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Overview

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Form of Supply

Nationwide Stainless are an independent Stockholder and Processor of 304/304L stainless steel. With a large stock range and excellent processing capabilities we are able to supply most projects whether stock items or custom made products. We can offer; Stock size plate & sheet, Stock length round bar, Cut to size plate & sheet, Cut to length round bar, Cold forming of plate & sheet and round bar, And any other additional machining requirements that may be necessary.

Applications

Corrosion Resistance

304/304L stainless steel has excellent corrosion resistance at normal temperatures in ordinary atmospheric conditions withstanding some natural acids, which is why this grade is used frequently in the food & drink processing industry. In more corrosive environments such as a marine environment, or an environment where higher chloride and chlorine content is a factor, a higher spec grade such as 316/316L or a Duplex grade may be a better option.

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Typical Analysis

304L	Cr%	Ni%	C%	Si%	Mn%	P%	S%	Cu%	Fe%
MIN	17.5	8.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MAX	19.5	10.5	0.03*	1.0	2.0	0.05	0.02	0.5	Bal

^{*0.08} max carbon content (C%) for 304 (1.4301)

Mechanical Properties

Properties quoted below are guideline figures only and should not be used for any design purposes.

-	0.2% Proof (Nmm²)	UTS (Nmm²)	Elongation (%)
304 (1.4301)	235	530 - 730	40
304L (1.4307)	200	500 - 700	40

Related Specs & Trade Names

1.4301, 1.4307, 304/304L, Grade 304, Grade 304L, Alloy 304, Alloy 304L, AISI 304L, TYPE 304, UNS S30400, UNS S30403, UNS S30409, X2CrNi18-9, ASTM A240, ASME SA240, 304 Stainless, 304, 304L, 304H,

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