

Table G-4—Requirements for API Service Category SN, API SN with “Resource Conserving”, and API SN with SN PLUS

	API SN	API SN	API SN with “Resource Conserving”
	SAE 0W-16, SAE 5W-16, SAE 0W-20, SAE 5W-20, SAE 0W-30, SAE 5W-30, SAE 10W-30	Other Viscosity Grades	All Viscosity Grades
Engine Test Requirements^a			
ASTM D7320 (Sequence IIIG)			
Kinematic viscosity increase @ 40°C, %	150 (max)	150 (max)	150 (max)
Average weighted piston deposits, merits	4.0 (min)	4.0 (min)	4.0 (min)
Hot stuck rings	None	None	None
Average cam plus lifter wear, µm	60 (max)	60 (max)	60 (max)
Or			
ASTM D8111 (Sequence IIH)			
Kinematic viscosity increase @ 40°C, %	150 (max)	150 (max)	150 (max)
Average weighted piston deposits, merits	3.7 (min)	3.7 (min)	3.7 (min)
Hot stuck rings	None	None	None
ASTM D6891 (Sequence IVA)			
Average cam wear (7 position avg), µm	90 (max)	90 (max)	90 (max)
ASTM D6593 (Sequence VG) ^b			
Average engine sludge, merits	8.0 (min)	8.0 (min)	8.0 (min)
Average rocker cover sludge, merits	8.3 (min)	8.3 (min)	8.3 (min)
Average engine varnish, merits	8.9 (min)	8.9 (min)	8.9 (min)
Average piston skirt varnish, merits	7.5 (min)	7.5 (min)	7.5 (min)
Oil screen sludge, % area	15 (max)	15 (max)	15 (max)
Oil screen debris, % area	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
Hot-stuck compression rings	None	None	None
Cold stuck rings	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
Oil ring clogging, % area	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & Report
Or			
ASTM D8256 (Sequence VH)			
Average engine sludge, merits	7.6 (min)	7.6 (min)	7.6 (min)
Average rocker cover sludge, merits	7.7 (min)	7.7 (min)	7.7 (min)
Average engine varnish, merits	8.6 (min)	8.6 (min)	8.6 (min)
Average piston skirt varnish, merits	7.6 (min)	7.6 (min)	7.6 (min)
Oil screen clogging, % area	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
Hot stuck compression rings	None	None	None
ASTM D7589 (Sequence VID) ^c			
SAE XW-16 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM	NR	NR	2.8% min
FEI 2			1.3% min after 100 hours aging
SAE XW-20 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM			2.6% min

FEI 2			1.2% min after 100 hours aging
SAE XW-30 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM			1.9% min
FEI 2			0.9% min after 100 hours aging
SAE 10W-30 and all other viscosity grades not listed above			
FEI SUM			1.5% min
FEI 2			0.6% min after 100 hours aging
Or			
ASTM D8114 (Sequence VIE) ^c			
SAE XW-20 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM			3.2% min
FEI 2			1.5% min after 125 hours aging
SAE XW-30 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM			2.5% min
FEI 2			1.2% min after 125 hours aging
SAE 10W-30 and all other viscosity grades not listed above			
FEI SUM			2.2% min
FEI 2			1.0% min after 125 hours aging
ASTM D8226 (Sequence VIF)			
SAE XW-16 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM			3.7% min
FEI 2			1.8% min after 100 hours aging
ASTM D6709 (Sequence VIII)			
Bearing weight loss, mg	26 (max)	26 (max)	26 (max)
ASTM D8291 (Sequence IX) ^d			
Average number of events	5 (max) ^d	5 (max) ^d	5 (max) ^d

Bench Test and Measured Parameter^a

Aged oil low-temperature viscosity

ASTM D7320, (Sequence IIIGA), aged oil low-temperature viscosity^e

a) If CCS viscosity measured is less than or equal to maximum CCS viscosity specified for original viscosity grade, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade.

b) If CCS viscosity measured is higher than maximum viscosity specified for original viscosity grade in J300, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at 5°C higher temperature (i.e., at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for next higher viscosity grade).

c) EOT IIIGA sample must show no yield stress in D4684 test and its D4684 viscosity must be below maximum specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade or next higher viscosity grade, depending on CCS viscosity grade, as outlined in a) or b) above.

Or

ASTM D7528, (ROBO Test), aged oil low-temperature viscosity^e

d) If CCS viscosity measured is less than or equal to maximum CCS viscosity specified for original viscosity grade, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at the MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade.

e) If CCS viscosity measured is higher than maximum viscosity specified for original viscosity grade in J300, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at 5°C higher temperature (i.e., at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for next higher viscosity grade).

f) EOT ROBO sample must show no yield stress in D4684 test and its D4684 viscosity must be below maximum specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade or next higher viscosity grade, depending on CCS viscosity grade, as outlined in a) or b) above.

ASTM D7320, (Sequence IIIGB) phosphorus retention, % min

NR

NR

79

Or

ASTM D8111, (Sequence IIIHB) phosphorus retention, % min

NR

NR

81

ASTM D4683, D4741, or D5481, High Temp./High Shear Viscosity @ 150°C, mPa·s, min

2.3

2.6

2.3

ASTM D6557 (Ball Rust Test), avg. gray value, min^b

100

100

100

ASTM D5800, evaporation loss, 1 hour at 250°C, % max^f

15

15

15

ASTM D6417, simulated distillation at 371°C, % max

10

10

10

ASTM D6795, EOFT, % flow reduction, max

50

50

50

ASTM D6794, EOWTT, % flow reduction, max

with 0.6% H₂O

50

50

50

with 1.0% H₂O

50

50

50

with 2.0% H₂O

50

50

50

with 3.0% H₂O

50

50

50

ASTM D4951 or D5185, phosphorus % mass, max^g

0.08^g

NR

0.08^h

ASTM D4951 or D5185, phosphorus % mass, min^g

0.06^h

0.06^h

0.06^h

ASTM D4951, D5185, or D2622, sulfur % mass, max^g

SAE 0W-16, 5W-16, 0W-20, 0W-30, 5W-20, and 5W-30

0.5^g

NR

0.5^g

SAE 10W-30

0.6^g

NR

0.6^g

All other viscosity grades

NR

NR

0.6^g

ASTM D892 (Option A), foaming tendency

Sequence I, mL, max, tendency/stability

10/0ⁱ

10/0ⁱ

10/0ⁱ

Sequence II, mL, max, tendency/stability

50/0ⁱ

50/0ⁱ

50/0ⁱ

Sequence III, mL, max, tendency/stability	10/0 ⁱ	10/0 ⁱ	10/0 ⁱ
ASTM D6082 (Option A), high-temperature foaming mL, max, tendency/stability ⁱ	100/0	100/0	100/0
ASTM D6922, homogeneity and miscibility	<i>k</i>	k	k
ASTM D6709, (Sequence VIII) shear stability	<i>l</i>	l	l
ASTM D7097, TEOST MHT, high-temperature deposits, deposit wt, mg, max ^g	35	45	35
ASTM D5133, gelation index, max ^b	12 ^m	NR	12 ^m
ASTM D6335, TEOST 33C, high-temperature deposits, total deposit weight, mg, max			
SAE XW-16	NR	NR	NR
SAE 0W-20	NR	NR	NR
All other viscosity grades	NR	NR	30
ASTM D7563, emulsion retention	NR	NR	No water separation
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^a Tests are per ASTM requirements.

^b If CI-4, CJ-4, CK-4 and/or FA-4 categories precede the "S" category and there is no API Certification Mark, the Sequence VG (ASTM D6593) or Sequence VH (ASTM D8256), Ball Rust (ASTM D6557), and Gelation Index (ASTM D5133) tests are not required.

^c Viscosity grades are limited to 0W, 5W and 10W multigrade oils.

^d Required only for oils claiming to meet API SN with SN PLUS or API SN with SN PLUS and "Resource Conserving".

^e Not required for monograde and 15W, 20W, and 25W multigrade oils.

^f Calculated conversions specified in ASTM D5800 are allowed.

^g For all viscosity grades: If CH-4, CI-4 and/or CJ-4 categories precede the "S" category and there is no API Certification Mark, the "S" category limits for phosphorus, sulfur, and the TEOST MHT do not apply. However, the CJ-4 limits for phosphorus and sulfur do apply for CJ-4 oils. This footnote cannot be applied if CK-4 or FA-4 is also claimed. Note that these "C" category oils have been formulated primarily for diesel engines and may not provide all of the performance requirements consistent with vehicle manufacturers' recommendations for gasoline-fueled engines.

^h This is a non-critical specification as described in ASTM D3244.

ⁱ After 1-minute settling period.

^j After 10-minute settling period.

^k Shall remain homogenous and, when mixed with ASTM reference oils, shall remain miscible.

^l Ten-hour stripped kinematic viscosity must remain in original SAE viscosity grade.

^m To be evaluated from -5°C to temperature at which 40,000 cP is attained or -40°C, or 2 Celsius degrees below the appropriate MRV TP-1 temperature (defined by SAE J300), whichever occurs first.

Table G-6—Requirements for API Service Category SP and API SP with “Resource Conserving”

	API SP	API SP	API SP with “Resource Conserving”
	SAE 0W-16, SAE 5W-16, SAE 0W-20, SAE 5W-20, SAE 0W-30, SAE 5W-30, SAE 10W-30	Other Viscosity Grades	All Viscosity Grades
Engine Test Requirements^a			
ASTM D8111 (Sequence IIH)			
Kinematic viscosity increase @ 40°C, %, max	100	100	100
Average weighted piston deposits, merits, min	4.2	4.2	4.2
Hot stuck rings	None	None	None
ASTM D8350 (Sequence IVB)			
Average intake lifter volume loss (8 position avg), mm ³ , max	2.7	2.7	2.7
End of test iron, ppm, max	400	400	400
ASTM D8256 (Sequence VH)^b			
Average engine sludge, merits, min	7.6	7.6	7.6
Average rocker cover sludge, merits, min	7.7	7.7	7.7
Average engine varnish, merits, min	8.6	8.6	8.6
Average piston skirt varnish, merits, min	7.6	7.6	7.6
Oil screen sludge, % area	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
Oil screen debris, % area	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
Hot-stuck compression rings	None	None	None
Cold stuck rings	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
Oil screen clogging, % area	Rate & report	Rate & report	Rate & report
ASTM D8256 (Sequence VH)	7.6	7.6	7.6
ASTM D8114 (Sequence VIE)^c			
SAE XW-20 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM, % min			3.8
FEI 2, % min after 125 hours aging			1.8
SAE XW-30 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM, % min			3.1
FEI 2, % min after 125 hours aging			1.5
SAE 10W-30 and all other viscosity grades not listed above			
FEI SUM, % min			2.8
FEI 2, % min after 125 hours aging			1.3
ASTM D8226 (Sequence VIF)			
SAE XW-16 viscosity grade			
FEI SUM, % min			4.1
FEI 2, % min after 125 hours aging			1.9
ASTM D6709 (Sequence VIII)			
Bearing weight loss, mg, max			
SAE XW-16	NR	NR	NR
All other viscosity grades	26	26	26

ASTM D8291 (Sequence IX)

Average number of events for four iterations, max

5

5

5

Number of events per iteration, max

8

8

8

ASTM D8279 (Sequence X)

% increase, max

0.085

0.085

0.085

Bench Test and Measured Parameter^a

Aged oil low-temperature viscosity

ASTM D8111, (Sequence IIIHA), aged oil low-temperature viscosity^d

Measure aged oil low temperature viscosity on final formulation (pursuant to existing read across described in Annex F)—this includes base oil and additive combination being licensed—for each viscosity grade by either IIIHA or ROBO

Measure CCS viscosity of EOT IIIHA or ROBO sample at CCS temperature corresponding to original viscosity grade

a)If CCS viscosity measured is less than or equal to maximum CCS viscosity specified for original viscosity grade, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade.

b)If CCS viscosity measured is higher than maximum viscosity specified for the original viscosity grade in J300, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at 5°C higher temperature (i.e., at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for next higher viscosity grade).

c)EOT ROBO sample must show no yield stress in D4684 test and its D4684 viscosity must be below maximum specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade or next higher viscosity grade, depending on CCS viscosity grade, as outlined in a) or b) above.

Or

ASTM D7528, (ROBO Test), aged oil low-temperature viscosity^d

Measure aged oil low temperature viscosity on final formulation (pursuant to existing read across described in Annex F)—this includes base oil and additive combination being licensed—for each viscosity grade by either IIIHA or ROBO

Measure CCS viscosity of EOT IIIHA or ROBO sample at CCS temperature corresponding to original viscosity grade

d)If CCS viscosity measured is less than or equal to maximum CCS viscosity specified for original viscosity grade, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade.

e)If CCS viscosity measured is higher than maximum viscosity specified for original viscosity grade in J300, run ASTM D4684 (MRV TP-1) at 5°C higher temperature (i.e., at MRV temperature specified in SAE J300 for next higher viscosity grade).

f)EOT ROBO sample must show no yield stress in D4684 test and its D4684 viscosity must be below maximum specified in SAE J300 for original viscosity grade or next higher viscosity grade, depending on CCS viscosity grade, as outlined in d) or e) above.

ASTM D8111, (Sequence IIIHB) phosphorus retention, % min

NR

NR

NR

ASTM D4683, D4741, or D5481, High Temp./High Shear Viscosity @ 150°C, mPa·s, min	2.3	2.3	2.3
ASTM D6557 (Ball Rust Test), avg. gray value, min ^b	100	100	100
ASTM D5800, evaporation loss, 1 hour at 250°C, % max ^e	15.0	15.0	15.0
ASTM D6795, EOFT, % flow reduction, max	50	50	50
ASTM D6794, EOWTT, % flow reduction, max			
with 0.6% H ₂ O	50	50	50
with 1.0% H ₂ O	50	50	50
with 2.0% H ₂ O	50	50	50
with 3.0% H ₂ O	50	50	50
ASTM D4951 or D5185, phosphorus % mass, max ^f	0.08 ^g	NR	0.08 ^g
ASTM D4951 or D5185, phosphorus % mass, min ^f	0.06 ^g	0.06 ^g	0.06 ^g
ASTM D4951, D5185, or D2622, sulfur % mass, max ^f			
SAE 0W-16, 5W-16, 0W-20, 0W-30, 5W-20, and 5W-30	0.5 ^f	NR	0.5 ^f
10W-30	0.6 ^f	NR	0.6 ^f
All other viscosity grades	NR	NR	0.6 ^f
ASTM D892 (Option A and excluding paragraph 11), foaming tendency			
Sequence I, mL, max, tendency/stability	10/0 ^h	10/0 ⁱ	10/0 ^h
Sequence II, mL, max, tendency/stability	50/0 ^h	50/0 ⁱ	50/0 ^h
Sequence III, mL, max, tendency/stability	10/0 ^h	10/0 ⁱ	10/0 ^h
ASTM D6082 (Option A), high-temperature foaming mL, max, tendency/stability ^h	100/0	100/0	100/0
ASTM D6922, homogeneity and miscibility	<i>j</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>j</i>
ASTM D6709, (Sequence VIII) shear stability			
XW-16	NR	NR	NR
All other viscosity grades	Stay in grade ^k	Stay in grade ^k	Stay in grade ^k
ASTM D6278, (Diesel Injector) shear stability, KV@100°C after 30 passes, min			
XW-16	5.8	5.8	5.8
All other viscosity grades	NR	NR	NR
ASTM D5133, gelation index, max ^b	12 ^l	NR	12 ^l
ASTM D6335, TEOST 33C, high-temperature deposits, total deposit weight, mg, max			
SAE XW-16	NR	NR	NR
SAE 0W-20	NR	NR	NR
All other viscosity grades	NR	NR	30
ASTM D7563, emulsion retention	NR	NR	No water separation
ASTM D7216 Annex A2, elastomer compatibility	Table G-7	Table G-7	Table G-7

^a Tests are per ASTM requirements.

^b If CI-4, CJ-4, CK-4 and/or FA-4 categories precede the "S" category and there is no API Certification Mark, the Sequence VH (ASTM D8256), Ball Rust (ASTM D6557), and Gelation Index (ASTM D5133) tests are not required.

^c Viscosity grades are limited to 0W, 5W and 10W multigrade oils.

^d Not required for monograde and 15W, 20W, and 25W multigrade oils.

^e Calculated conversions specified in ASTM D5800 are allowed.

^f For all viscosity grades: If CH-4, CI-4 and/or CJ-4 categories precede the "S" category and there is no API Certification Mark, the "S" category limits for phosphorus and sulfur do not apply. However, the CJ-4 limits for phosphorus and sulfur do apply for CJ-4 oils, and the phosphorus

limit in the “SP with “Resource Conserving”” column (0.08% mass maximum) applies when CK-4 with SP or FA-4 with SP is claimed. Note that these “C” category oils have been formulated primarily for diesel engines and may not provide all of the performance requirements consistent with vehicle manufacturers' recommendations for gasoline-fueled engines.

^g This is a non-critical specification as described in ASTM D3244.

^h After 1-minute settling period.

ⁱ After 10-minute settling period.

^j Shall remain homogenous and, when mixed with ASTM reference oils, shall remain miscible.

^k Ten-hour stripped kinematic viscosity must remain in original SAE viscosity grade.

^l To be evaluated from –5°C to temperature at which 40,000 cP is attained or –40°C, or 2 Celsius degrees below the appropriate MRV TP-1 temperature (defined by SAE J300), whichever occurs first.