Recommended Practice on Thread Compounds for Casing, Tubing, Line Pipe, and Drill Stem Elements

ANSI/API RECOMMENDED PRACTICE 5A3
THIRD EDITION, NOVEMBER 2009

ERRATA, APRIL 2011

REAFFIRMED, JANUARY 2021

ISO 13678:2010 (Identical), Petroleum and natural gas industries—Evaluation and testing of thread compounds for use with casing, tubing, line pipe, and drill stem elements

American Petroleum Institute

currently in preview, click buy full versi

Special Notes

API publications necessarily address problems of a general nature. With respect to particular circumstances, local, state, and federal laws and regulations should be reviewed.

Neither API nor any of API's employees, subcontractors, consultants, committees, or other assignees make any warranty or representation, either express or implied, with respect to the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of the information contained herein, or assume any liability or responsibility for any use, or the results of such use, of any information or process disclosed in this publication. Neither API nor any of API's employees, subcontractors, consultants, or other assignees represent that use of this publication would not infringe upon privately owned rights.

Classified areas may vary depending on the location, conditions, equipment, and substances involved involved in any given situation. Users of this Recommended Practice (RP) should consult with the appropriate authorities having jurisdiction.

Users of this RP should not rely exclusively on the information contained in this document. Sound business, scientific, engineering, and safety judgement should be used in employing the information contained herein.

API is not undertaking to meet the duties of employers, manufacturers, or suppliers to warn and properly train and equip their employees, and others exposed, concerning health and safety risks and precautions, nor undertaking their obligations to comply with authorities having jurisdiction.

Information concerning safety and health risks and proper precautions with respect to particular materials and conditions should be obtained from the employer, the manufacturer or supplier of that material, or the material safety data sheet.

API publications may be used by anyone desiring to do so. Every effort has been made by the Institute to assure the accuracy and reliability of the data contained in them; however, the Institute makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee in connection with this publication and hereby expressly disclaims any liability or responsibility for loss or damage resulting from its use or for the violation of any authorities having jurisdiction with which this publication may conflict.

API publications are published to facilitate the broad availability of proven, sound engineering and operating practices. These publications are not intended to obviate the need for applying sound engineering judgment regarding when and where these publications should be utilized. The formulation and publication of API publications is not intended in any way to inhibit anyone from using any other practices.

Any manufacturer marking equipment or materials in conformance with the marking requirements of an API standard is solely responsible for complying with all the applicable requirements of that standard. API does not represent, warrant, or guarantee that such products do in fact conform to the applicable API standard.

All rights reserved. No part of this work may be reproduced, translated, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without prior written permission from the publisher. Contact the Publisher, API Publishing Services, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20001.

Copyright © 2009 American Petroleum Institute

Currently in preview, click buy full versi

API Foreword

Nothing contained in any API publication is to be construed as granting any right, by implication or otherwise, for the manufacture, sale, or use of any method, apparatus, or product covered by letters patent. Neither should anything contained in the publication be construed as insuring anyone against liability for infringement of letters patent.

Shall: As used in a standard, “shall” denotes a minimum requirement in order to conform to the specification.

Should: As used in a standard, “should” denotes a recommendation or that which is advised but not required in order to confrom to the specification.

This document was produced under API standardization procedures that ensure appropriate notification and participation in the developmental process and is designated as an API standard. Questions concerning the interpretation of the content of this publication or comments and questions concerning the procedures under which this publication was developed should be directed in writing to the Director of Standards, American Petroleum Institute, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20001. Requests for permission to reproduce or translate all or any part of the material published herein should also be addressed to the director.

Generally, API standards are reviewed and revised, reaffirmed, or withdrawn at least every five years. A one-time extension of up to two years may be added to this review cycle. Status of the publication can be ascertained from the API Standards Department, telephone (202) 682-8000. A catalog of API publications and materials is published annually by API, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 1100 Washington, DC 20001.

Suggested revisions are invited and should be submitted to the Standards Department, API, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20001, standards@api.org.

currently in preview, click buy full versi

Contents

Page

currently in preview, click buy full versi

Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

ISO 13678 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 67, *Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*, Subcommittee SC 5, *Casing, tubing and drill pipe*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13678:2000), which has been technically revised.

It is the intent of ISO/TC 67 that the first and second editions of ISO 13678 both be applicable, at the option of the purchaser, for a period of six months from the first day of the calendar quarter immediately following the date of publication of this second edition, after which period the first edition will no longer be applicable.

currently in preview, click buy full versi

Introduction

This International Standard is based on API RP 5A3 [6], second edition, July 2003, with errata and inclusion of all clauses of API RP 7A1[1] [9], first edition, November 1992, incorporated into Annex I.

This International Standard specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the manufacture, testing and selection of thread compounds for use on casing, tubing, line pipe and drill stem elements based on the current industry consensus of good engineering practice.

It is intended that the words casing and tubing apply to the service application, rather than to the diameter of the pipe.

The performance requirements of thread compounds for use with casing, tubing, line pipe, premium connections and rotary shouldered connections include:

— consistent frictional properties that allow both proper and uniform connection engagement;

— adequate lubrication properties to resist galling or damage of connection contact surfaces during make-up and breakout;

— adequate sealing properties for thread-type seal connections and/or not inhibiting the sealing properties of non-thread sealing connections (e.g. metal-to-metal seals, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) seals, etc.) depending upon service requirements;

— physical and chemical stability both in service and in expected compound storage conditions;

— properties that allow effective application to the connection contact surfaces in expected service conditions and environment.

In addition, compounds for rotary shouldered connections provide:

— lubrication of the connection members during make-up to achieve the proper axial bearing stress;

— an effective seal between connection shoulders to prevent wash-out by drilling fluids;

— more uniform distribution of circumferential bearing stress if shoulders are not parallel;

— resistance to additional make-up down hole.

When evaluating the suitability of a thread compound, the user can define the service conditions and then consider field trials and field service experience in addition to laboratory test results. Appropriate supplementary tests can be utilized for specific applications which are not evaluated by the tests herein. The user and manufacturer are encouraged to discuss service applications and limitations of the compound being considered.

Representatives of users and/or other third party personnel are encouraged to monitor tests wherever possible. Interpolation and extrapolation of test results to other products, even of similar chemical composition, are not recommended.

Testing in compliance with this International Standard does not in and of itself ensure adequate thread compound/connection system performance in field service. The user has the responsibility of evaluating the results obtained from the recommended procedures and test protocols and determining whether the thread compound/connection system in question meets the anticipated requirements of that particular field service application.

---

1) Obsolete. Incorporated into this International Standard.

currently in preview, click buy full versi

Petroleum and natural gas industries — Evaluation and testing of thread compounds for use with casing, tubing, line pipe and drill stem elements

1 Scope

This International Standard provides requirements, recommendations and methods for the testing of thread compounds intended for use on threaded casing, tubing, and line pipe connections; and for thread compounds intended for use on rotary shouldered connections. The tests outlined are used to evaluate the critical performance properties and physical and chemical characteristics of thread compounds under laboratory conditions.

These test methods are primarily intended for thread compounds formulated with a lubricating base grease and are not applicable to some materials used for lubricating and/or sealing thread connections. It is recognized that many areas can have environmental requirements for products of this type. This International Standard does not include requirements for environmental compliance. It is the responsibility of the end user to investigate these requirements and to select, use and dispose of the thread compounds and related waste materials accordingly.

2 Conformance

2.1 Dual citing of normative references

In the interests of world-wide application of this International Standard, Technical Committee ISO/TC 67 has decided, after detailed technical analysis, that certain of the normative documents listed in Clause 3 and prepared by ISO/TC 67 or another ISO Technical Committee are interchangeable in the context of the relevant requirement with the relevant document prepared by the American Petroleum Institute (API), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). These latter documents are cited in the running text following the ISO reference and preceded by “or”, for example “ISO XXXX or API YYY”. Application of an alternative normative document cited in this manner will lead to technical results different from the use of the preceding ISO reference. However, both results are acceptable and these documents are thus considered interchangeable in practice.

2.2 Units of measurement

In this International Standard, data are expressed in both the International System (SI) of units and the United States Customary (USC) system of units. For a specific order item, it is intended that only one system of units be used, without combining data expressed in the other system.

Products manufactured to specifications expressed in either of these unit systems shall be considered equivalent and totally interchangeable. Consequently, compliance with the requirements of this International Standard as expressed in one system provides compliance with requirements expressed in the other system.

For data expressed in the SI system, a comma is used as the decimal separator and a space as the thousands separator. For data expressed in the USC system, a dot (on the line) is used as the decimal separator and a space as the thousands separator. In the text, data in SI units are followed by data in USC units in parentheses.

currently in preview, click buy full versi