## 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 | $\mathbf{3 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Mild steel tube (HREW) | $\mathbf{4 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
| 6061 Aluminum | $\mathbf{4 5 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Black iron pipe | $\mathbf{4 7 , 0 0 0}$ |
| 304 Stainless steel | $\mathbf{6 5 , 0 0 0}$ |
| DOM Steel | $\mathbf{7 5 , 0 0 0}$ |
| 4130 Chromoly | $\mathbf{1 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ |

Length of tube consumed in a bend $=$
CLR(center line radius) x DOB (degree of bend) x 01745
Circumference of a circle $=3.14 \times$ Diameter

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

Multiply inches x 25.4 to get millimeters
Multiply millimeters $\times .03937$ 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 <br> Size | Outside <br> Diameter | Nominal Pipe Sizes Wall Thickness |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sch. 5 | Sch. 10 | Sch. 40 | Sch. 80 | Sch. 160 | XXS |  |
| $\mathbf{1 / 4 "}$ | 0.540 " | N/A | .065 | .088 | .119 | N/A | N/A |
| $\mathbf{3 / 8 "}$ | $0.675^{\prime \prime}$ | N/A | .065 | .091 | .126 | N/A | N/A |
| $\mathbf{1 / 2 "}$ | $0.840^{\prime \prime}$ | .065 | .083 | .109 | .147 | .187 | .294 |
| $\mathbf{3 1 4 "}$ | $1.050^{\prime \prime}$ | .065 | .083 | .113 | .154 | .218 | .308 |
| $\mathbf{1 "}$ | $1.315^{\prime \prime}$ | .065 | .109 | .133 | .179 | .250 | .358 |
| $\mathbf{1 - 1 / 4 "}$ | $1.660^{\prime \prime}$ | .065 | .109 | .140 | .191 | .250 | .382 |
| $\mathbf{1 - 1 / 2 "}$ | $1.900^{\prime \prime}$ | .065 | .109 | .145 | .200 | .281 | .400 |
| $\mathbf{2 "}$ | $2.375^{\prime \prime}$ | .066 | .109 | .164 | .218 | .343 | .436 |
| $\mathbf{2 - 1 / 2 "}$ | $2.875^{\prime \prime}$ | .083 | .120 | .203 | .276 | .375 | .552 |

