manufacturer, unless a specific condition is stated on the order:

- a) cold drawn, or
- b) cold drawn and tempered.

6 Heat treatment

The tempering treatment shall consist of heating uniformly at a temperature of not more than 550 °C, followed by cooling in a suitable manner.

7 Mechanical properties

7.1 Tensile test. The mechanical properties obtained from test pieces, selected, prepared and tested in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS T 100, shall be as follows.

0.2 % proof stress	Tensile strength		
min.	min.	max.	
MPa (= N/mm²)	MPa (= N/mm²)	MPa (= N/mm²)	
700	800	1 100	

NOTE Information on SI units is given in BS 3763 "The International System of units (SI)" and BS 350 "Conversion factors and tables".

- **7.2 Flattening test.** The distance between the inner surfaces of the test piece in the direction of flattening shall be 8T or 0.75 internal diameter, whichever is the smaller.
- **7.3 Hardness test.** The hardness of the tube shall be:

229 min./375 max. HB

or

235 min./400 max. HV

8 Susceptibility to intercrystalline corrosion

- **8.1** The tube shall be subjected to the intercrystalline corrosion test in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS T 100.
- **8.2** The distance between the inner surfaces of that part of the test sample that is flattened shall be as specified in **7.2**.
- **8.3** There shall be no evidence of fissuring or crazing of either of the surfaces of the test sample.

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