continued until the specimen breaks or the opposite walls of the specimen meet. Evidence of laminated or unsound material or of incomplete weld that is revealed during the entire flattening test shall be cause for rejection.

10.3 For seamless round structural tubing 2⅜ in. (60.3 mm) specified outside diameter and larger, a specimen not less than 2½ in. (63.5 mm) in length shall be flattened cold between parallel plates in two steps. During the first step, which is a test for ductility, no cracks or breaks on the inside or outside surfaces, except as provided for in 10.5, shall occur until the distance between the plates is less than the value of "H" calculated by the following equation:

$$H = (1 + e)t / (e + t / D) \quad (1)$$

where:

H = distance between flattening plates, in.,
e = deformation per unit length (constant for a given grade of steel, 0.09 for Grade A, 0.07 for Grade B, and 0.06 for Grade C),
t = specified wall thickness of tubing, in., and
D = specified outside diameter of tubing, in.

During the second step, which is a test for soundness, the flattening shall be continued until the specimen breaks or the opposite walls of the specimen meet. Evidence of laminated or unsound material that is revealed during the entire flattening test shall be cause for rejection.

10.4 Surface imperfections not found in the test specimen before flattening, but revealed during the first step of the flattening test, shall be judged in accordance with Section 15.

10.5 When low *D*-to-*t* ratio tubulars are tested, because the strain imposed due to geometry is unreasonably high on the inside surface at the 6 and 12 o'clock locations, cracks at these locations shall not be cause for rejection if the *D*-to-*t* ratio is less than 10.

11. Permissible Variations in Dimensions

11.1 *Outside Dimensions*:

11.1.1 *Round Structural Tubing*—The outside diameter shall not vary more than ±0.5 %, rounded to the nearest 0.005 in. (0.13 mm), from the specified outside diameter for specified outside diameters 1.900 in. (48.3 mm) and smaller, and ±0.75 %, rounded to the nearest 0.005 in., from the specified outside diameter for specified outside diameters 2.00 in. (50.8 mm) and larger. The outside diameter measurements shall be made at positions at least 2 in. (50.8 mm) from the ends of the tubing.

11.1.2 *Square and Rectangular Structural Tubing*—The outside dimensions, measured across the flats at positions at least 2 in. (50.8 mm) from the ends of the tubing, shall not vary from the specified outside dimensions by more than the applicable amount given in Table 3, which includes an allowance for convexity or concavity.

11.2 *Wall Thickness*—The minimum wall thickness at any point of measurement on the tubing shall be not more than 10 % less than the specified wall thickness. The maximum wall thickness, excluding the weld seam of welded tubing, shall be not more than 10 % greater than the specified wall thickness. For square and rectangular tubing, the wall thickness requirements shall apply only to the centers of the flats.

TABLE 3 Permissible Variations in Outside Flat Dimensions for Square and Rectangular Structural Tubing

Specified Outside Large Flat Dimension, in. (mm)	Permissible Variations Over and Under Specified Outside Flat Dimensions,[A] in. (mm)
2½ (63.5) or under	0.020 (0.51)
Over 2½ to 3½ (63.5 to 88.9), incl	0.025 (0.64)
Over 3½ to 5½ (88.9 to 139.7), incl	0.030 (0.76)
Over 5½ (139.7)	0.01 times large flat dimension

[A] The permissible variations include allowances for convexity and concavity. For rectangular tubing having a ratio of outside large to small flat dimension less than 1.5, and for square tubing, the permissible variations in small flat dimension shall be identical to the permissible variations in large flat dimension. For rectangular tubing having a ratio of outside large to small flat dimension in the range of 1.5 to 3.0 inclusive, the permissible variations in small flat dimension shall be 1.5 times the permissible variations in large flat dimension. For rectangular tubing having a ratio of outside large to small flat dimension greater than 3.0, the permissible variations in small flat dimension shall be 2.0 times the permissible variations in large flat dimension.

11.3 *Length*—Structural tubing is normally produced in random lengths 5 ft (1.5 m) and over, in multiple lengths, and in specific lengths. Refer to Section 4. When specific lengths are ordered, the length tolerance shall be in accordance with Table 4.

11.4 *Straightness*—The permissible variation for straightness of structural tubing shall be ⅛ in. times the number of feet (10.4 mm times the number of metres) of total length divided by 5.

11.5 *Squareness of Sides*—For square and rectangular structural tubing, adjacent sides shall be square (90°), with a permissible variation of ±2° max.

11.6 *Radius of Corners*—For square and rectangular structural tubing, the radius of each outside corner of the section shall not exceed three times the specified wall thickness.

11.7 *Twist*—For square and rectangular structural tubing, the permissible variations in twist shall be as given in Table 5. Twist shall be determined by holding one end of the tubing down on a flat surface plate, measuring the height that each corner on the bottom side of the tubing extends above the surface plate near the opposite ends of the tubing, and calculating the twist (the difference in heights of such corners), except that for heavier sections it shall be permissible to use a suitable measuring device to determine twist. Twist measurements shall not be taken within 2 in. (50.8 mm) of the ends of the tubing.

12. Special Shape Structural Tubing

12.1 The availability, dimensions, and tolerances of special shape structural tubing shall be subject to inquiry and negotiation with the manufacturer.

TABLE 4 Length Tolerances for Specific Lengths of Structural Tubing

	22 ft (6.7 m) and Under		Over 22 ft (6.7 m)	
	Over	Under	Over	Under
Length tolerance for specific lengths, in. (mm)	½ (12.7)	¼ (6.4)	¾ (19.0)	¼ (6.4)

TABLE 5 Permissible Variations in Twist for Square and Rectangular Structural Tubing

Specified Outside Large Flat Dimension, in. (mm)	Maximum Permissible Variations in Twist per 3 ft of Length (Twist per Metre of Length)	
	in.	mm
1½ (38.1) and under	0.050	1.39
Over 1½ to 2½ (38.1 to 63.5), incl	0.062	1.72
Over 2½ to 4 (63.5 to 101.6), incl	0.075	2.09
Over 4 to 6 (101.6 to 152.4), incl	0.087	2.42
Over 6 to 8 (152.4 to 203.2), incl	0.100	2.78
Over 8 (203.2)	0.112	3.11

13. Number of Tests

13.1 One tension test as specified in Section 15 shall be made from a length of tubing representing each lot.

13.2 The flattening test, as specified in Section 10, shall be made on one length of round tubing from each lot.

13.3 The term "lot" shall apply to all tubes of the same specified size that are produced from the same heat of steel.

14. Retests

14.1 If the results of the mechanical tests representing any lot fail to conform to the applicable requirements specified in Sections 9 and 10, the lot shall be rejected or retested using additional tubing of double the original number from the lot. The lot shall be acceptable if the results of all such retests representing the lot conform to the specified requirements.

14.2 If one or both of the retests specified in 14.1 fail to conform to the applicable requirements specified in Sections 9 and 10, the lot shall be rejected or, subsequent to the manufacturer heat treating, reworking, or otherwise eliminating the condition responsible for the failure, the lot shall be treated as a new lot and tested accordingly.

15. Test Methods

15.1 Tension test specimens shall conform to the applicable requirements of Test Methods and Definitions A 370, Annex A2.

15.2 Tension test specimens shall be full–size longitudinal test specimens or longitudinal strip test specimens. For welded tubing, any longitudinal strip test specimens shall be taken from a location at least 90° from the weld and shall be prepared without flattening in the gage length. Longitudinal strip test specimens shall have all burrs removed. Tension test specimens shall not contain surface imperfections that would interfere with proper determination of the tensile properties.

15.3 The yield strength corresponding to an offset of 0.2 % of the gage length or to a total extension under load of 0.5 % of the gage length shall be determined.

16. Inspection

16.1 All tubing shall be inspected at the place of manufacture to ensure conformance to the requirements of this specification.

16.2 All tubing shall be free from defects and shall have a workmanlike finish.

16.2.1 Surface imperfections shall be classed as defects when their depth reduces the remaining wall thickness to less than 90 % of the specified wall thickness. It shall be permissible for defects having a depth not in excess of 33⅓ % of the specified wall thickness to be repaired by welding, subject to the following conditions:

16.2.1.1 The defect shall be completely removed by chipping or grinding to sound metal,

16.2.1.2 The repair weld shall be made using a low-hydrogen welding process, and

16.2.1.3 The projecting weld metal shall be removed to produce a workmanlike finish.

16.2.2 Surface imperfections such as handling marks, light die or roll marks, or shallow pits are not considered defects provided that the imperfections are removable within the specified limits on wall thickness. The removal of such surface imperfections is not required. Welded tubing shall be free of protruding metal on the outside surface of the weld seam.

16.3 Unless otherwise specified in the purchase order, structural tubing shall be furnished with square cut ends, with the burr held to a minimum. When so specified in the purchase order, the burr shall be removed on the outside diameter, inside diameter, or both.

17. Rejection

17.1 It shall be permissible for the purchaser to inspect tubing received from the manufacturer and reject any tubing that does not meet the requirements of this specification, based upon the inspection and test methods outlined herein. The purchaser shall notify the manufacturer of any tubing that has been rejected, and the disposition of such tubing shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

17.2 It shall be permissible for the purchaser to set aside any tubing that is found in fabrication or installation within the scope of this specification to be unsuitable for the intended end use, based on the requirements of this specification. The purchaser shall notify the manufacturer of any tubing that has been set aside. Such tubing shall be subject to mutual investigation as to the nature and severity of the deficiency and the forming or installation, or both, conditions involved. The disposition of such tubing shall be subject to agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser.

18. Certification

18.1 When specified in the purchase order or contract, the manufacturer shall furnish to the purchaser a certificate of compliance stating that the product was manufactured, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification and any other requirements designated in the purchase order or contract, and was found to meet all such requirements. Certificates of compliance shall include the specification number and year of issue.

18.2 When specified in the purchase order or contract, the manufacturer shall furnish to the purchaser test reports for the product shipped that contain the heat analyses and the results of the tension tests required by this specification and the purchase order or contract. Test reports shall include the specification number and year of issue.