

STRUCTURE AND SUPPORTS



Glass plants are normally supported in a tubular structure formed of galvanised steel tubes or mild steel with epoxy coated or stainless steel 304 & 316. This type of structure is proved robust and flexible over many years.



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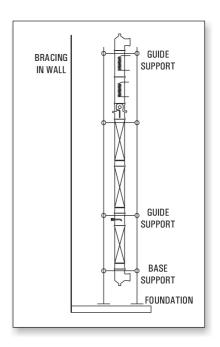
SUPPORT OF COLUMN

Glass plants and pipeline should be supported correctly. To prevent inducing undesirable stresses in the glass, support should be rigid. When supported, glass should be in compression.

Generally, glass plant and equipment are supported in a rectangular tubular structure. This structure is formed of galvenised mild steel tubing with the cast iron fittings which are described in this catalogue. This type of structure provides enough flexibility for future modifications and is strong enough to support a glass unit.

Following rules should be followed while supporting a glass unit in a tubular structure.

- 1. The structure must be rigid. To give lateral support it must be braced back to the nearest wall or any rigid feature.
- 2. All glass columns are build up from a fixed point on which whole weight of the column should be taken.
- 3. With change in temperature, glass column and tubular structure expands at different rate. Therefore glass unit must be free for vertical movement above the fixed point. Hence, above the fixed point, guides supports should be used to give lateral support.



STRUCTURE TUBES, GALVANISED

For forming the structure, "B" class galvanised tubes, Mild Steel with Epoxy Coated, Stainless Steel 304 & 316 are used in size of 1/2", 1", 1.1/4", 1.1/2" and 2". Cut tubes are available in required length to forma standard size structure. Cut tubes are provided with rubber plug at both the ends.

Tube size

NB	NB	External
Inches	mm	Diameter
1/2"	15	19.5
1"	25	32.5
1.1/4"	30	41.5
1.1/2"	40	48.3
2"	50	60.3

Available cut lengths

Structure	NB (mm)				
Dimension	15*	25*	30*	40*	50*

For Vertical installation

2500	-	2500	-	-	-
3000	-	3000	3000	-	-
3500	-	3500	3500	-	-
4000	-	-	4000	-	-
6000	_	6000	6000	6000	6000

For Frames

400	-	365	355	345	335
500	-	465	455	445	435
600	-	565	555	545	535
800	-	765	755	745	735
1000	-	965	955	945	935
1200	-	1165	1155	1145	1135
1500	-	1465	1455	1445	1435

For Support

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400	450	450	450	
500	550	550	550	
600	650	650	650	
800	850	850	850	
1000	1050	1050	1050	
1200	1250	1250	1250	

