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In this International Standard, United States customary units are included in parentheses for information.

Annex A.1 contains a site and utility data sheet.

Annex A.2 contains oil system data sheets.

Annex B contains symbols used in piping and instrument diagrams and figures.

Annex C contains piping and instrument diagrams.

Annex D contains contract documents and engineering design data.

Annex E provides guidance on oil filter performance and oil-system cleanliness testing.

Annex F contains international materials specifications.

Annex G provides an explanation of reservoir levels.

Annex H contains diagrams of typical lubrication, oil-type shaft-sealing, and oil-control systems.

Annex I provides guidance on oil drain line sizing.

Annex J contains an inspector's checklist.

Annex K contains a guide to system reliability.

Annex L provides guidance on varnish and electrostatic discharge.

# Lubrication, Shaft-sealing, and Oil-control Systems and Auxiliaries

## 1 Scope

API 614 covers the minimum requirements for lubrication systems, oil-type shaft-sealing systems, oil-control systems, and auxiliaries, excluding dry gas seal systems and fuel systems. These systems can serve individual equipment such as compressors, gears, pumps, and drivers or complete trains. API 614 does not apply to dry gas seal systems. For dry gas seal systems, refer to API 692.

NOTE For high-pressure oil systems and fuel systems used on gas turbines, refer to API 616.

## 2 Normative References

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API Recommended Practice 551, *Process Measurement*

API Recommended Practice 578, *Guidelines for a Material Verification Program (MVP) for New and Existing Assets*

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API Standard 600, *Steel Gate Valves—Flanged and Butt-welding Ends, Bolted Bonnets*

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API Standard 610, *Centrifugal Pumps for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industries*

API Standard 611, *General Purpose Steam Turbines for Petroleum, Chemical, and Gas Industry Services*

API Standard 660, *Shell-and-Tube Heat Exchangers*

API Standard 661, *Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industries—Air-cooled Heat Exchangers*

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API Standard 692, *Dry Gas Sealing Systems for Axial, Centrifugal, and Rotary Screw Compressors and Expanders*