



API 653 Exam Administration -- Publications Effectivity Sheet

FOR: **March 2026, July 2026, and November 2026**

Listed below are the effective editions of the publications required for this exam for the date(s) shown above.

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- **API Recommended Practice 571, *Damage Mechanisms Affecting Fixed Equipment in the Refining Industry*, 3rd Edition, March 2020**
 - ATTENTION:** Only the following sections / mechanisms from RP 571 are included on the exam:

Section 2	Terms and Definitions
Par. 3.8	Atmospheric Corrosion
3.11	Brittle Fracture
3.14	Caustic Corrosion
3.15	Caustic Stress Corrosion Cracking (Caustic Embrittlement)
3.19	Concentration Cell Corrosion
3.22	Corrosion Under insulation (CUI)
3.28	Ethanol Stress Corrosion Cracking
3.45	Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC)
3.57	Soil Corrosion
3.62	Sulfuric Acid Corrosion
- **API Recommended Practice 575, *Inspection Practices for Atmospheric and Low-Pressure Storage Tanks*, 5th Edition, September 2024**
- **API Recommended Practice 576, *Inspection of Pressure-relieving Devices*, 5th Edition, September 2024. (Sections 4.3.2 and 6.7 only)**
- **API Recommended Practice 577 – *Welding Processes, Inspection, and Metallurgy*, 3rd Edition, October 2020**
- **API Standard 650, *Welded Tanks for Oil Storage*, 13th Edition, March 2020 with Errata 1 (January 2021)**
- **API Recommended Practice 651, *Cathodic Protection of Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks*, 5th Edition, August 2024.**
- **API Recommended Practice 652, *Lining of Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Bottoms*, 5th Edition, May 2020**
- **API Standard 653, *Tank Inspection, Repair, Alteration, and Reconstruction*, 5th Edition, November 2014, Addendum 1 (April 2018), Addendum 2 (May 2020), Addendum 3 (November 2023), Errata 1 (March 2020), and Errata 2 (February 2025)**
- **American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code*, 2023 Edition**
 - i. ASME Section V, *Nondestructive Examination, Articles 1, 2, 6, 7 and 23 (section SE-797 only)*
 - ii. Section IX, *Qualification Standard for Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Procedures; Welders; Brazers; and Welding, Brazing, and Fusing Operators, (Welding Only)*

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