

# Quality Requirements for Subsea Fasteners (Corrosion-resistant Bolting)

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## Foreword

This specification was prepared under Joint Industry Programme 33 (JIP33) "Standardization of Equipment Specifications for Procurement" organized by the International Oil & Gas Producers Association (IOGP) with the support from the World Economic Forum (WEF). Companies from the IOGP membership participated in developing this specification to leverage and improve industry level standardization globally in the oil and gas sector. The work has developed a minimized set of supplementary requirements for procurement, with life cycle cost in mind, resulting in a common and jointly agreed specification, building on recognized industry and international standards.

Recent trends in oil and gas projects have demonstrated substantial budget and schedule overruns. The Oil and Gas Community within the World Economic Forum (WEF) has implemented a Capital Project Complexity (CPC) initiative which seeks to drive a structural reduction in upstream project costs with a focus on industry-wide, non-competitive collaboration and standardization. The CPC vision is to standardize specifications for global procurement for equipment and packages. JIP33 provides the oil and gas sector with the opportunity to move from internally to externally focused standardization initiatives and provide step change benefits in the sector's capital projects performance.

This specification has been developed in consultation with a broad user and supplier base to realize benefits from standardization and achieve significant project and schedule cost reductions.

The JIP33 work groups performed their activities in accordance with IOGP's Competition Law Guidelines (November 2020).

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## Introduction

The purpose of this quality requirements specification (QRS) is to define quality management requirements for the procurement of subsea fasteners (corrosion-resistant bolting) in accordance with IOGP S-725 for application requirements from the API Recommended Practice 17 series in the petroleum and natural gas industries.

The QRS includes definition of a conformity assessment system (CAS) which specifies standardized purchaser interventions against quality management activities at two different levels. The applicable CAS level is specified by the purchaser in the equipment datasheet or purchase order.

This QRS shall be used in conjunction with the supplementary requirements specification IOGP S-725, the information requirements specification IOGP S-725L which together comprise the full set of specification documents. The introduction section in the supplementary requirements specification provides further information on the purpose of each of these documents and the order of precedence for their use.



**JIP33 Specification for Procurement Documents  
Quality Requirements Specification**

## 1 Scope

To specify quality management requirements for the supply of subsea fasteners to IOGP S-725 Supplementary Specification to API Specification 20F Subsea Fasteners (Corrosion-resistant Bolting) including:

- a) manufacturer quality management system requirements;
- b) purchaser conformity assessment (surveillance and inspection) activities;
- c) traceability requirements;
- d) evidence of conformance;
- e) factory acceptance.

## 2 Normative references

For the purpose of this document, the documents referenced in IOGP S-725 and those listed below, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IOGP S-725, *Supplementary Specification to API Specification 20F Subsea Fasteners (Corrosion-resistant Bolting)*

ISO 9001, *Quality management systems — Requirements*

ISO 29001, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Sector-specific quality management systems — Requirements for product and service supply organizations*

API Specification Q1, *Specification for Quality Management System Requirements for Manufacturing Organizations for the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in IOGP S-725 and ISO 9000 (normative to ISO 9001) and the following shall apply.

### 3.1 Conformity assessment

Demonstration that requirements relating to a product, process, system, person or body are fulfilled.

NOTE 1 Conformity assessment (or assessment) includes but is not limited to review, inspection, verification and validation activities.

NOTE 2 Assessment activities may be undertaken at a manufacturer/sub-manufacturer's premises, virtually by video link, desktop sharing, etc. or by review of information formally submitted for acceptance or for information.

### 3.2 Conformity assessment system (CAS)

Systems providing different levels of assessment of the manufacturer's control activities by the purchaser (second party) or independent body (third party) based on evaluation of the manufacturer's capability to conform to the product or service specification, bolting specification level (BSL) and obligatory requirements.

NOTE CAS A reflects the highest risk and associated extent of verification. CAS D is the lowest.

### **3.3 Conformity assessment - Hold point (H)**

Point in the chain of activities beyond which an activity shall not proceed without the approval of the purchaser or purchaser's representative.

### **3.4 Conformity assessment - Witness point (W)**

Point in the chain of activities that the manufacturer shall notify the purchaser or purchaser's representative before proceeding. The operation or process may proceed without witness if the purchaser does not attend after the agreed notice period.

### **3.5 Conformity assessment - Surveillance (S)**

Observation, monitoring or review by the purchaser or purchaser's representative of an activity, operation, process, product or associated information.

### **3.6 Conformity assessment - Review (R)**

Review of the manufacturer's information to verify conformance to requirements.

NOTE Information review requirements are managed on a surveillance basis and as such do not impose schedule constraints, unless specified as hold points in Annex A or as conditions specified in the associated IRS.

### **3.7 Critical**

That deemed by the organization, product specification, or purchaser as mandatory, indispensable or essential, needed for a stated purpose or task, and requiring specific action.

### **3.8 Bolting specification level (BSL)**

Level defining the extent of control activities, typically including verification, inspection and testing to be undertaken by the manufacturer to demonstrate conformance with requirements.

## **4 Symbols and abbreviations**

For purposes of this document, the following symbols and abbreviations apply:

CAS	conformity assessment system
IRS	information requirements specification
QRS	quality requirements specification (this document)
BSL	bolting specification level

## **5 Quality requirements**

### **5.1 Quality management system**

The manufacturer shall demonstrate that the quality management arrangements established for the supply of products and services conform to ISO 9001, ISO 29001, API Specification Q1 or an equivalent quality management system standard.

## **5.2 Conformance assessment**

### **5.2.1**

Quality plans and inspection and test plans developed as outputs to operational planning and control shall define the specific controls to be implemented by the manufacturer to ensure conformance with the specified requirements.

### **5.2.2**

Controls shall address both internally and externally sourced processes products and services.

### **5.2.3**

Quality plans and inspection and test plans shall include provision for:

- a) The bolting specification level (BSL) in accordance with IOGP S-725.
- b) The purchaser conformity assessment system (CAS) as specified in the purchase order. See Annex A.

### **5.2.4**

Manufacturer's performance in meeting the requirements will be routinely assessed during execution of the scope and where appropriate, corrective action requested and conformity assessment activities increased or decreased consistent with criticality and risk.

NOTE 1 For industrial proven solutions CAS level D is specified unless risk assessment indicates that a more stringent CAS level is required.

NOTE 2 Irrespective of conformity assessment requirements defined by the purchaser, either, by reference to standard or specification requirements or in the scope, the manufacturer remains responsible for operational planning and control and demonstration of the conformity of products and services with the requirements. See ISO 9001, 8.1 and 8.2.

## **6 Certification and traceability**

Material certification and traceability shall be maintained in accordance with Annex B.

## **7 Control of nonconforming products and services**

Nonconformance with specified requirements identified by or to the manufacturer shall be corrected such that the specified requirements are satisfied or the purchaser's acceptance of the nonconformance agreed in accordance with purchase order conditions. See ISO 9001, 8.2.3, 8.2.4, 8.5.6 and 8.7.

## **8 Evidence (conformance records)**

Plans, procedures, methods and resultant records shall be provided in accordance with the associated IRS.

## Annex A (normative)

### Purchaser conformity assessment requirements

This annex defines four conformity assessment systems (CAS) or levels of purchaser assessment.

	PURCHASER ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES	CAS			
		A	B	C	D
<b>1</b>	<b>Operational planning and control activities</b>				
1.1	Quality planning (API Specification Q1, ISO 9001) (IOGP S-725, 4.2.4)	H	-	-	-
1.2	Pre-production meeting	W	-	-	-
<b>2</b>	<b>Design and development activities</b>				
2.1	Bolting qualification				
2.1.1	Bolt qualification (IOGP S-725, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5)	W	-	-	-
2.1.2	Verify MPS conforms with the limits of bolting qualification (IOGP S-725, 4.6)	W	-	-	-
2.2	Bolting process requalification				
2.2.1	Verify requalification in response to changes to essential variable (IOGP S-725, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5)	W	-	-	-
<b>3</b>	<b>Control of external supply</b>				
3.1	External supply risk assessment, qualification and controls (IOGP S-725, 5.2)	S	-	-	-
3.2	Changes to qualified suppliers BSL-2 and BSL-3 (IOGP S-725, 4.6)	W	-	-	-
<b>4</b>	<b>Production and service provision</b>				
4.1	Raw materials verification (surveillance against MPS)				
4.1.1	Incoming raw material inspection (IOGP S-725, 5.3)	S	-	-	-
4.2	Inspection and testing				
4.2.1	Mechanical testing (IOGP S-725, 5.7, 5.9)	W	-	-	-
4.2.2	Metallurgical testing (IOGP S-725, 5.8, 5.9)	W	-	-	-
4.2.3	NDE (IOGP S-725, 5.10)	W	-	-	-
4.2.4	Visual and dimensional inspection (IOGP S-725, 5.11)	W	-	-	-
4.2.5	Coating/plating inspection (IOGP S-725, 5.4)	W	-	-	-
4.2.6	Markings (IOGP S-725, 8.1, 8.2)	W	-	-	-

5	Release of product or service				
5.1	Final documentation review as per IOGP S-725L	W	-	-	-
5.2	Fastener test report (IOGP S-725, 7.1, 7.2)	W	-	-	R
5.3	Release product	W	-	-	-
<p>H is hold point, W is witness point, S is surveillance and R is review.                      NOTE Definitions for these terms are provided in Section 3.</p>					

## Annex B (normative)

### Certification traceability and requirements

Item		Certificate Type	Traceability level	Additional Requirements
Equipment Item	BSL-2 and BSL-3 level materials	3.1	Level I	
<p><b>Explanatory notes</b></p> <p>Inspection certificates shall be provided in accordance with ISO 10474 or EN 10204.</p> <p><b>Traceability</b></p> <p><b>A. Level I - Full Traceability</b> - Material is uniquely identified and its history tracked from manufacture through stockists (where applicable) to the manufacturer and to actual position on the equipment with specific location defined on a material placement record (the traceability to a specific location only applies to skids / packaged equipment, not to bulks).</p> <p><b>B. Level II - Type Traceability</b> - The manufacturer maintains a system to identify material throughout manufacture, with traceability to a material certificate.</p> <p><b>C. Level III - Compliance Traceability</b> - The manufacturer maintains a system of traceability that enables a declaration of compliance to be issued by the manufacturer.</p>				

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