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Introduction

Changes from the 24th to the 25th Edition

This specification is the result of updating the requirements from API Specification 6D, 24th Edition, including Addendum 1 and Addendum 2. The revision of API 6D, 25th Edition, was developed based on input from the API 6D Task Group technical experts globally. The technical revisions have been made to accommodate the needs of industry and address many interpretations to move this specification to a higher level of service to the petroleum and natural gas industry. Highlights of some of the significant changes between the 24th edition and 25th edition include:

— changing the title of the specification;

— reorganizing the specification requirements in an order more aligned with the manufacturing process;

— the addition of axial valves to the types of valves covered by this specification;

— the removal of Class 400 as a standard pressure class;

— requiring conformance to API 6DX for valves supplied with actuators;

— identifying allowable adjustments for subsize impact specimens;

— identifying minimum heat treatment requirements;

— identifying minimum bolting requirements;

— revising marking requirements;

— providing updated design validation guidance;

— addition of requirements for repair and remanufacture of valves from API 6DR in new Annex A;

— collecting all purchaser-specified requirements into annexes (Annex K and Annex L);

— combining QSL requirements from the 24th edition (Annexes I, J, and H into one annex [Annex I]);

— adding guidance through-out the document reference to API 20 series specifications and standards.

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1 Scope

This specification defines the requirements for the design, manufacturing, materials, welding, quality control, assembly, testing, marking, documentation, and process controls of axial, ball, check, gate, and plug valves for application in the petroleum and natural gas industries.

This specification applies to ASME Class 150, 300, 600, 900, 1500, and 2500.

NOTE ASME Class 400 has been removed from this specification.

API 6DR for repair and remanufacture of valves has been withdrawn and has been replaced by Annex A.

Annexes A, B, D, E, F, J, and L are informative and contain optional requirements used in this specification.

Annexes C, G, H, I, and K are normative and are mandatory in the use of this specification.

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API Specification 6FA, *Specification for Fire Test for Valves*

API Specification 20A, *Carbon Steel, Alloy Steel, Stainless Steel, and Nickel Base Alloy Castings for Use in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*, 2nd Edition

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