Brazing a spray bar assembly used for powder coating

Objective  Brazing two joints on a steel tube assembly used for powder coating

Material  Steel tube .9874” (25.079mm), 8.74” (222mm) long, steel block 1.9” (48.2mm) diameter, 2.75” (69.8mm) wide, 4.25” (108mm) tall with a .9876 (25.085mm) diameter hole for the steel tube to slide through

Temperature  1400 ºF (760 ºC)

Frequency  79 kHz

Equipment  •  Ambrell 15 kW induction heating system, equipped with a remote workhead containing four 1.0 μF capacitors for a total of 1.0 μF
  •  An induction heating coil designed and developed specifically for this application.

Process  A six turn split helical coil is used to braze the tube to the block. The tube is slide through the hole in the block and positioned. Black flux is applied to the joint and a braze preform is placed at the joint location. The assembly is placed in the coil and power is applied for 90 seconds to braze the joint. The assembly is rotated and process repeated to complete the second braze.

Narrative  •  Customer is currently outsourcing this application. By bringing in-house they will save on inventory build up, transportation cost, time to customer and money. Customer found Ameritherm on the web and liked the idea that Ameritherm’s application lab can prove our capability before purchasing.

Results/Benefits  Induction heating provides:
  •  Precise, controllable heat
  •  Non-contact, energy efficient heat without flame
  •  Produces neat and clean joints
  •  Even distribution of heating
Assembly in coil brazing joint

Completed assembly with both joints brazed