

**BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED  
TIRUCHIRAPALLI 620 014**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE**

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**COLOUR CODES FOR TUBES AND PIPES  
(FOR BOILERS, PRESSURE VESSELS & HEAT EXCHANGERS)**

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**RECORD OF REVISIONS**

Rev. No	Clause No.	Details of Revision	Remarks
01		New Specifications included based on TDC revision.	--
02		Amendment A1 dt. 26.04.01 issued for Rev. 01 incorporated. Colour code for SA 213 Gr. T23 added.	--
03		1) Colour code for SA 213 Gr. T92, P23, P92, SA178 Gr. D added. 2) Colour code for SA 210 Gr. C modified to BLUE only.(From BLUE & GREEN)	--
04		Colour code for super 304H added	--
05		1) First para modified for clarity for colour codes containing more than one colours. 2) UNS number for Super 304H added.	--
06		Colour code for super 304H corrected in line with Revision 04.	--
07		1) First paragraph modified to include Instructions for sequence for colour code bands. 2) Sl. No. column added in table. 3) Colour code for SA 312 Gr. TP 304H added.	--

Following Colour codes are to be applied as longitudinal bands (if not specified in other documents) on tubes & pipes to identify them to specification during receipt, storage, issue and processing. For heat exchanger tubes circumferential colour code can be provided at both ends of tubes (300 mm away from end). If the Colour code contains more than one Colour then bands of Colours shall be applied adjacent to each other without any overlap. ***In case of multiple colour bands, the sequence shall be maintained as indicated in the table.***

Sl. No.	Specification	Colour 1	Colour 2	Colour 3
1.	12 X 1 MØ	RED	YELLOW	
2.	13 Cr Mo 44	ALUMINIUM	BLACK	
3.	A 200 Gr. T5	ALUMINIUM	RED	YELLOW
4.	A 200 Gr. T9	ALUMINIUM	GREEN	YELLOW
5.	AISI 602	WHITE	YELLOW	
6.	API 5L Gr. B	ALUMINIUM		
7.	BS 3059 PART2 CDS/HFS 360	ALUMINIUM	BLACK	BROWN
8.	BS 3059 P2 S2 440	ALUMINIUM	BLACK	RED
9.	BS 3059 P2 S2 622 Gr. 490	ALUMINIUM	BLACK	GREEN
10.	BS 3602 PART1 CDS 360	ALUMINIUM	BLACK	BLUE
11.	NFA49-213 42C	ALUMINIUM	BLUE	BROWN
12.	NFA49-213 TU 10CD9.10	ALUMINIUM	BLUE	RED
13.	NFA49-213 TU 15CD2.05	ALUMINIUM	BLUE	GREEN
14.	NFA49-213 TU Z10CD9	ALUMINIUM	BLUE	YELLOW
15.	NFA49-213 TU Z10CDVNB09.01	ALUMINIUM	GREEN	RED
16.	SA 106 Gr. B	RED		
17.	SA 106 Gr. C	BLUE		
18.	SA 178 Gr. D	ORANGE		
19.	SA 179	BLACK	BLUE	GREEN
20.	SA 192	WHITE		
21.	SA 199 T5	BLUE	BROWN	RED
22.	SA 209 Gr. T1	ALUMINIUM	RED	
23.	SA 210 Gr. A1	YELLOW		
24.	SA 210 Gr. C	BLUE		
25.	SA 213 Gr. T11	ALUMINIUM	YELLOW	
26.	SA 213 Gr. T12	BROWN	YELLOW	
27.	SA 213 Gr. T2	BROWN	GREEN	
28.	SA 213 Gr. T22	GREEN	RED	
29.	SA 213 Gr. T23	RED	WHITE	
30.	SA 213 Gr. T5	BLACK	BROWN	GREEN
31.	SA 213 Gr. T9	BROWN	WHITE	
32.	SA 213 Gr. T91	GREEN	YELLOW	
33.	SA 213 Gr. T92	BROWN	BLUE	
34.	SA 213 Gr. TP 304	BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW
35.	SA 213 Gr. TP 304H	BLACK	BLUE	YELLOW
36.	SA 213 Gr. TP 304L	BLUE	WHITE	YELLOW
37.	SA 213 Gr. TP 309H	BLACK	BROWN	YELLOW
38.	SA 213 Gr. TP 316	BROWN		
39.	SA 213 Gr. TP 316 Ti	BLACK	BLUE	
40.	SA 213 Gr. TP 316L	BLUE	BROWN	YELLOW
41.	SA 213 Gr. TP 321	BLUE	WHITE	
42.	SA 213 Gr. TP 321H	BLACK	WHITE	
43.	SA 213 Gr. TP 347H	BLACK	YELLOW	

Sl. No.	Specification	Colour 1	Colour 2	Colour 3
44.	SA 268 Gr. TP 405	ALUMINIUM	GREEN	
45.	SA 268 Gr. TP 410	BROWN	RED	YELLOW
46.	SA 268 Gr. TP 443	BLUE	GREEN	WHITE
47.	SA 269 TP 316	GREEN	RED	YELLOW
48.	SA 312 Gr. TP 304	BLUE	YELLOW	
49.	SA 312 Gr. TP 304L	BLUE	RED	YELLOW
50.	<b>SA 312 Gr. TP 304H</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>
51.	SA 312 Gr. TP 316	BLACK	GREEN	
52.	SA 312 Gr. TP 316L	BLACK	BLUE	BROWN
53.	SA 312 Gr. TP 321	BLUE	BROWN	
54.	SA 312 Gr. TP 347	BLUE	RED	WHITE
55.	SA 333 Gr. 1	BLACK	BROWN	RED
56.	SA 333 Gr. 3	BLACK	GREEN	RED
57.	SA 333 Gr. 6	BLUE	GREEN	RED
58.	SA 334 Gr. 1	BROWN	GREEN	RED
59.	SA 334 Gr. 3	BLACK	RED	YELLOW
60.	SA 334 Gr. 6	BLACK	BLUE	RED
61.	SA 335 Gr. P1	BROWN	GREEN	YELLOW
62.	SA 335 Gr. P11	GREEN	WHITE	
63.	SA 335 Gr. P12	BLACK	RED	
64.	SA 335 Gr. P2	BLUE	BROWN	GREEN
65.	SA 335 Gr. P22	BLUE	RED	
66.	SA 335 Gr. P23	RED	WHITE	
67.	SA 335 Gr. P5	BLACK	BROWN	
68.	SA 335 Gr. P9	ALUMINIUM	BROWN	
69.	SA 335 Gr. P91	BROWN	RED	
70.	SA 335 Gr. P92	BROWN	BLUE	
71.	SB 163 Inconel	BLACK	GREEN	YELLOW
72.	ST 35.4	ALUMINIUM	BLUE	
73.	Steel 20	GREEN		
74.	Structural Tubes & Pipes	BLUE	BROWN	WHITE
75.	X20 Cr Mo V 121	BLACK		
76.	SA 213 UNS S30432( Super 304)	BLACK	RED	GREEN

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### QUALITY ASSURANCE

## CREEP TESTING (STRESS RUPTURE) REQUIREMENTS AS PER IBR

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### RECORD OF REVISIONS

Rev. No.	DATE	Clause No.	Details of Revision
00	20/11/2017	---	Fresh issue
01	03/09/2018	1.0	Scope modified to bring more clarity
		2.0	Cl. 2 modified to bring creep requirements for all suppliers, additional labs are listed and Table 2 modified inline with the changes proposed in the new IBR draft.

## 1.0 SCOPE

- a) Creep testing is required as per IBR for all alloy & stainless steels materials *which are to be used in furnace or in super heater zone of boilers being erected in India.*  
*Hence, for our current boiler design, creep testing is required for tubes & forged finned elbows only.*
- b) *If the creep properties are established either by the mill on the starting raw material or by supplier on the finished product, then creep test reports shall meet the requirements of Clause 2.*
- c) *If the starting material is sourced from any mill which has not established creep properties, then creep testing shall be done as per Clause 2 on the product. If the Test results are meeting the requirements, then it can be treated as an approval of the creep values for the Mill which has supplied the starting material.*

## 2.0 CREEP TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Creep testing shall be done in line with the following:

For the starting raw material (Ingot, billet, bloom, etc.), supplier/s shall produce the Creep (stress rupture) test report for each material grade being supplied by them as per the Table 1 given below:

**Table 1. Creep Stress rupture testing Requirements**

Sl. No	Steel Type and Grade	Testing hours – min. (hrs.)	Testing Temperature (°C)	Stress Value (MPa)	No. of tests & Specimen Size
1	Alloy Steels (AS) – Grade 11, 12 and Grade 22	1000	550	100	Two no. of tests with preferably M10 round sample
2	Alloy Steels (AS) – Grade 91, 92 and 23	1000	600	120	Two no. of tests with preferably M10 round sample
3	All Stainless Steels (SS) grades	1000	600	110	Two no. of tests with preferably M10 round sample

- a) *For steels produced indigenously, creep testing shall be carried out at National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur, Corporate Research & Development Laboratory of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Hyderabad, Well Known Steel Makers or any other Material Testing Laboratory recognized by the Central Boilers Board.*
- b) *For steels produced outside India, creep testing shall be carried out at Well Known Steel Makers, Nationally recognized / accredited testing laboratory in the country of manufacture. Alternatively, the testing can also be done in any other laboratory if the tests are witnessed by a Competent Person working with IBR Authorized Inspection Agencies.*
- c) Creep testing shall be done as per ASTM E139 (latest) or BS EN ISO 204 (latest).
- d) *Two Test specimens shall be prepared from the test bar.*
- e) **Acceptance Criteria:** The samples tested shall not rupture and shall meet the *creep requirements at 1,000 hours of testing at indicated temperatures & stress values as per Table 1.*
- f) Reporting: As per Table 2.

Table 2. Suggested/Recommended Format for Reporting the Creep Testing Data:

SI No	Description	Details/Results
1	Report No. <span style="float: right;">Date:</span>	
2	Name and Address of the <i>Tube/ Forged Finned Elbow</i> Manufacturer	
3	Name and Address of the Raw Material Supplier	
4	Material Specification & Grade (Code Case, if applicable)	
5	Heat/Melt No, SI No (if applicable)	
6	Heat treatment details (Type & Temperature)	
7	Name and Address of Testing Laboratory	
8	Testing method/ Standard (ASTM E139 or BS EN ISO 204) & Revision/Edition	
9	Test Sample Size	
10	No. of test samples	
11	Temperature at which test is conducted ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	
12	Stress value observed (MPa)	
13	Test Start Date & Time	
14	Test End/Reporting Date & Time	
15	Test duration (hours of creep testing)	
16	Test witnessed by (Name of Inspector & Agency)	
17	Test Result (Accepted/Not Accepted)	