There are currently 136 interpretations to 6A published, 107 are to 20th edition.

Interpretations are reviewed by the TG to determine if changes to 6A are needed to clarify requirements.

Three new interpretations were published between the previous report of January 24, 2018 and March 03, 2018.
Interpretation 6A-2017-13:

Original Answer:

• Q: Question: Is it permissible for hydrostatic body test pressure to be isolated by means of a suitable seal fixture to the entry bores or on the faces of the end and outlet connections??
  – A: No. The intent of the body test is to verify the structural integrity of the entire pressure-containing envelope to the extent that is practical. The use of bore seals avoids testing the end connectors.

A: No, in the case of entry bores that would isolate the end connectors from test pressure. The intent of the body test is to verify the structural integrity of the entire pressure-containing envelope to the extent that is practical. Yes, in the case of fixtures with seals on the faces of connector, if the test fixture configuration does not prevent testing of the pressure-containing envelope at the end or outlet connection.
Interpretation 6A-2017-21:

• **Q:** Referring to API 6A, paragraph 3.1.80 and paragraph F.1.6.3: can the definition of “pressure integrity” be applied also to the valve internal parts (i.e. seats and gates)?

• **A:** Yes.
Interpretation 6A-2017-22 (-1):

• **Q1:** With regard to Table 5, to manufacture a valve for 5000 psi RWP with flanged ends, by forging or casting integrally, do we have to use 60K for both body and bonnet?

• **A 1:** No. The requirements of API 6A, Table 5 for integral end connections apply regardless of the method of manufacture. The valve bonnet design is the manufacturer’s responsibility, and the material type and material properties are specified by the manufacturer based on design criteria.
Interpretation 6A-2017-22 (-2):

• Q2: (With regard to Table 5), Are integral flanges part of the body, meaning we can use 36K material for 2000 to 5000 psi rated working pressure?

• A2: No. 36K material does not meet the design criteria for API 6B or API 6BX flanges. API 6A Table 5 permits the use of lower strength material for the body than is required for the flanges, but this is to allow for welded body construction, where the flanges and body are not manufactured from the same piece of material.
6A Interpretations - *Where are they??*

- **Step 1:** Go to [www.api.org](http://www.api.org)
6A Interpretation access – *Step 2*

From [www.api.org](http://www.api.org):
6A Interpretations – Step 3
The American Petroleum Institute Guidelines For Requests For Interpretation

All requests for interpretation should:

- Identify a specific API Document (Specification, Standard, Recommended Practice, etc)
  (Note: API only provides interpretations on API normative requirements. API does not provide interpretations on informative language or on any requirements in a referenced document within the API document)
- Identify the Edition of the API Document
- Identify the Clause, Table, Figure or Annex that is the basis for the request for interpretation
- Be limited to a single subject or closely related subjects
- Be stated as briefly and precisely as possible (Note: background or justification may be provided)
6A Interpretations – *Step 5*

Request for Interpretations

- E&P Equipment & Operations
- Quality Management Systems
- Petroleum Measurement
- Petroleum Marketing & Distribution
- Refining Equipment
- Safety & Fire Protection
- Transportation Pipelines
If it is determined that the query is a valid request for an interpretation, you will be advised accordingly by email. In the event that the request does not meet the requisite criteria, you will be advised as well.

Due to the nature of interpretation requests and the time required for technical and legal review, API cannot guarantee a turnaround time for responding to these requests. Due to required committee review responses to requests for interpretation can take up to 12 months.

Please be sure to check the API website for completed interpretations.

In some cases, similar questions have been previously submitted and the responses may be useful. Please click here when you are ready to submit your Request for Interpretation.
6A Interpretations – Step 7

E&P Equipment & Operations

E&P Standards Interpretations

- RP 2A-WSD
- Spec 2C
- Spec 2H
- RP 2SK
- Spec 4F
- Spec 5CT
- Spec 5L
- Spec 6A
- Spec 6D
- Spec 7K
- Spec 8C
- Spec 9A
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- Spec 13C
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Any Questions?