



Advisory 14

Monogram Program License-Specific Requirements

This Advisory provides requirements and clarifications related to specific Monogram Licenses. The requirements in this advisory are compulsory and are in addition to all Program requirements.

For API Spec 6A, the requirements of this advisory are effective on December 2, 2024. For all other specifications, the requirements are effective upon publication.

API Spec 5CRA

When the API Monogram Mark is used, the mark and license number shall be applied in the marking sequence at the location identified for “industry mark”.

API Spec 5CT

Marking:

When the API Monogram Mark is used, the mark and license number shall be applied in the marking sequence at the location identified in tables C.43/E.43 for “licensed/registered industry mark”.

Minimum manufacturing requirements:

***Pipe Mill:**

A pipe mill shall operate, at the site-specific licensed facility, one or more pipe-making facilities capable of transforming billets, bars, hollow shells or coils into casing and tubing plain end, coupling stock, coupling material or accessory material. The API Monogram Mark shall only be applied to products if the transformation of the starting material into casing and tubing, coupling stock, coupling material or accessory material was done at the site-specific licensed facility.

Except for the transformation of starting material, at the option of the pipe mill, some subsequent activities, tests or inspections may be outsourced.

A pipe mill shall have equipment and be responsible for weighing and marking products.

***Processor:**

A processor shall operate, at the site-specific licensed facility, facilities capable of (1) heat treating pipe, coupling stock, coupling material or accessory material in full lengths or blanks, as applicable; (2) weighing product; and (3) marking product.

The API Monogram Mark shall only be applied to products that have been heat treated at the site-specific licensed facility.

Except for heat-treating activities, at the option of the processor, some subsequent activities, tests or inspections may be outsourced.

***Coupling or Pup-joint manufacturer**

A coupling or pup-joint manufacturer shall operate, at the site-specific licensed facility, facilities capable of producing (i.e. machining and threading) and marking coupling from pipe, coupling stock, or coupling material or pup-joints from pipe, or both. Coupling producers shall be capable of inspecting couplings by the magnetic particle inspection or other adequate non-destructive testing method.

The API Monogram Mark shall only be applied to products that have been machined or threaded at the site-specific licensed facility and where the magnetic particle inspection or non-destructive testing has been performed at the site-specific licensed facility.

Except for machining or threading of couplings or pup joints, at the option of the producer, some activities, tests or inspections may be outsourced.

API Spec 5DP

When the API Monogram Mark is used, the mark and license number shall be applied in the marking sequence at the location identified for “licensed/registered industry mark”.

API Spec 5L

When the API Monogram Mark is used, the mark and license number shall be applied in the marking sequence at the location identified for “licensed/registered industry mark”.

API Spec 6A

In the licenses and Licensing Information Form (LIF) for API Spec 6A, the product category for monogramable valves listed as “Gate, Ball, Plug Valves” includes all forms of actuated valves and valves prepared for actuator described under API Specification 6A 21st ed. subclause 14.11.1:

- 14.11.1.1 Single Valves
- 14.11.1.2 Multiple Valves*
- 14.11.1.3 Actuated Valves**
- 14.11.1.4 Valves Prepared for Actuators***

The following shall apply to valves and valves with actuators readied for release from the manufacturer to the customer.

For Single Valves:

The API Monogram Mark shall be applied as specified by the monogram program requirements; no additional or deviations from those marking requirements are permitted.

*For Multiple Valves:

The API Monogram Mark shall be applied in accordance with one of the following:

- 1) Each valve shall be monogrammed and individually serialized (serialization does not apply to PSL 1 valves), in a location adjacent to its respective valve bonnet, or

- 2) A single monogram and serial number shall be applied to a Multiple Valve, unless specified otherwise in this specification (e.g., for safety valves).

Option (1) and option (2) are subject to the following limitations and conditions:

- All API Spec 6A valves in the Multiple Valve must be made by the same licensee at its licensed facility.
- Either monogramming option (1) or (2) is permitted, but not both.
- For a Multiple Valve where one or more valves is a safety valve, option (2) is not permitted. In accordance with API 6A, Table 63, safety valves must be individually marked and serialized.
- For a Multiple Valve that contains one or more valves prepared for actuator, option (2) is not permitted. Each valve shall be individually marked and monogrammed (see below)

**** For Actuated Valves:**

A Licensee may Monogram the actuated valve assembly **ONLY** if:

- (1) the Licensee manufactured the valve (independent of the actuator),
- (2) the valve is not monogrammed as prepared for actuator or otherwise marked as a finished valve, and
- (3) the Licensee performed the assembly of the valve and actuator.

The API Monogram Mark shall be applied in conjunction with the marking requirements for the actuated valve. The valve shall be marked "API 6A" or "6A" in accordance with API 6A, Table 48. Additional marks for the assembly shall be provided as specified in API 6A, Table 49. A valve prepared for actuator, that has already been monogrammed by the Licensee, must have the monogram removed in accordance with API Q1, Annex A if provided as a Monogrammed actuated valve. The Licensee may not separately Monogram the valve prepared for actuators when released to the customer as an actuated valve.

NOTE 1: The date of manufacture of the valve (Table 48) and the date of final acceptance (Table 49) may be different.

NOTE 2: The actuator may be manufactured by the valve manufacturer or may be obtained externally.

NOTE 3: The actuator may be monogrammed separately. The actuated valve assembly may be Monogrammed even if the actuator is not monogrammed separately.

*****For Valves Prepared for Actuators:**

- 1) A Licensee may Monogram the valve prepared for actuators. The valve prepared for actuators must be marked "API 6AV" or "6AV" in accordance with API 6A, Table 48. If an actuator is subsequently attached to the valve once it is already marked with a date of manufacture as prepared for actuators, the Licensee may not Monogram the resulting actuated valve assembly (unless the API Monogram Mark applied to the valve prepared for actuator is removed in accordance with API Q1, Annex A, as described above).

API Spec 7-1

When the API Monogram Mark is used, the mark and license number shall be applied where specified for "industry mark".

API Spec 9A

When the API Monogram Mark is used, the mark, license number and date of manufacture shall be applied only on the tag attached to each coil or reel of wire rope. The API Monogram Mark shall not be applied directly on the spool, on a nameplate attached to the spool or on any other purchaser-specified packaging requirements.

API Spec 10A

Marking Requirements:

For sacked cement, the API Monogram Mark (when applied) shall be applied on each sack.

For bulk cement including flexible bulk cement containers, the API Monogram Mark (when applied) shall be applied in one or more of the following ways:

- printed on each flexible bulk cement container
- on the bill of lading
- attached to the bill of lading, provided that traceability to the specific batch is included on the same document
- in a sleeve attached to each flexible bulk cement container, provided that traceability to the specific batch is included on the same document

Manufacturing Capability: Organizations applying for a new API Monogram License, under specification 10A, or applying to add a product to their existing API Monogram License shall have manufactured at least one sample production run of the product, for the specific class and grade in the application, prior to the API audit. Records shall be available for the production run and testing.

API Spec 13A

When the product is provided in Super Sacks or Bulk Bags (Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers), the API Monogram Mark (when applied) shall be applied directly on the Super Sack or Bulk Bag.

When the product is provided as a Bulk Product, the API Monogram Mark (when applied) shall be applied on the bill of lading or delivery ticket.

API Spec 20E

For containerized bolting less than 1in. nominal diameter, the API Monogram Mark (including license number, and date of manufacture) may be applied on the product packaging meeting the requirements of clause 8.2. If any of the products within the packaging are subsequently found to be out of conformance, the API Monogram Mark shall be removed.

API Spec 20F

For containerized bolting less than 1in. nominal diameter, the API Monogram Mark (including license number, and date of manufacture) may be applied on the product packaging meeting the requirements of clause 8.1.1. If any of the products within the packaging are subsequently found to be out of conformance, the API Monogram Mark shall be removed.