

Swagelok Company 29500 Solon Road Solon, Ohio 44139 U.S.A. PTR-1207 Ver 06 November 2022 Page 1 of 4

TITLE

Positive Pressure Helium Gas Leak Test with Repeated Reassembly of Stainless Steel Swagelok[®] Medium-Pressure Tube Fittings in Excess of Rated Pressure

PRODUCT TESTED

The following stainless steel Swagelok medium-pressure tube fittings were tested with the identified stainless steel tubing.

Ordering Number	Quantity Tested	Tubing	Tubing Hardness			
Fractional						
SS-4FK0-1-4	19		Rb 80			
SS-4FK0-C	14	1/4 × 0.095 in. annealed				
SS-4FK0-9	5	annoalou				
SS-4FK0-1-4	19		Rc 25			
SS-4FK0-C	14	1/4 × 0.065 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard				
SS-4FK0-9	5					
SS-6FK0-1-4	19		Rb 84			
SS-6FK0-C	14	3/8 × 0.134 in. annealed				
SS-6FK0-9	5					
SS-6FK0-1-4	19		Rc 22			
SS-6FK0-C	14	3/8 × 0.083 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard				
SS-6FK0-9	5					
SS-8FK0-1-4	19		Rb 89			
SS-8FK0-C	14	1/2 × 0.188 in. annealed				
SS-8FK0-9	5					
SS-8FK0-1-4	19		Rc 23			
SS-8FK0-C	14	1/2 × 0.109 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard				
SS-8FK0-9	5					
SS-12FK0-1-44M	16	3/4 × 0.165 in.	Rc 26			
SS-12FK0-C	16	cold-drawn 1/8-hard				

Swagelok

PTR-1207

Swagelok Company 29500 Solon Road Solon, Ohio 44139 U.S.A.

Ver 06 November 2022 Page 2 of 4

Ordering Number	Quantity Tested	Tubing	Tubing Hardness	
Metric				
SS-6MFK0-1-4	12	6 × 2.2 mm	Rb 85	
SS-6MFK0-C	12	annealed		
SS-6MFK0-1-4	12	6 × 1.5 mm	Rc 23	
SS-6MFK0-C	12	cold-drawn 1/8-hard		
SS-10MFK0-1-44M	12	10 × 3.5 mm	Rb 88	
SS-10MFK0-C	12	annealed		
SS-10MFK0-1-44M	12	10 × 2.2 mm	Rc 28	
SS-10MFK0-C	12	cold-drawn 1/8-hard		
SS-12MFK0-1-44M	12	12 × 4.5 mm	Rb 90	
SS-12MFK0-C	12	annealed		
SS-12MFK0-1-44M	12	12 × 2.8 mm	Do 25	
SS-12MFK0-C	12	cold-drawn 1/8-hard	Rc 25	

PURPOSE

These assemblies were tested to observe the performance of Swagelok medium-pressure tube fittings during gas seal test with repeated reassembly under laboratory conditions.

TEST CONDITIONS

Original test date: April 2006

Each sample tested consisted of one tube length and two test fittings. The fitting was assembled according to the Swagelok medium-pressure tube fitting installation instructions. Testing was conducted at room temperature.

TEST METHOD

1. The assemblies were attached to a positive gas test stand, submerged in water, pressurized to

1.25 times working pressure with helium for 10 minutes, and monitored for leakage. The judgment criterion was less than one bubble per minute at the applied pressure.

- 2. Pressure was dropped and the fittings were disassembled. The fittings were reassembled according to Swagelok reassembly instructions.
- 3. The fittings were leak tested using helium at 1.25 times the working pressure following the instructions and judgment criteria from step 1 at every fifth reassembly.
- 4. A total of 25 reassemblies were conducted on each test end.

Swagelok

PTR-1207 Ver 06 November 2022 Page 3 of 4

Swagelok Company 29500 Solon Road Solon, Ohio 44139 U.S.A.

TEST RESULTS

Tubing	Samples Tested	Working Pressure (WP) psig (bar)	Test Pressure psig (bar)	Results			
Fractional							
1/4 × 0.095 in. annealed	19	15 000 (1034)	18 750 (1291)	Pass			
1/4 × 0.065 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard	19			Pass			
3/8 × 0.134 in. annealed	19			Pass			
3/8 × 0.083 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard	19			Pass			
1/2 × 0.188 in. annealed	19			Pass			
1/2 × 0.109 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard	19			Pass			
3/4 × 0.165 in. cold-drawn 1/8-hard	16			Pass			
Metric							
6 × 2.2 mm annealed	12	15 000 (1034)	18 750 (1291)	Pass			
6 × 1.5 mm cold-drawn 1/8-hard	12			Pass			
10 × 3.5 mm annealed	12			Pass			
10 × 2.2 mm cold-drawn 1/8-hard	12			Pass			
12 × 4.5 mm annealed	12			Pass			
12 × 2.8 mm cold-drawn 1/8-hard	12			Pass			

The stainless steel Swagelok medium-pressure tube fitting demonstrated both initial assembly gas seal and repeated gas seal through 25 reassemblies at 1.25 times the working pressure under laboratory conditions.

These tests were conducted beyond the product's recommended operating parameters and do not modify the published product ratings.

Swagelok

Swagelok Company 29500 Solon Road Solon, Ohio 44139 U.S.A. PTR-1207 Ver 06 November 2022 Page 4 of 4

These tests were performed to consider a specific set of conditions and should not be considered valid outside those conditions. Swagelok Company makes no representation or warranties regarding these selected conditions or the results attained. Laboratory tests cannot duplicate the variety of actual operating conditions. Test results are not offered as statistically significant. See the product catalog for technical data.

SAFE PRODUCT SELECTION

When selecting a product, the total system design must be considered to ensure safe, troublefree performance. Function, material compatibility, adequate ratings, proper installation, operation, and maintenance are the responsibilities of the system designer and user.

Swagelok—TM Swagelok Company