

Expansion of Copper Tube Data Sheet



Expansion of copper tube

Copper has a coefficient of linear expansion of $17 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$. For example, a 10 metre length of copper tube carrying hot water at 60°C will increase in length by almost 7mm when heated from 20°C . Assuming that temperature cycling of the system is 20°C , there will be a continuous cycle of expansion and contraction of 3.4mm. refer to table below.

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Temperature change	Tube length									
	3m	4m	5m	6m	7m	8m	9m	10m	12m	25m
10°	0.5mm	0.7mm	0.9mm	1.0mm	1.2mm	1.4mm	1.5mm	1.7mm	2.0mm	4.3mm
20°	1.0mm	1.4mm	1.7mm	2.0mm	2.4mm	2.7mm	3.0mm	3.4mm	4.0mm	8.5mm
30°	1.5mm	2.0mm	2.6mm	3.1mm	3.6mm	4.1mm	4.6mm	5.1mm	6.1mm	13.0mm
40°	2.0mm	2.7mm	3.4mm	4.1mm	4.8mm	5.4mm	6.1mm	6.8mm	8.2mm	17.0mm
50°	2.6mm	3.4mm	4.3mm	5.1mm	6.0mm	6.8mm	7.7mm	8.5mm	10.2mm	21.0mm
60°	3.1mm	4.1mm	5.1mm	6.1mm	7.1mm	8.2mm	9.2mm	10.2mm	12.2mm	26.0mm
70°	3.6mm	4.8mm	6.0mm	7.1mm	8.3mm	9.5mm	10.7mm	11.9mm	14.3mm	30.0mm
80°	4.1mm	5.4mm	6.8mm	8.2mm	9.5mm	10.9mm	12.2mm	13.6mm	16.3mm	34.0mm
90°	4.6mm	6.1mm	7.7mm	9.2mm	10.7mm	12.2mm	13.8mm	15.3mm	18.4mm	38.0mm
100°	5.1mm	6.8mm	8.5mm	10.2mm	11.9mm	13.6mm	15.3mm	17.0mm	20.4mm	43.0mm
150°	7.65mm	10.2mm	12.75mm	15.3mm	17.85mm	20.4mm	22.95mm	25.5mm	30.6mm	63.75mm
200°	10.2mm	13.6mm	17.0mm	20.4mm	23.8mm	27.2mm	30.6mm	34.0mm	40.8mm	85.0mm