



# Standard Specification for PTFE Tubing, Miniature Beading and Spiral Cut Tubing<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope \*

1.1 This specification covers PTFE tubing, miniature beading and spiral cut tubing—manufactured from PTFE resin produced from dispersion specified in Specification D 4895.

NOTE 1—PTFE tube and rod manufactured from resin specified in Specification D 4894 are covered in Specification D 1710.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The inch-pound units given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following hazard caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 8, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 As PTFE resin produced from dispersion is not a true thermoplastic material, any reuse for the specification referenced above is impossible. However, markets do exist for non-virgin PTFE as additives and fillers.

NOTE 2—There is currently no published ISO standard relating to this specification.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing<sup>2</sup>
- D 792 Test Methods for Specific Gravity (Relative Density) and Density of Plastics by Displacement<sup>2</sup>
- D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics<sup>3</sup>
- D 1675 Test Method for Polytetrafluoroethylene Tubing<sup>4</sup>
- D 1710 Specification for Extruded and Compression Molded Polytetrafluoroethylene PTFE Rod and Heavy Walled Tubing<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

<sup>3</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vols 08.01 and 08.04.

<sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 10.01.

D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics<sup>5</sup>

D 3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics<sup>6</sup>

D 4894 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Granular Molding and Ram Extrusion Materials<sup>7</sup>

D 4895 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin Produced from Dispersion<sup>7</sup>

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method<sup>7</sup>

IEEE/ASTM SI 10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System<sup>8</sup>

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 The terminology given in Terminology D 883 is applicable to this specification.

### 3.2 Description of Term Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *lot*—a single production run, or a uniform blend of two or more production runs.

## 4. Classification

4.1 This specification provides for five groups of PTFE tubing, miniature beading and spiral cut tubing, differentiated by size and type. The groups are further subdivided into classes based on wall thickness.

4.1.1 *Group 01*—Tubing based upon the American Wire Gage (AWG) sizes.

4.1.2 *Group 02*—Tubing based upon fractional inch sizes.

4.1.3 *Group 03*—Tubing specified by inner diameter and wall thickness in Table 6 referred to as “Custom or Metric.”

4.1.4 *Group 04*—Tubing cut to form spiral wrap as in Table 7.

4.1.5 *Group 05*—Miniature beading having diameters as listed in Table 8.

4.2 The types are further differentiated in accordance with increasing wall thickness as follows:

4.2.1 *Class 1*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 1 listed as light wall.

4.2.2 *Class 2*—Tubing having walls of greater thickness than Class 1 listed as thin wall.

<sup>5</sup> Discontinued; see 1997 Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

<sup>6</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.02.

<sup>7</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

<sup>8</sup> Available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428–2959.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

**TABLE 1 Dimensions and Tolerances for Group 01 PTFE Tubing, mm (in.) (Classes 1 and 2)**

AWG Size Grade	Inside Diameter			Class 1	
				Light Wall	
	min	max	nom	min	max
30	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
28	0.33 (0.013)	0.46 (0.018)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
26	0.41 (0.016)	0.53 (0.021)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.66 (0.026)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.01 (0.040)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.12 (0.044)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.37 (0.054)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)
14	1.65 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)
7	3.66 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.005)	0.25 (0.011)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
4	5.18 (0.204)	5.69 (0.224)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
3	5.82 (0.229)	6.33 (0.249)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
2	6.55 (0.258)	7.06 (0.278)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
1	7.34 (0.289)	7.90 (0.311)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
0	8.26 (0.325)	8.81 (0.347)	0.25 (0.012)	0.22 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)

AWG Size Grade	Inside Diameter			Class 2	
				Thin Wall	
	min	max	nom	min	max
30	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.23 (0.009)	0.19 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
28	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
26	0.41 (0.016)	0.56 (0.022)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.69 (0.027)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.01 (0.040)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.11 (0.044)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.38 (0.054)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
14	1.63 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
7	3.66 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
4	5.18 (0.204)	5.69 (0.224)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
3	5.82 (0.229)	6.33 (0.249)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
2	6.55 (0.258)	7.06 (0.278)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
1	7.34 (0.289)	7.90 (0.311)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)
0	8.26 (0.325)	8.81 (0.347)	0.38 (0.015)	0.35 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)

4.2.3 *Class 3*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 2 listed as standard wall.

4.2.4 *Class 4*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 3 listed as chemical tubing.

4.2.5 *Class 5*—Tubing having walls tabulated in Table 2 and Table 3 listed as heavy wall.

4.3 A one-line system may be used to specify materials covered by this specification. The system uses predefined cells to refer to specific aspects of this specification, as illustrated below.

**TABLE 2 Dimensions and Tolerances for Group 01 PTFE Tubing, mm (in.) (Classes 3 and 4)**

AWG Size Grade	Inside Diameter			Class 3	
	min	max	nom	Standard Wall	
				min	max
30	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
28	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
26	0.41 (0.016)	0.56 (0.022)	0.23 (0.009)	0.18 (0.007)	0.28 (0.011)
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.67 (0.027)	0.31 (0.012)	0.25 (0.010)	0.36 (0.014)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.31 (0.012)	0.25 (0.010)	0.36 (0.014)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.02 (0.040)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.11 (0.044)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.37 (0.054)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
14	1.63 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
7	3.66 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
4	5.18 (0.204)	5.69 (0.224)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
3	5.82 (0.229)	6.33 (0.249)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
2	6.55 (0.258)	7.06 (0.278)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
1	7.34 (0.289)	7.90 (0.311)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
0	8.26 (0.325)	8.81 (0.347)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)

AWG Size Grade	Inside Diameter			Class 5	
	min	max	nom	Heavy Wall	
				min	max
24	0.51 (0.020)	0.69 (0.027)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
22	0.64 (0.025)	0.81 (0.032)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
20	0.81 (0.032)	1.02 (0.040)	0.46 (0.018)	0.38 (0.015)	0.53 (0.021)
19	0.91 (0.036)	1.12 (0.044)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
18	1.02 (0.040)	1.25 (0.049)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
17	1.14 (0.045)	1.37 (0.054)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
16	1.30 (0.051)	1.55 (0.061)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
15	1.45 (0.057)	1.70 (0.067)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
14	1.63 (0.064)	1.88 (0.074)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
13	1.83 (0.072)	2.08 (0.082)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
12	2.06 (0.081)	2.31 (0.091)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
11	2.31 (0.091)	2.57 (0.101)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
10	2.59 (0.102)	2.85 (0.112)	0.64 (0.025)	0.51 (0.020)	0.76 (0.030)
9	2.90 (0.114)	3.15 (0.124)	0.64 (0.025)	0.51 (0.020)	0.76 (0.030)
8	3.28 (0.129)	3.58 (0.141)	0.76 (0.030)	0.64 (0.025)	0.89 (0.035)
7	3.65 (0.144)	4.01 (0.158)	0.76 (0.030)	0.64 (0.025)	0.89 (0.035)
6	4.12 (0.162)	4.52 (0.178)	0.76 (0.030)	0.64 (0.025)	0.89 (0.035)
5	4.62 (0.182)	5.03 (0.198)	0.81 (0.032)	0.69 (0.027)	0.94 (0.037)

Specification			
Standard Number: Block	Class:	Grade:	Special Notes
Example: Specification	Group:		
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For this example, the line callout would be Specification D 3295 – 01, 01124 and would specify tubing having walls listed as light wall that has all the properties listed for that group, class and grade in the appropriate specified properties, tables, or both, in the specification identified. These shall be based on AWG size within the group and class. Grade will be

the AWG size designation. Only Groups 01 and 02 shall have requirements for Class and no separator is needed.

## 5. Physical Properties

5.1 The tubing and miniature beading shall be made of PTFE meeting the requirements of Specification D 4895 and may contain a maximum of two mass percentage of additive.

5.2 The melting point for all Groups of tubing, and miniature beading shall be  $327 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$  ( $621 \pm 18^\circ\text{F}$ ) when measured in accordance with 8.1.4.

**TABLE 3 Dimensions and Tolerances for Group 02 PTFE Tubing, mm (in.)**

Fractional Sizes	Inside Diameter						Wall Thickness					
	Class 1, 2, 3			Class 1			Class 2			Class 3		
	nom	min	max	nom	min	max	nom	min	max	nom	min	max
0.79 (1/32)	0.79 (0.031)	0.74 (0.031)	0.84 (0.033)	0.15 (0.006)	0.10 (0.004)	0.20 (0.008)	0.25 (0.010)	0.20 (0.008)	0.31 (0.012)	0.31 (0.012)	0.25 (0.010)	0.36 (0.014)
1.6 (1/16)	1.7 (0.063)	1.6 (0.063)	1.85 (0.063)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
2.4 (3/32)	2.4 (0.094)	2.3 (0.091)	2.5 (0.099)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)	0.41 (0.016)	0.33 (0.013)	0.48 (0.019)
3.2 (1/8)	3.2 (0.125)	3.1 (0.120)	3.3 (0.130)	0.20 (0.008)	0.15 (0.006)	0.25 (0.010)	0.38 (0.015)	0.28 (0.011)	0.48 (0.019)	0.51 (0.020)	0.40 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
4.8 (3/16)	4.7 (0.192)	4.6 (0.192)	5.0 (0.198)	0.25 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)	0.38 (0.015)	0.28 (0.011)	0.48 (0.019)	0.51 (0.020)	0.40 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
6.4 (1/4)	6.5 (0.255)	6.4 (0.250)	6.6 (0.260)	0.24 (0.010)	0.18 (0.007)	0.33 (0.013)	0.38 (0.015)	0.28 (0.011)	0.48 (0.019)	0.51 (0.020)	0.40 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
7.9 (5/16)	8.1 (0.321)	8.0 (0.313)	8.2 (0.332)	0.31 (0.012)	0.23 (0.009)	0.38 (0.015)	0.38 (0.015)	0.28 (0.011)	0.48 (0.019)	0.51 (0.020)	0.40 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)
9.5 (3/8)	9.7 (0.381)	9.5 (0.375)	9.8 (0.394)	0.38 (0.015)	0.31 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)	0.38 (0.015)	0.30 (0.012)	0.46 (0.018)	0.64 (0.025)	0.48 (0.020)	0.79 (0.030)
11.1 (7/16)	11.3 (0.451)	11.1 (0.438)	11.7 (0.458)	0.46 (0.018)	0.38 (0.015)	0.53 (0.021)	0.46 (0.018)	0.36 (0.014)	0.56 (0.022)	0.64 (0.025)	0.48 (0.020)	0.79 (0.030)
12.7 (1/2)	12.9 (0.515)	12.7 (0.500)	13.3 (0.520)	0.46 (0.018)	0.38 (0.015)	0.53 (0.021)	0.46 (0.018)	0.36 (0.014)	0.56 (0.022)	0.64 (0.025)	0.48 (0.020)	0.79 (0.030)
15.9 (5/8)	15.2 (0.643)	15.9 (0.625)	16.6 (0.650)	0.07 (0.020)	0.38 (0.015)	0.64 (0.025)	0.51 (0.020)	0.41 (0.016)	0.61 (0.024)	0.76 (0.030)	0.60 (0.020)	0.91 (0.035)
19.0 (3/4)	19.3 (0.750)	19.0 (0.750)	20.0 (0.775)	0.51 (0.090)	0.38 (0.015)	0.64 (0.025)	0.64 (0.025)	0.51 (0.020)	0.76 (0.030)	0.89 (0.035)	0.68 (0.024)	1.09 (0.036)
22.2 (7/8)	22.4 (0.902)	22.2 (0.875)	23.1 (0.927)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.89 (0.035)	0.68 (0.028)	1.09 (0.042)
25.4 (1)	25.6 (1.03)	25.4 (1.000)	26.3 (1.060)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.89 (0.035)	0.68 (0.028)	1.09 (0.042)
31.8 (1 1/4)	32.1 (1.265)	31.8 (1.250)	32.7 (1.325)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.02 (0.040)	0.81 (0.032)	1.22 (0.047)
38.1 (1 1/2)	38.6 (1.550)	38.1 (1.500)	39.4 (1.580)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.02 (0.045)	0.81 (0.038)	1.22 (0.052)

Fractional Sizes	Inside Diameter		Wall Dimensions	
	Class 4		Class 4	
	max	min	Thickness	Tolerance
3.2 (1/8)	3.3 (0.130)	3.05 (0.120)	0.762 (0.030)	±0.127 (±0.005)
4.8 (3/16)	4.9 (0.193)	4.65 (0.183)	0.762 (0.030)	±0.127 (±0.005)
6.4 (1/4)	6.5 (0.257)	6.17 (0.243)	0.762 (0.030)	±0.127 (±0.005)
9.5 (5/16)	8.13 (0.320)	7.72 (0.304)	0.762 (0.030)	±0.127 (±0.005)
11.1 (3/8)	9.73 (0.383)	9.32 (0.367)	0.762 (0.030)	±0.127 (±0.005)
(7/16)	11.4 (0.448)	10.9 (0.428)	0.762 (0.030)	±0.127 (±0.005)
(1/2)	(0.510)	(0.490)	(0.030)	(±0.006)
(5/16)	(0.572)	(0.552)	(0.030)	(±0.006)
(3/8)	(0.637)	(0.613)	(0.030)	(±0.006)
(11/16)	(0.700)	(0.676)	(0.032)	(±0.006)
(3/4)	(0.764)	(0.736)	(0.040)	(±0.007)
(7/8)	(0.891)	(0.859)	(0.045)	(±0.007)
(1)	(1.020)	(0.980)	(0.050)	(±0.008)
(1 1/4)	(1.270)	(1.230)	(0.040)	(±0.008)
(1 1/2)	(1.525)	(1.475)	(0.040)	(±0.008)

Fractional Sizes	Inside Diameter		Wall Dimensions	
	Class 5		Class 5	
	max	min	Thickness	Tolerance
3.2 (1/8)	3.2 (0.125)	2.79 (0.110)	1.57 (0.062)	±0.250 (±0.005)
6.35 (1/4)	6.35 (0.250)	5.84 (0.230)	1.5 (0.062)	±0.250 (±0.005)
9.5 (3/8)	9.53 (0.375)	8.85 (0.350)	1.5 (0.062)	±0.250 (±0.005)

5.3 The inside diameter, wall thickness, pitch and tolerances of the tubing, miniature beading and spiral cut tubing shall be

as shown in Tables 1-3 and Tables 6-8 when determined in accordance with 8.1.3.1 and 8.1.3.2.

**TABLE 4 Physical Requirements for PTFE Tubing**

Classification	Melting Point	Specific Gravity	Tensile Strength, min		Elongation, min, %
			MPa	psi	
Group 01	327 ± 10°C (621 ± 18°F)	2.13 to 2.20	20.7	3000	200
Group 02	327 ± 10°C (621 ± 18°F)	over 2.13	13.8	2000	200

**TABLE 5 Minimum Dielectric Breakdown Voltage for PTFE Tubing**

Nominal Wall Thickness		Dielectric Breakdown Volts, min, V
mm	in.	
0.15 to 0.17	0.006 to 0.0069	9 000
0.18 to 0.23	0.007 to 0.0089	10 000
0.23 to 0.25	0.009 to 0.0099	11 500
0.25 to 0.30	0.010 to 0.0119	12 500
0.30 to 0.38	0.012 to 0.0149	14 600
0.38 to 0.40	0.015 to 0.0159	15 000
0.41 to 0.51	0.016 to 0.0199	16 300
over 0.51	over 0.020	17 000

5.4 The specific gravity of the tubing and miniature beading shall be as specified in Table 4 when determined in accordance with 8.1.5.

5.5 The weight loss of the tubing and miniature beading shall not exceed 0.05 % when determined in accordance with 8.1.6.

5.6 The tubing and miniature beading shall have tensile properties as specified in Table 4 and a minimum elongation of 200 % when determined in accordance with 8.1.7.

5.7 The tubing shall be a minimum dielectric breakdown as shown in Table 5 when determined in accordance with 8.1.8.

5.8 The inside diameter of the tubing shall be within the applicable tolerance limits after subsection to the thermal treatment of 8.1.9.

5.9 The color of the tubing shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. The tubing shall exhibit no significant change in color after heat-aging in accordance with 8.1.10.

## 6. Sampling

6.1 Sampling shall be statistically adequate to satisfy the requirements of 9.4.

## 7. Number of Tests

7.1 One set of test specimens shall be considered sufficient for testing each lot. The average result of the specimens tested shall conform to the requirements of this specification.

## 8. Test Methods

8.1 Determine the properties enumerated in this specification in accordance with the following test methods.

8.1.1 *Conditioning*—Conditioning is not required except in referee cases. When conditioning is required, condition the test specimens at 23°C for a period of at least 4 h prior to test. If the test material has been exposed to temperatures below 20°C within 24 h prior to test, the conditioning shall be for at least 24 h.

8.1.2 *Test Conditions*—Conduct tests at the standard laboratory temperature of 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F). The maintenance of constant humidity is not necessary; in referee cases the standard laboratory atmosphere including 50 ± 5 % relative humidity shall apply.

8.1.3 *Dimensions and Tolerances:*

8.1.3.1 *Inside Diameter*—Determine the inside diameter in accordance with Test Method D 1675.

8.1.3.2 *Wall Thickness*—Determine the wall thickness in accordance with the procedures described in Test Method D 1675, except that no individual measurements shall be allowed to exceed the tolerances specified in Tables 1-3, Tables 6 and 7.

8.1.3.3 *Pitch*—Determine the pitch by measuring across the cut as depicted in Fig. 2.

8.1.3.4 *Outer Diameter of Miniature Beading*—Determine the outer diameter in accordance with the procedures described in Test Method D 1675.

8.1.4 *Melting Point*—The melting point shall be determined in accordance with Specification D 4895, using a shaving from the tubing rather than a molded disk.

8.1.5 *Specific Gravity*—Determine the specific gravity in accordance with Method A of Test Methods D 792. Add two drops of wetting agent (liquid detergent) to the water in order to reduce the surface tension and ensure complete wetting of the specimen.

8.1.6 *Weight Loss*—Determine the loss in weight in accordance with Test Method D 1675, except that the minimum weight of the test specimens shall be 50 g and they shall be heated in a forced-draft oven for 3 h at 300 ± 5°C (572 ± 9°F).

8.1.7 *Tensile Strength and Elongation*—Determine the tensile strength and elongation as specified in 8.1.7.1-8.1.7.3 on five transverse specimens, using a testing speed of 50.8 mm (2 in.)/min. Average the test results for the longitudinal and the transverse specimens separately. Discard specimens that break in the jaws of the tension tester, and make new tests.

8.1.7.1 *Tubing Having an Inside Diameter of 15.9 mm (0.625 in.) and Over*—Determine the tensile strength and elongation in both the longitudinal and transverse directions in accordance with Specification D 4895. To prepare specimens, slit the tubing parallel to the axis and flatten out, prior to punching out specimens.

8.1.7.2 *Tubing Having an Inside Diameter Less Than 15.9 mm (0.625 in.) to 4.8 mm (0.090 in.) Inclusive*—Determine the tensile strength and elongation in the longitudinal direction in accordance with Specification D 4895. For longitudinal specimens, slit the tubing parallel to the axis and flatten out, prior to punching out specimens.



**TABLE 6 Dimensions and Tolerances for Group 03 “Custom or Metric PTFE-Tubing**

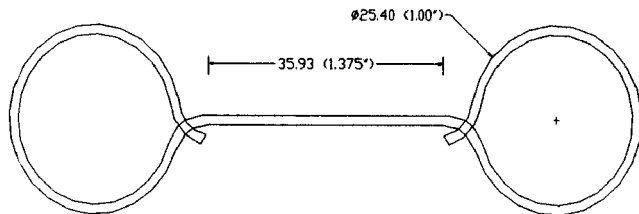
Inside Diameter		Wall Thickness	
Nominal Inside Diameter, mm (in.)	Inside Diameter Tolerance, mm (in.)	Nominal Thickness, mm (in.)	Thickness Tolerance, mm (in.)
0 to 0.25 (0.000 to 0.010)	±0.03 (0.001)	0 to 0.13 (0.000 to 0.005)	±0.030 (0.001)
0.26 to 0.50 (0.011 to 0.020)	±0.05 (0.002)	0.14 to 0.30 (0.006 to 0.012)	±0.050 (0.002)
0.51 to 0.75 (0.021 to 0.030)	±0.08 (0.003)	0.31 to 0.48 (0.013 to 0.019)	±0.080 (0.003)
0.76 to 2.54 (0.031 to 0.100)	±0.10 (0.004)	0.49 to 0.74 (0.020 to 0.029)	±0.100 (0.004)
2.55 to 4.32 (0.101 to 0.170)	±0.13 (0.005)	0.75 and > (0.030 and >)	±0.130 (0.005)
4.33 to 6.35 (0.171 to 0.250)	±0.15 (0.006)		
6.36 to 19.05 (0.251 to 0.750)	±0.18 (0.007)		
19.06 to 25.39 (0.751 to 0.999)	±0.25 (0.010)		
25.4 and (1.000 and >)	±0.38 (0.015)		

**TABLE 7 Dimensions and Tolerances for Group 04 Spiral Cut PTFE-Tubing, mm (in.)**

Size	OD	OD Tolerance	Wall	Wall Tolerance	Pitch	Pitch Tolerance
1/8	3.18 (.125)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	5.54 (.218)	±.76 (±.030)
3/16	4.78 (.188)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	7.92 (.312)	±.76 (±.030)
1/4	6.35 (.250)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	9.53 (.375)	±.76 (±.030)
5/16	7.94 (.313)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	9.53 (.375)	±.76 (±.030)
3/8	9.53 (.375)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	11.10 (.437)	±.76 (±.030)
1/2	12.70 (.500)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	14.27 (.562)	±.76 (±.030)
5/8	15.88 (.625)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.76 (.030)	±0.13 (±.005)	15.88 (.625)	±.76 (±.030)
3/4	19.05 (.750)	±0.13 (±.005)	0.89 (.035)	±0.13 (±.005)	22.23 (.875)	±.76 (±.030)
1	25.40 (1.000)	±0.13 (±.005)	1.02 (.040)	±0.13 (±.005)	25.40 (1.000)	±.76 (±.030)

**TABLE 8 Dimensions and Tolerances for Group 05 PTFE Miniature Beading, mm (in.)**

Diameter	Diameter Tolerance
Nominal Diameter mm (in.)	
0 to 0.25 (0.000 to 0.010)	±0.03 (0.001)
0.26 to 0.50 (0.011 to 0.020)	±0.05 (0.002)
0.51 to 0.75 (0.021 to 0.030)	±0.08 (0.003)
0.76 to 3.81 (0.031 to 0.150)	±0.10 (0.004)



**FIG. 1 Tension Specimen for Tubing Less Than 2.29 mm (0.090 in.)**

8.1.7.3 *Tubing Having an Inside Diameter Less Than 4.8 mm (0.090 in.)*—Test specimens as filaments. Make nonslip-type loop knots in each end of the specimen so that there are 34.9 mm (1 3/8 in.) between the knots of the loops (see Fig. 1). Place loops over the drum of a standard wire specimen holder in the tension testing machine and pull in this position.

8.1.8 *Dielectric Breakdown Voltage*—Determine the dielectric breakdown voltage of the tubing in accordance with Test Method D 1675. Testing may be in air or oil, the latter being the referee method.

8.1.9 *Dimensional Stability*—Cut three specimens each 305 mm (12 in.) long, measured to the nearest 1.6 mm (1/16 in.). Place the specimen on steel mandrels having a diameter 5 to 10 % less than the inside diameter of the specimen, then in a circulating-air oven at 260 ± 5°C (500 ± 9°F) for 3 h.

Determine the inner diameter and maximum and minimum wall thickness in accordance with 7.1.3.1 and 7.1.3.2. Then remove the specimens from the oven and allow to cool to 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F). Again measure the length to the nearest 1.6 mm (1/16 in.) and the diameter and the wall thickness. Calculate the change in length as a percentage of the original length and the change in diameter and wall thickness as a percentage of the original length and the change in diameter and wall thickness as a percentage of the original.

8.1.10 *Heat Resistance*—Place three specimens, each 305 mm (12 in.) long, in a circulating-air oven at 260 ± 5°C (500 ± 9°F) for 5 h.

**9. Inspection and Certification**

9.1 Inspection and certification of the material supplied with reference to a specification based on this specification shall be for conformance to the requirements specified herein.

9.2 Lot-acceptance shall be based on acceptance or rejection of the lot as a whole.

9.3 Lot-acceptance inspection shall consist of measurements for inside diameter and wall thickness.

9.4 Certification shall be that the material was manufactured by a process in statistical control, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with this specification, and that the average values for the lot meet the requirements of the specification (line callout).

9.5 A report of test results shall be furnished when requested. The report shall consist of results of the lot-acceptance inspection for the shipment and the results of the most recent periodic-check inspection.

**10. Packaging and Package Marking**

10.1 *Packaging*—The material shall be packaged in standard commercial containers so constructed as to ensure acceptance by common or other carrier for safe transportation at the



FIG. 2 Specification for Measuring the Pitch of Spiral Cut Tubing

lowest rate to the point of delivery, unless otherwise specified in the contract or order.

10.2 *Marking*—Shipping containers can be marked with the name of the material, type, class, size, and quantity contained therein.

10.3 All packing, packaging, and marking provisions of Practice D 3892 shall apply to this specification.

**11. Keywords**

11.1 coagulated dispersion PTFE; fluorocarbon polymer; fluoropolymers; miniature beading; polytetrafluoroethylene; PTFE; PTFE extruded tubing; spiral cut tubing; thin-walled tubing

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This section identifies the location of selected changes to this specification. For the convenience of the user, Committee D20 has highlighted those changes that may impact the use of this specification. This section may also include descriptions of the changes or reasons for the changes, or both.

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- (1) Changed title to include miniature beading and spiral cut tubing.
- (2) Revised 1.1 to reflect change in title.
- (3) Added reference to IEEE/ASTM SI 10 in 1.2.
- (4) Changed old 1.4 into Note 2.
- (5) Added a new 1.4.
- (6) Removed Test Method D 1505 from Referenced Documents and 8.1.5.
- (7) Changed definition of lot in 3.2.1.
- (8) Revised Section 4.
- (9) Revised Example for Specification to match changes found in Section 4.
- (10) Added “and miniature beading” to 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6.
- (11) Changed “both types” to “all groups” in 5.2.
- (12) Deleted 5.9. 5.10 becomes 5.9 as a result.

- (13) Revised 6.1.
- (14) Changed “batch” to “lot” in 7.1.
- (15) Added 8.1.3.3 and 8.1.3.4.
- (16) Added new Tables 6 and 7.
- (17) Changed .190 to .090 in 8.1.7.3.
- (18) Deleted 8.1.11.
- (19) Changed Section 9 heading to “Inspection and Certification.”
- (20) Deleted old Section 9 with new paragraphs (9.1–9.5).
- (21) Deleted Section 11 “Precision and Bias.”
- (22) Added keywords: miniature beading; spiral cut tubing.
- (23) All existing tables changed to reflect new groups and classes.
- (24) Added Figure 2.
- (25) Added Table 8.
- (26) Fixed errors in existing tables.
- (27) Made miscellaneous editorial corrections throughout.

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