



NUCLEAR POWER TUBING

Precision metal tubes engineered for safety-critical nuclear power applications.

Our high-quality tubes are engineered to the tightest tolerances for extreme heat, pressure and corrosion resistance – to improve nuclear power plant performance. Key advantages include:

- Improved performance, reduced maintenance and cost efficiency
- NADCAP Heat Treatment, NDT and Welding
- RCC-M Accreditations based on ASME III requirements
- Short lead times for qualification and production

TUBING EXCELLENCE

With more than 75 years expertise in supplying high performance tubes, Fine Tubes works with US-based partner Superior Tube, to support customers worldwide to help them solve their technical challenges. We manufacture quality assured tubes in a wide range of stainless steel, nickel, titanium and zirconium alloys for critical nuclear, thermal and solar power applications.

TUBING INNOVATIONS

Fine Tubes and Superior Tube benefit from a world-class reputation for innovative and high quality tubing solutions geared towards the power industry. Here are a few examples:



1940

Superior Tube supplies tubing for the Manhattan Project, where mankind first learned to control the energy of the atom.



1970

Fine Tubes develops 20-25Nb nuclear fuel cladding and supplies for the UK's first generation of Advanced Gas Reactors.



1954

Superior Tube manufactures zirconium reactor tubes for the first nuclear powered submarine, the USS Nautilus.



2000

The Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar nuclear reactor facility uses Zirconium Zr4 tubing from Superior Tube.



1957

Superior Tube supplies cladding to Shippingport Atomic Power Station, the first plant to produce electricity for a civilian population.



2008

Fine Tubes supplies CERN with cooling tubes for the Large Hadron Collider experiment.



1960

Superior Tube produces fuel cladding for Argonne National Laboratory's Experimental Breeder Reactor-II.



2012

Fine Tubes manufactures high performance tubing for the Gemasolar thermosolar plant in Spain.

TUBING SOLUTIONS

NUCLEAR POWER

Our involvement with the nuclear industry goes back to as early as the 1930s. Since then, Fine Tubes and Superior Tube have been developing and supplying high quality tubing solutions for in-core reactor components where tubing is critical to the safe operation of nuclear reactors having to withstand extreme temperatures, pressures and radiation.

From developing tubing solutions to be used as fuel cans for the U.K.'s AGR programme, we have continued to evolve our product range in support of PWR, PHWR, LWR, BWR and FBR reactor technologies.

Superior Tube and Fine Tubes have worked closely with the world's prominent nuclear reactor suppliers to develop tubular solutions for both new builds and maintenance projects globally, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, France, India and China.

NUCLEAR APPLICATIONS

- Primary and field instrumentation
- Control Rods/RCCA's
- Fuel cans
- Cladding tubes
- Flux thimble guide tubes
- Grid sleeves
- Seamless nickel coils for flux detectors
- Other fuel assembly components

We have a proven background of working with global customers in the renewable energy sector including thermal and solar power. Our team are dedicated to supporting customers in these industries and contributing towards decarbonization of the planet.

THERMAL POWER

Fine Tubes and Superior Tube supply hollow conductors or cooling tubes for water cooled or helium/hydrogen cooled turbine generators used in 660 MW or above supercritical thermal power plants as well as 1000 MW or above ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plants.

As leading tube manufacturers we also have the capability to supply seamless or welded & redrawn tubes for low pressure and high pressure heaters manufactured in our fully automated multi mill.

THERMAL APPLICATIONS

- Control and instrumentation
- Steam turbine generators
- Super heaters
- Condensers

SOLAR POWER

Superior Tube and Fine Tubes manufacture tubing solutions for use in CSP (Concentrated Solar Power) technology in solar tower or solar thermal power plants.

Our expertise in processing exotic alloys for high performance tubing satisfied the need of mission critical heat exchangers at the heart of the solar process of Gemasolar, the award winning commercial solar power plant near Seville in Spain. We have developed and produced the corrosion resistant heating exchanger tubes for the steam generators as well as the high performance tubing that make up the receiver of the Gemasolar central tower containing molten salt.

SOLAR APPLICATIONS

- Control and instrumentation
- Heat collectors
- Heat exchangers
- Super heaters
- Condensers

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ALLOYS

Fine Tubes and Superior Tube produce a wide range of custom-sized tubing in an ever expanding range of alloys – available in three different forms, i.e. seamless, or welded & redrawn (Weldrawn®) finish.

SEAMLESS, WELDED & REDRAWN				
STAINLESS STEEL				
303Se	304/304L	316/316L	316LVM	321
347	Duplex S31803	Superduplex S32750	Superduplex S32760	

NICKEL & NICKEL ALLOYS				
200	201	211	Monel® 400	600
625	690	718	800	825

SEAMLESS ONLY				
TITANIUM		ZIRCONIUM		
Ti CP (Grade2)		Zircaloy-2		Zircaloy-4
Other Titanium and Zirconium alloys are available on request.				

We also manufacture tubing in many other grades. Please contact us for more details.

SUPPLIED FORMS

Straight Lengths: Maximum 14m (46ft)

Coils: Up to 46m (150 ft) long

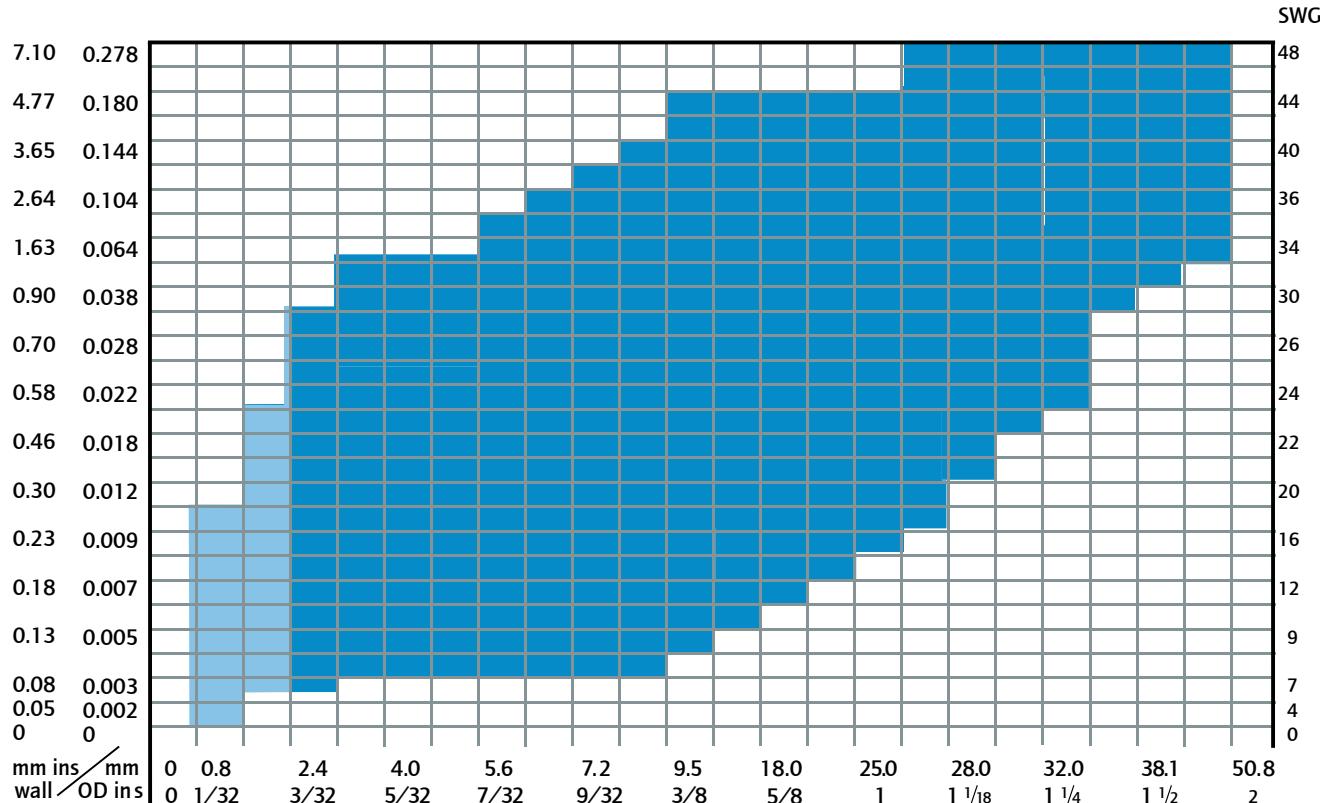
Forms: Straight or U-bent

Surface Finish: ID 0.4 micron Ra (157 micro inch Ra) (as drawn)
ID 0.1 micron Ra (39 micro inch Ra) (electro-polished)

The exceptional performance of our high performance tubing is a reflection of our years of experience with specialty alloys and our state-of-the-art manufacturing processes. Each manufacturing run is custom-designed, precision fabricated and finished to exacting specifications.

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SIZE RANGE



Our tubing sizes typical for Nuclear power applications range from 2.4mm (0.095") to 45mm (1.77") OD in seamless, welded & redrawn. Other sizes are available on request, starting from 0.15mm (0.006") OD.

TUBING QUALITY		
RCC-M	NADCAP Heat Treatment	NADCAP NDT
NADCAP Welding	ASME NQA-1	10CFR50-Appendix B
ISO 9001 / AS EN 9100 by BSI	ISO 14001	ASME QSC NCA3800 (2011)

Tubing supply is based upon the technical requirements of ASME III.

PRODUCTION FACILITIES

- Pilger mills
- Multi-roll rolling mills
- Draw benches
- Tube welding mills - In-line weld mills
- Controlled atmosphere heat treatment
- Bright annealing/hydrogen furnace
- Vacuum annealing
- Pickling & passivation plant
- NDT ultrasonic & eddy current testing
- Hydrostatic testing
- Radiographic examination
- Electropolishing capabilities
- Full chemical and physical laboratory analysis

SUPERCritical TUBING

GRADE CHART

ALLOY UNS No.	WNR	Chemical Analysis %										Properties					
		C	Mn	Ni	Cr	Fe	Mo	Ti	Nb	N	Other	g/cm³	lb/in³	Tensile Rm (min)	Yield Rp 0.2% (min)	Elong. % min	Hardness HV
303 Se S30323	1.4305	.15 max	2.0 max	8.0-11.0	17.0-19.0	1 max					Se 0.15-0.40 Si max	7.93	0.286 ANN	100 670	30-207	45	255
304L S30400	1.4301	0.08 max	2.0 max	8.0-10.5	18.0-20.0	bal						7.93	0.286 ANN	76 517	31 207	40	200 max
304L S30403	1.4306	0.035 max	2.0 max	8.0-11.0	18.0-20.0	bal						7.93	0.286 ANN	70 485	25 170	35	200 max
316 S31600	1.4401	0.08 max	2.0 max	10.0-14.0	16.0-18.0	bal	2.0-3.0					7.93	0.286 ANN	75 515	30 205	35	200
316L S31603	1.4404	0.035 max	2.0 max	10.0-13.0	16.0-18.0	bal	2.0-2.5					7.93	0.286 ANN	70 485	25 170	35	200 max
316LN S31653	1.4429	0.030 max	2.0 max	10.0-14.0	16.0-18.0	bal	2.0-3.0				Si 0.75 max	7.93	0.286 ANN	75 515	30 205	40	200 max
316LVM S31673	1.4441	0.030 max	2.0 max	11.0-14.0	17.0-19.0	bal	2.0-3.0					7.93	0.286 ANN	70 485	25 170	35	200 max
321 S32100	1.4541	0.080 max	2.0 max	9.0-12.0	17.0-19.0	bal					Ti 5XC -0.600	7.93	0.286 ANN	75 515	30 205	35	200 max
347 S34700	1.4546	0.080 max	2.0 max	9.0-12.0	17.0-19.0	bal					10XC -1.000	7.93	0.286 ANN	75 515	30 205	35	As for 321 but uses niobium as stabilising element.
Duplex S31803	1.4462	0.030 max	2.0 max	4.5-6.5	21.0-23.0	bal	2.5-3.5				0.08-0.20	7.8	0.281 ANN	90 620	65 450	25	290 max
Super Duplex S32750	1.441	0.030 max	1.2 max	6.0-8.0	24.0-26.0	bal	3.0-5.0				0.24-0.32 max	7.79	0.28 ANN	116 800	80 550	15	310 max
Super Duplex S32760	1.4501	0.020 max	1.0 max	6.0-8.0	24-26	bal	3.0-4.0				24-32 W 0.50	7.70	0.278 ANN	109 750	73.5 507	35	310 max
CP Grade 2 R50400	3.7035	0.08 max									0.03 max	4.51	0.163 ANN	50 345	40-65 450	20	
Zircaloy-2 R60802		0.005 max		0.1 max							Zr+Hf 99.2	6.50	ANN	55 379	30 207	16	150
Zirconium Zircaloy-4 R60804		0.005 Max									Zr+Hf 97.5 Hf 4.5	6.56	ANN	60 415	35 240	14	150

Zirconium nuclear grade alloy (weight %) 12-17 Si, 0.07-0.2 Fe, 0.05-0.15 Cr, 0.03-0.08 Ni. Low absorption of thermal neutrons. Main use is for cladding of fuel rods in nuclear reactors. Zr2 = BWR, PWR, CANDU.

Zirconium nuclear grade alloy (weight %) 12-17 Si, 0.18-0.4 Fe, 0.07-0.13 Cr. Low absorption of thermal neutrons. Main use is for cladding of fuel rods in nuclear reactors. Zr4 = BWR, PWR, CANDU.

ALLOY GROUP	ALLOY UNS No.	WNR	Chemical Analysis %								Properties										
			C	Mn	Ni	Cr	Fe	Mo	Ti	Nb	Al	Other	g/cm³	lb/in³	Tensile Rm (min)	Yield Rp 0.2% (min)	ksi	MPa	Elong. % min	Hardness HV	
ALLOY 59 N06059	Alloy 59 N06059	2.4605	0.010 max	0.5 max	bal	22.0 max	1.5 max	15.0-16.5		0.10-0.40	Co 0.3 max	8.60	0.311	ANN	100	690	45	310	45	270 max	
Alloy 75 N06075	Alloy 75 N06075	2.4951	0.08-0.15 max	1.0 max	bal	18.0-21.0 max	5.0 max	0.20-0.60			Cu 0.5 max	8.37	0.303	ANN	100-120	690-830	46	300	30	230 max	
Alloy 200 N02200	Alloy 200 N02200	2.4065	0.15 max	0.4 max	99.0 min		0.4 max				Cu 0.25 max	8.9	0.321	ANN	75	515	15	105	33	150 max	
Alloy 263 N07263	Alloy 263 N07263	0.064 0.098	0.6 Ma	bal	19.0-21.0	0.7 max	5.6-6.1	1.92-2.4			Co 19.0-21.0 N 0.30-0.6	8.36	0.302	HT	140	970	90	620	39	250 min	
Alloy 276 N10276	Alloy 276 N10276	2.4819	0.02 max	1.0 max	bal	14.5-16.5	4.0-7.0	15.0-17.0			W 3.0-4.5	8.9	0.321	ANN	100	690	41	283	40	210 max	
Alloy 400 N04400	Alloy 400 N04400	2.4360	0.30 max	2.0 max	63.0-70.0		2.5 max				Cu bal	8.83	0.319	ANN	70	480	28	195	35	180 max	
Alloy 600 N06600	Alloy 600 N06600	2.4816	0.15 max	1.0 max	72.0 min	14.0-17.0	6.0-10.0				Cu 0.50 max	8.42	0.304	ANN	80	550	35	240	30	200 max	
Alloy 625 N06625	Alloy 625 N06625	2.4856	0.10 max	0.5 max	bal	20.0-23.0	5.0 max	8.0-10.0	0.40 max	3.15-4.15	0.40 max	8.44	0.305	ANN	120	827	60	414	30	260 max	
Alloy 690 N06690	Alloy 690 N06690	2.4642	0.05 max	0.05 max	58 min	27.0-31.0	7.0-11.0				Cu 0.50 Si 0.50	8.19	0.296	ANN	84	586	34	240	30	200 max	
Alloy 718 N07718	Alloy 718 N07718	2.4668	0.08 max	0.4 max	50.0-55.0	17.0-21.0	bal	2.80-3.30	0.65-1.15	4.75-5.50	0.20-0.80	Co 1.0 max	8.19	0.296	HT	185	1275	150	1034	12	331 min
Alloy X750 N07750	Alloy X750 N07750	2.4669	0.08 max	1.0 max	70.0 min	14.0-17.0	5.0-9.0		2.25-2.75	0.70-1.20	0.40-1.00		8.25	0.298	HT	160	1103	100	689	20	260-360
Alloy 800 N08800	Alloy 800 N08800	1.4876	0.15 max	1.5 max	30.0-35.0	19.0-23.0	39.5 min	0.15-0.60	0.15-0.60	Cu 0.75 max	8.060	0.289	ANN	75	517	30	207	30	200 max		
Alloy 800H N08810	Alloy 800H N08810	1.4876	0.05-0.10 max	1.5 max	30.0-35.0	19.0-23.0	39.5 min	0.15-0.60	0.15-0.60	Cu 0.75 max	8.08	0.292	ANN	75	517	30	207	30	200 max		
Alloy 800HT N08811	Alloy 800HT N08811	0.06-0.10	1.5 max	30.0-35.0	19.0-23.0	39.5 min	0.15-0.60	0.15-0.60	Al+Ti 0.85-1.20	7.94	0.287	ANN	75	517	30	207	30	200 max			
Alloy 825 N08825	Alloy 825 N08825	2.4858	0.05 max	1.0 max	38.0-46.0	19.5-23.5	bal	2.5-3.5	0.6-1.20	0.20 max	Cu 1.5-3.0	8.1	0.292	ANN	85	586	35	241	30	209 max	

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AMETEK has 16,500 colleagues at more than 150 operating locations, and a global network of sales, service and support locations in 30 countries around the world.

The Specialty Metals division consists of five businesses and operating facilities in the United States and the United Kingdom. All are proven experts in the manufacture of advanced metallurgical products including high precision tube, precision metal strip, water atomized powders, ultra-thin foil, shaped wire, engineered components, thermal management materials, and roll-bonded clad plate.

These high performance metal products are used around the world for critical applications in a range of industries including aerospace, automotive, defense, electronics, industrial, medical, nuclear, and oil and gas.



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