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**Example A: 1" to 1" square tube “T”**

**Finish #1** - No evidence of a welded joint.

**Finish #2** - Completely sanded joint, some undercutting and pinholes OK.

**Finish #3** - Partially dressed weld with spatter removed.

**Finish #4** - Good quality, uniform undressed weld with minimal spatter.

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Example B: ½" square to ½" x 1" bar “T”

Finish #1 - No evidence of a welded joint.

Finish #2 - Completely sanded joint, some undercutting and pinholes OK.

Finish #3 - Partially dressed weld with spatter removed.

Finish #4 - Good quality, uniform undressed weld with minimal spatter.

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Example C: 1½" to 1½" pipe “T”

Finish #1 - No evidence of a welded joint.

Finish #2 - Completely sanded joint, some undercutting and pinholes OK.

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Finish #4 - Good quality, uniform undressed weld with minimal spatter.

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Example D: 1½" to 1½" pipe “T” raked

Finish #1 - No evidence of a welded joint.

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