

Purchasing Guidelines

Handbook

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Equipment



Practical

Guidelines

for Making
Practical Choices

Dear Colleagues,

I am proud to introduce the API Purchasing Guidelines Handbook, the first inclusive publication that contains purchasing guidelines from each applicable API Specification in the API Monogram Program. The API Monogram Program is based on 70 API equipment and service specifications, covering oilfield equipment, refinery equipment, aviation fuel handling and well perforator standards. Currently over 1,675 companies in 67 countries are licensed to use the API Monogram on their products, and over 2,300 licenses have been issued. Seventy percent of API Monogram Program licensees are based outside of the United States and range from small, entrepreneurial firms to large, multinational corporations. They are involved in making a variety of equipment, ranging from valves, casing and tubing, line pipe, drilling equipment, pumps, drilling fluids, and well cement, to blowout preventors, cranes and electric motors.

The API Purchasing Guidelines Handbook contains the purchasing suggestions and data sheets for the API product and service standards covered by the API Monogram Program. Moreover, they have been reformatted to look consistent and to ask that all-important question, **“Does it have an API Monogram?”** The API Monogram is the Licensee’s warranty to API and the buyer that the product meets the API product standard in every detail. What better way to ensure that your purchasing requirements meet the minimum requirements recommended by the API subcommittees that control the product specifications, than to follow the purchasing guidelines they have agreed to include in the standard?

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With best regards,



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