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TITLE

High-Temperature Thermal Cycling and Hydrostatic Proof Test of Tungum[®] Tubing with Stainless Steel Swagelok[®] Tube Fittings

PRODUCT TESTED

Samples Tested	Tungum Tubing Size OD × Wall in.	Tubing Hardness 15T	Part Description Ordering Number	Part Description Ordering Number
4	1/4 × 0.028	82	Union Straight SS-400-6	Union Elbow SS-400-9
4	1/4 × 0.065	81	Union Straight SS-400-6	Union Elbow SS-400-9
4	3/8 × 0.035	84	Union Straight SS-600-6	Union Elbow SS-6400-9
4	3/8 × 0.065	82	Union Straight SS-600-6	Union Elbow SS-600-9
4	1/2 × 0.049	82	Union Straight SS-810-6	Union Elbow SS-810-9
4	1/2 × 0.083	83	Union Straight SS-810-6	Union Elbow SS-810-9
4	3/4 × 0.065	84	Union Straight SS-1210-6	Union Elbow SS-1210-9
4	3/4 × 0.109	84	Union Straight SS-1210-6	Union Elbow SS-1210-9
4	1 × 0.109	83	Union Straight SS-1610-6	Union Elbow SS-1610-9
4	1 × 0.120	84	Union Straight SS-1610-6	Union Elbow SS-1610-9

PURPOSE

These assemblies were tested under laboratory test conditions to observe the leakage performance (during and after thermal cycling) of stainless steel Swagelok tube fittings when installed on Tungum tubing.

TEST CONDITIONS

Original test date: January 2014

Laboratory environment



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TEST METHOD

Hardness Measurements of Tubing:

- 1. Performed five hardness measurements equally spaced apart on each tube OD using the 15-T scale with the 1/16-inch diameter ball penetrator.
- 2. Reported the average of the five measurements.
- 3. Added the tubing cylindrical values taken from the Wilson Chart #53 Cylindrical Conversion Table.

High-Temperature Thermal Cycling Procedure:

- 1. Assembled one tube length with one union straight and one union elbow according to the Swagelok tube fitting installation instructions.
- 2. Attached the test samples to a high-temperature furnace and pressurized with nitrogen to test pressure.
- 3. Increased the samples to test temperature of 400°F (204°C) within a period of one hour. The samples were allowed to stabilize at temperature for a minimum of 2 hours while being monitored for pressure decay.
- 4. The temperature was then lowered to laboratory room temperature (within one hour) while the test pressure was maintained. Samples were then stabilized at room temperature for a minimum of two hours while being monitored for pressure decay.
- 5. Repeated the above cycle two additional times.
- 6. Monitored the samples for leakage during the test; the pass criterion was no pressure decay.

Hydrostatic Proof Test Procedure:

- 1. Upon completion of the high-temperature thermal cycling procedure, the samples were subjected to a hydraulic proof test at ambient laboratory temperature.
- 2. Samples were pressurized to 100 psig (6.8 bar) and held for a period of five minutes.
- 3. After 5 minutes at 100 psig (6.8 bar), the samples were pressurized to test pressure (1.5 times ambient working pressure) and held for an additional period of 5 minutes.
- 4. Monitored the samples for leakage throughout the test; the pass criterion was no visible leakage.



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TEST RESULTS

High-Temperature Thermal Cycle Test

Tungum Tubing Size OD × Wall in.	Ambient Working Pressure [©] psig (bar)	Test Pressure at Elevated Temperature [®] psig (bar)	Test Results
1/4 × 0.028	4000 (275)	3840 (264)	Pass
1/4 × 0.065	10 200 (702)	9790 (674)	Pass
3/8 × 0.035	3300 (227)	3170 (218)	Pass
3/8 × 0.065	6500 (447)	6240 (429)	Pass
1/2 × 0.049	3700 (254)	3550 (244)	Pass
1/2 × 0.083	6700 (461)	6430 (443)	Pass
3/4 × 0.065	3300 (227)	3170 (218)	Pass
3/4 × 0.109	5800 (399)	5570 (383)	Pass
1 × 0.109	4200 (289)	4030 (277)	Pass
1 × 0.120	4700 (323)	4510 (310)	Pass

① A derating factor of 0.96 was applied to the ambient working pressures to determine the test pressures.

Hydrostatic Proof Test

Tungum Tubing Size OD × Wall in.	Proof Test Pressure psig (bar)	Test Results
1/4 × 0.028	6000 (413)	Pass
1/4 × 0.065	15 300 (1 054)	Pass
3/8 × 0.035	4950 (340)	Pass
3/8 × 0.065	9750 (670)	Pass
1/2 × 0.049	5500 (378)	Pass
1/2 × 0.083	10 050 (692)	Pass
3/4 × 0.065	4950 (340)	Pass
3/4 × 0.109	8700 (599)	Pass
1 × 0.109	6300 (434)	Pass
1 × 0.120	7050 (485)	Pass



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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.

Referenced Documents

Wilson Cylindrical Correction Chart # 53, Wilson Instrument Division, 929 Connecticut Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06602

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Tungum—TM Tungum LTD