



For Immediate Release

API RP 1637 (Using the API Color-Symbol System to Mark Equipment and Vehicles for Product Identification), 3rd Ed. will be Revised. Interested Parties Invited to Participate.

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The American Petroleum Institute (API) will soon revise API Recommended Practice (RP) 1637, *Using the API Color-Symbol System to Mark Equipment and Vehicles for Product Identification at Gasoline Dispensing Facilities and Distribution Terminals*, 3rd Edition. Interested industry experts and users of this publication are needed to develop the revised content of this recommended practice.

Scope:

API RP 1637 describes a system for marking equipment used to store and handle bulk petroleum, alcohol blended petroleum, and biodiesel products. A uniform and easily understood identification system facilitates petroleum industry operations. Such a system helps to prevent mixing of multiple products, particularly gasoline with distillates, different grades of unleaded gasoline, gasoline containing alcohol or alcohol containing gasoline versus neat (undiluted) gasoline and distillates containing different sulfur contents.

The principal purpose of a marking system is to identify product transfer points for tank-truck loading and unloading at distribution terminals and retail outlets, and to prevent errors in product handling.

The equipment marking color-symbol system described in this recommended practice facilitates easy identification of products by means of colors, symbols, and alphanumeric designations.

The marking system described in this recommended practice does not cover aviation fuels.

Those who take an interest in, or are affected by, this publication are invited to join the new 1637 Document Group to determine this RP's content to be presented for ballot and subsequent publication as the 4th Edition of RP 1637. Most, if not all, work will be via phone and/or web conference. **If interested, and to be added to the RP 1637 Document Revision Group, by March 5, 2018, please return the following form to:**

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Additional Information:

Following establishment of the RP 1637 Document Group, the current (3rd Edition) of RP 1637 will be reviewed and revised by the new Task Group. Over the next several months a draft of the 4th Edition will be developed and then it will undergo a ballot and public comment for approval. Most, if not all, of the work will be done via phone and/or web conference. If interested, please return the contact/participation form on the previous page to, or contact Jeff Harmening at API, Harmeningj@api.org.

Background: API, an ANSI-accredited Standards Developer, develops a wide variety of publications, technical standards, and other documents to help improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of oil and natural gas industry operations, equipment and processes; increase safety; comply with legislative and regulatory requirements; safeguard health; and protect the environment. Much of the content of API publications is developed by committees and task forces comprised of industry experts. Draft publications are then approved via industry voting bodies using a consensus-based process to ensure technical accuracy and o.

API standards and recommended practices are reviewed and revised, reaffirmed, or withdrawn via industry committees with assistance from API staff, as needed. Revision involves a determination that the technical content of a document is in need of updating and work proceeds along those lines to provide the new language. Reaffirmation, on the other hand, is review of the document and reaching agreement that the document is still current from a technical standpoint. Revision or reaffirmation of an API publication must then be approved by successful ballot of the oversight group and concurrent public comment.