



Standard Specification for PTFE Tubing, Miniature Beading and Spiral Cut Tubing¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers PTFE tubing, miniature beading and spiral cut tubing—manufactured from PTFE resin produced from dispersion specified in Specification **D4895**.

NOTE 1—PTFE tube and rod manufactured from resin specified in Specification **D4894** are covered in Specification **D1710**.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The inch-pound units given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following hazard caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 8, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 As PTFE resin produced from dispersion is not a true thermoplastic material, any reuse for the specification referenced above is impossible. However, markets do exist for non-virgin PTFE as additives and fillers.

NOTE 2—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
D792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement
D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics
D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
D1675 Test Methods for Polytetrafluoroethylene Tubing

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

D1708 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics by Use of Microtensile Specimens

D1710 Specification for Extruded Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Rod, Heavy Walled Tubing and Basic Shapes

D3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics

D4894 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Granular Molding and Ram Extrusion Materials

D4895 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin Produced From Dispersion

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—The terminology given in Terminologies **D883** and **D1600** is applicable to this specification.

3.2 *Description of Term Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *lot*—a single production run, or a uniform blend of two or more production runs.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification provides for five groups of PTFE tubing, miniature beading and spiral cut tubing, differentiated by size and type. The groups are further subdivided into classes based on wall thickness.

4.1.1 *Group 01*—Tubing based upon the American Wire Gage (AWG) sizes.

4.1.2 *Group 02*—Tubing based upon fractional inch sizes.

4.1.3 *Group 03*—Tubing specified by inner diameter and wall thickness in **Table 6** referred to as “Custom or Metric.”

4.1.4 *Group 04*—Tubing cut to form spiral wrap as in **Table 7**.

4.1.5 *Group 05*—Miniature beading having diameters as listed in **Table 8**.

4.2 The types are further differentiated in accordance with increasing wall thickness as follows:

4.2.1 *Class 1*—Tubing having walls tabulated in **Table 1** listed as light wall.

4.2.2 *Class 2*—Tubing having walls of greater thickness than Class 1 listed as thin wall.

4.2.3 *Class 3*—Tubing having walls tabulated in **Table 2** listed as standard wall.

4.2.4 *Class 4*—Tubing having walls tabulated in **Table 3** listed as chemical tubing.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard