## Tubes

At ISMT we have invested in sophisticated facilities and developed specialized process for the manucacture of bearing tubes. Apart form producing tubes from standard bearing grade steels such as SAE 52100, SAE 8620 and DIN 100Cr6, ISMT also produces tubes from tailor made steels made available by Indian Seamless Steels and Alloys Limited (ISSAL), a group company that specializes in the manufacture of alloy steels.

The steel used for the manufacture of bearing tubesis produced exclusively through the electric arc furnace route, is ladle refined and is vacuum degassed. As a result the steel is extremely clean ensuring a high fatighue life for the bearing.

ISMT supplies bearing tubes to the major bearing manufacturers throughout the world.

## Tube Tolerance

## Oxygen Content

Oxygen content < 15 ppm . On specific request oxygen content < 10 ppm can be offered.

## Inclusion Rating

The tubes are tested to ensure that the steel is free from injurious imperfections such as piping, cracks, porosity, segregations or injurious inclusions as referred to in ASTM-E381. The inclusion rating is evaluated in accordance with Plate III of ASTM E- 45 ensuring that the length of any inclusion does not exceed 0.65 mm and that the worst field of any inclusion type from each specimen does not exceed the limits given below.

Inclusion Rating Worst Field

| A | B | C | D | Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2.0 | 1.5 | - | 0.5 | Thick |
| 1.5 | 0.5 | - | 0.5 | Thin |

## Heat Treatment / Microstructure

The tubes are spheroidized and annealed to ensure that the microstructure consists of spheroidized cementite in a ferrite matrix with carbide size conforming to Plates 2 to 4 as per IS 4389-1972 and and CG 2.1-2.3 as per SEP 1520-78. We ensure that there is no carbide network and the structure is free from segregation of carbides in either streak or cluster form.

## Hardness

| Condition | Brinell Hardness |
| :--- | :--- |
| Hot finished, spheroidized | 230 BHN max. |
| Hot finish, spheroidized \& peeled | 230 BHN max. |
| Hot finished, spheroidized \& stress relieved | 207 BHN max. |
| Spheroidized, cold pelgered / toto rolled | $250-320$ BHN |

## Decarburisation (depth)

Hot finished: 0.50 mm max. per side
Cold finished: 0.20 mm max. per side

Dimensional Tolerances**

| Description | Size Range |  | Tolerances |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | OD (mm) | OD (mm) | Wall t (mm) |  |
| Hot rolled | $38-75$ | $+/-0.40$ | $+/-5 \%$ |  |
|  | $>75-100$ | $+/-0.50$ | $+/-5 \%$ |  |
|  | $>100-125$ | $+/-0.60$ | $+/-5 \%$ |  |
|  | $>125-273$ | $+/-1 \%$ | $+/-10 \%$ |  |
| Hot rolled |  | $+/-0.40$ |  |  |
| and peeled | $>36-120$ | -0.00 | $+/-10 \%$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cold pilgered / |  | $19-80$ | +0.30 |  |
| Roto Rolled |  | $+00-91$ | -0.40 |  |
|  |  |  | $+/-5 \%$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

** Note: Tighter tolerances can be offered on specific request.

| Eccentricity |  | Straightness |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hot finished and peeled | $10 \%$ of wall thickness | Cold pilgered / roto Rolled | 1:1000 |
| All other tubes | OD < 125 mm : $5 \%$ of wall thickness | Hot finished / hot finished and peeled | 1:600 |

## Lengths

Tubes are generally supplied in random lengths of 3-4.5 mts. With $10 \%$ up to 2 mts .

## End Preparation

Square cut and one end chamfered.

## Size Range





## Rings

ISMT is one of the few companies in the world of offer just-in-time delivery of hardened ring sets for the manufacture of bearing races, bearing bushes and sleeves for linear bearings. These rings are manufactured through a process of cold ring rolling (on Bad Deuben machines) and / or machining.

## Applications

- Inner and outer races (with or without sealing groove for ball bearings)
- Angular contact ball bearings
- Needle roller bearings
- Cylindrical / spherical roller bearings
- Self aligning bearings

