## **Useful Calculations**

Following are some useful formulas and charts related to common fabricating questions.



## **Bend Radius Examples**

- Created Using Bend-Tech Software



Materials Tensile Strength Comparison (approximate psi)					
5052 Aluminum	30,000				
Mild steel tube (HREW)	40,000				
6061 Aluminum	45,000				
Black iron pipe	47,000				
304 Stainless steel	65,000				
DOM Steel	75,000				
4130 Chromoly	100,000				

Length of tube consumed in a bend = CLR(center line radius) x DOB (degree of bend) x .01745

**Circumference** of a circle = 3.14 x Diameter

Weight of steel tubing in lbs per foot = 10.6802 x wall thickness x (diameter - wall thickness)

Multiply inches x 25.4 to get millimeters Multiply millimeters x .03937 to get inches

Gauge	Wall Thickness - based on 1" tube
22	.0312
21	.0344
20	.0375
19	.0437
18	.0500
17	.0562
16	.0625
15	.0703
14	.0781
13	.0937
12	.1094
11	.1250
10	.1406
9	.1562
8	.1719
7	.1875
6	.2031
5	.2187
4	.2344
3	.2500

Nominal Pipe	Outside Diameter	Nominal Pipe Sizes Wall Thickness					
Size		Sch. 5	Sch. 10	Sch. 40	Sch. 80	Sch. 160	XXS
1/4"	0.540"	N/A	.065	.088	.119	N/A	N/A
3/8"	0.675"	N/A	.065	.091	.126	N/A	N/A
1/2"	0.840"	.065	.083	.109	.147	.187	.294
3/4"	1.050"	.065	.083	.113	.154	.218	.308
1"	1.315"	.065	.109	.133	.179	.250	.358
1-1/4"	1.660"	.065	.109	.140	.191	.250	.382
1-1/2"	1.900"	.065	.109	.145	.200	.281	.400
2"	2.375"	.066	.109	.164	.218	.343	.436
2-1/2"	2.875"	.083	.120	.203	.276	.375	.552