

PIPE ORDER GUIDE

Handy checklist of information needed for orders and inquiries.

Any pipe order or inquiry should be accompanied by as much of the following information as possible:

1. Specification – Type and Grade (i.e.,: ASTM A53/A53M-02, type E ERW).
2. Quantity (feet, meters, number of lengths, or net tons).
3. Dimensions or Size (if there are any alternates or substitutes that can be used, please specify).
 - a. Nominal Pipe Size (NPS), wall thickness, nominal or minimum wall thickness, outside diameter, weight class or weight per foot, and/or schedule number. Note: With Fence Pipe and Fence Tubing there is always a chance for confusion between Nominal size, Fence size, and O.D. (Outside Diameter) sizes. Therefore, it is a good rule always to order fence pipe in the O.D. size, specifying both the wall thickness and the weight per foot.
 - b. Lengths; Specific or Random. Whenever possible ask for 21 ft., 40 ft., or 42 ft. Uniform Lengths. A length tolerance should be specified (for example, the normal foreign mill tolerance is minus zero inch plus 2 inches). Single Random Lengths (SRL) are usually 16 to 22 feet, with a minimum average of 17 ft. 6 inches. Double Random Lengths (DRL) are generally supplied in lengths of 35 to 45 feet, with a minimum average of 35 feet on the entire shipment. Try to avoid ordering SRL's or DRL's to simplify accounting and shipping.
4. Specific Requirements: End Finish (Plain End, Beveled, T&C), Type of Coating (Black, Lacquered), etc.
5. Delivery Requirements (Time and Place).
6. Packing (Pieces per Lift or Bundle) and Marking Requirements.
7. Mill Test Certificates or Inspection Reports, if needed, stating that the material has been manufactured, sampled, tested, and inspected in accordance with the latest revision of the specification.
8. Specify the end use or any other information that might be significant in producing or supplying the ordered product (such as close coiling, water-well, etc.).
9. Any special packaging or preservation requirements.
10. Any special shipping instructions such as, "Load cargo for Direct Discharge onto Barge," "Tarp Load," etc.