

# American Petroleum Institute

The American Petroleum Institute (API®) represents the breadth of the oil and natural gas industry.

The oil and natural gas industry provides the fuel for life, warming homes, powering businesses and giving the world the mobility to enjoy its great lands. As the primary trade association of the oil and natural gas industry, API represents more than 400 members and 1,700 equipment manufacturers all over the world, involved in all aspects of the oil and natural gas industry. API draws on the experience and expertise of its members and staff to support a strong and viable oil and natural gas industry worldwide. Through its standards development activity, API unifies the industry's voices. Professionals from the end-user commu-

nity, the manufacturing community and other segments of the industry volunteer their time and expertise to develop standards for use in the world's most hostile working environments.

API offers product certification, management certification and individual certifications. This full spectrum coverage ensures a comprehensive approach at all levels and for all entrants in the industry. One such program, the API Monogram® Program, requires manufacturers to meet API Spec Q1®, a quality standard that exceeds the requirements of ISO 9001:2000, and at least one of the program's 70 product specifications. Proven through a stringent on-site audit, manufacturers confirm that they have the technical capability to produce products worthy of carrying the API Monogram. This guarantee is what the industry wants. API Monogram licensed manufacturers that meet the stringent quality and product standards are given the right to mark their products with the API logo.

At present, the API Monogram Program licenses 352 pipeline valve manufacturers (gate, globe, check and ball) in 37 countries. API Spec 6D is the API's fastest growing certification, proving its value to those that purchase the valves. 87 of

these companies are based in Europe, with 53 in North America and 137 in the Asia Pacific / SE Asia.

Due to great demand, API is proud to support an API Monogram Program license for API Standard 600 Valves – Bolted Bonnet Gate Valves. These valves are used every day, all over the world. Now, purchasers can choose between those that claim compliance to the API standard and those that have proven compliance by API.

"For years, API's Monogram Program has served the upstream oil and natural gas industry as a valuable supplier and product quality assurance program. And now with the expansion of the program into the downstream standards area, we look forward to providing the same important quality assurance benefits to the refinery and aviation segments," says John Modine, Director of API's Certification Programs. "The API Monogram Program is both flexible enough to meet the industry's varying upstream and downstream sectors' needs and sector-specific enough to provide industry-focused value." Each API Monogram Licensee must provide a quality manual that passes muster, a manual that describes its quality management system and how it intends to meet every API quality requirement and every API Spec 6D or Standard 600 requirement. The manufacturer must then submit to a rigorous audit whereby it proves it has the technical competency to produce the valves. Only those that can do so receive the right to claim the API's endorsement. API believes that those manufacturers that have proven capability should receive recognition. So, on behalf of its certified manufacturers, API provides the names of the manufacturers by listing each in The API Composite List, a publication that is distributed to over 10,000 purchasers, manufacturers and other interested parties annually. Each manufacturer is also listed on our web site, facilitating communication between manufacturers and potential purchasers. All contact information, including tele-



phone, fax, e-mail and web site data is included.

It is API's charge to work steadfastly on behalf of our membership and the industry at large, to qualify only those that produce compliant, high quality products. There are many types of certification programs available to our industry. Many of these certifications are new, and perhaps untested. The API Monogram Program has been providing this service since 1924, an unequalled record of success and longevity. The next time you review a manufacturer's brochure, look to see if they claim to meet API Spec 6D and/or API Standard 600. Then ask yourself, are they boasting, or have they actually taken the next step and independently proven they meet the API specifications? If they have, they are licensed in the API Monogram Program. API is also proud to offer manufacturers ISO 9001:2000 Registration, ISO 14001 Registration, API Spec Q1 Registration and ISO TS 29001 Registration (the new ISO oil and gas sector-specific quality management standard). API offers combined certifications for its Monogram Program and quality registration programs, requiring only a single annual audit to review compliance.

To find out more about these programs and receive a free cost quotation, please contact us at 281-582-3698 or visit our website at [www.api.org/quality](http://www.api.org/quality). We will help you get the job done right.

