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## 1. Scope

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This Practice provides guidelines for the selection and specification of aboveground storage tanks.

This Practice describes guidelines for storage of liquid products in tanks at design pressures from atmospheric to 15 psig (103 kPa). This Practice provides guidance for avoiding recurring problems and outlines preferred practices where appropriate. Although this Practice is intended primarily for carbon steel tanks, most of the guidelines are applicable regardless of the material of construction.

*Comment:* Requirements for specifying and supplying API 650 tanks are defined in PIP VESTA002.

## 2. References

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Applicable parts of the following Practices, industry codes and standards, and references shall be considered an integral part of this Practice. The edition in effect on the date of contract award shall be used, except as otherwise noted. Short titles are used herein where appropriate.

### 2.1 Process Industry Practices (PIP)

- VESFG001 - *Fiberglass Tank and Vessel Selection, Design, and Fabrication Specification, ASME RTP-1 and Section X*
- VESLP001 - *Specification for Low-Pressure, Welded Shop-Fabricated Vessels*
- VESTA002 - *Atmospheric Storage Tank Specification (Supplement to API Standard 650)*

### 2.2 Industry Codes, Standards, Recommended Practices, and Bulletins

- American Petroleum Institute (API)
  - ANSI/API 12B - *Specification for Bolted Tanks for Storage of Production Liquids*
  - ANSI/API 12D - *Specification for Field Welded Tanks for Storage of Production Liquids*
  - ANSI/API 12F - *Specification for Shop Welded Tanks for Storage of Production Liquids*
  - ANSI/API 12P - *Specification for Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic Tanks*
  - ANSI/API 575 - *Inspection of Atmospheric and Low-Pressure Storage Tanks*
  - API 620 - *Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks*
  - API 650 - *Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage*
  - API 651 - *Cathodic Protection of Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks*
  - ANSI/API 652 - *Lining of Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Bottoms*
  - API 653 - *Tank Inspection, Repair, Alteration, and Reconstruction*
  - API 2000 - *Venting Atmospheric and Low-Pressure Storage Tanks Non-refrigerated and Refrigerated*
  - API 2003 - *Protection Against Ignitions Arising out of Static, Lightning, and Stray Currents*