

Title:	API 653 Introduction new verbiage		Agenda Item # 653-2086
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Purpose:	To clarify that a new tank can have additional work performed including welding, repairs, alterations, or modifications to the requirements stated in API 653, prior to being placed in service.		
Source:	API 653 5 th Edition Addendum 4 July 2025		
Revision:	0		
Impact:	Already being done in the industry. No other impact to note.		
Rationale:	Currently, no guidance exists for a new tank (API 650/620) when making a repair, alteration, or modification, prior to the new tank being placed in service. For example, removing a Shell section to gain access inside the tank after Hydrostatic testing, installing a patch plate on a new bottom, or installing a nozzle after hydrostatic testing, or at some point after construction but prior to being placed into service. Propose utilizing and following API 653 guidelines for a new tank, regarding any modifications or repairs including testing which may include Hydro-exemption and performing fitness-for-service.		
Current document:	API 653-----		
Proposed document:	Add into API 653-----		
API 653	API 653 1.1 Introduction 1.1.1 This standard covers steel storage tanks built to API 650 and its predecessor API 12C. It provides minimum requirements for maintaining the integrity of such tanks after they have been placed into service, or new tanks requiring repair methodologies. The standard addresses inspection, repair, alteration, relocation, and reconstruction.		