GI Earthing Pipe

Earthing pipe should be made of 40 mm diameter ISI marked B class GI Pipe. 12 mm dia suitable holes on its circumference shall be made as per approved drawing. The pipe should be in one piece. No joints or welding would be allowed on its length. Clamps made of 50x6mm GI flat duly drilled with 12 mm size holes should be welded at the top end for connection of earth conductor.

Pipe used shall be 40mm NB diameter, ISI marked Galvanized Mild Steel Tubes continuously welded Electric Resistance Welded ERW/High Frequency Induction welded (HFIW)/Hot finished welded (HFW) type, conforming to IS-554-1985 with latest amendment of MEDIUM quality (Class B).

1. MANUFACTURE:

GI earth pipe (40 mm diameter & 3 metre long) shall be made of tubes which shall be made from tested quality steel manufactured by any approved process as follows:

a) Electric Resistance Welded (ERW).
b) High Frequency Induction Welded (HFIW) and
c) Hot finished Welded (HFW).

Tubes made by manual welding are not acceptable.

2. DIMENSIONS:

The dimensions and weights of tubes shall be in accordance with Table-I and Table-II of IS: 1239 (Part-I)/1990 with latest amendments, subject to tolerance permitted therein. Necessary 12 mm diameter holes across the circumference shall be provided as per approved drawing. Drawings shall be approved by the owner before start of the manufacturing work. The tube, earthing pipe shall be provided with 50x6mm GS clamps on one end, one clamp is to be welded with the pipe and another is removable to enable measurement of earth resistance of the pit. Other end of the earth pipe should be cut half in slop to make it a sharp.

3. GALVANIZING:

Tubes shall be galvanized in accordance with IS-4736-1986 with latest amendment for not dip zinc coating of Mild Steel Tubes. The minimum mass of zinc coating on the tubes shall be in accordance with clause 5.1 of IS-4736-1986 (specification for hot dip zinc) and when determined on a 100mm long test piece in accordance with IS: 6745:1972 shall be 400 g/m^2. The zinc coating shall be uniform adherent reasonably smooth and free from such

imperfections as flux, ash and dross inclusions, bare patches, black spots, pimples, lumpiness, rust, stains, bulky white deposits and blisters.

4. HYDRAULIC TEST:

(Before applying holes) Each tube shall withstand a test pressure of 5 M Pa maintained for at least 3 seconds without showing defects of any kind. The pressure shall be applied by approved means and maintained sufficiently long for proof and inspection. The testing apparatus shall be fitted with an accurate pressure indicator

5. TEST ON FINISHED TUBES AND SOCKETS:

The following tests shall be conducted by the manufacturer of finished tubes and sockets.

a) The tensile strength of length of strip cut from selected tubes when tested in accordance with IS-1894-1972, (Method for tensile testing of steel tubes), shall be at least 320N/mm^2.

b) The elongation percentage on a gauge length of 5.65/so (where so is the original cross-sectional area of test specimen) shall not be less than 20%.

c) When tested in accordance with IS-2329-1985 (Method for Bend test on Metallic tubes) the finished tube shall be capable of with standing the bend test without showing any sign of fracture or failure. Welded tubes shall be bent with the weld at 90 degree to the plane of bending. The tubes shall not be filled for this test.

d) Galvanized tubes shall be capable of being bent cold without cracking of the steel, through 90 degree round a former having a radius at the bottom of the groove equal to 8 times the outside diameter of tube.

e) Flattening Test on Tubes above 50 mm Nominal Bore: Rings not less than 40 mm in length cut from the ends of selected tubes shall be flattered between parallel plates with the weld, if any, at 90 degree (point of maximum bending) in accordance with IS-2328-1983. No opening should occur by fracture in the weld unless the distance between the plate is less than 75 percent of the original outside diameter of the pipe and no cracks or breaks in the metal elsewhere than in the weld shall occur, unless the distance between the plates is less than 60% of the original outside diameter. The test rings may have the inner and outer edges rounded.

f) GALVANISHING TEST:

- Weight of zinc Coating: For tubes thickness upto 6 mm the minimum weight of zinc coating, when determined on a 100 mm long test piece in accordance with IS-4736-1986 shall be 400 grm/m^2.

- The weight of the coating expressed in gram/m^2 shall be calculated by dividing the total weight of the zinc (inside plus outside) by the total area (inside plus outside) of the coated surface.

- Test specimen for this test shall be cut approximately 100 mm in length from opposite ends of the length of tubes selected for testing. Before cutting the test specimen, 50 mm from both ends of the samples shall be discarded.

g) Free Bore Test: A rod 230mm long and of appropriate diameter shall be passed through relevant nominal bore of the sample tubes to ensure a free bore.

h) Uniformity of Galvanized Coating: The galvanized coating when determined on a 100 mm long test piece [see V (a) (iii)] in accordance with IS-2633-1986 (Method for testing uniformity of coating on zinc coated articles) shall with stand 4 one minute dips.

6. WORKMANSHIP:

The tubes shall be cleanly finished and reasonably free from injurious defects. They shall be reasonably straight, free from cracks, surface flaws, laminations, and other defects, both internally and externally. The screw tubes and sockets shall be clean and well-cut. The ends shall be cut cleanly and square with the axis of tube.

7. MARKING:

The medium class of tubes shall be distinguished by Blue colour bands which shall be applied before the tubes leaves the manufacturers' works. Tubes shall be marked with the standard mark.