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We have been notified by the API (American Petroleum Institute) that they have withdrawn from publication the Fourth Edition of API/IP 1583 *Specifications and Laboratory Tests for Aviation Fuel Filter Monitors with Absorbent Type Elements*. The reason given is: "Technical issues related to the in-service performance of some types of aviation jet fuel filter monitors have necessitated this action."

Additionally API has withdrawn the Monogram Program for fuel filter monitors.

The Energy Institute (formerly Institute of Petroleum) does not support this decision and has stated that "EI has not made a decision to withdraw this publication and it would be unlikely to do so without consultation with its relevant Committee members."

Velcon Filters, Inc. and the other filter manufacturers offer continuing support to EI and its Aviation Committee and Filtration Sub-Committee in resolving this current issue. It should be noted that the Institute of Petroleum was the originator of this specification for fuel filter monitors in 1995. In the meantime Velcon Filters recommends that all operators continue to operate fuel filter monitors in accordance with our operating guidelines published on November 5 2003, http://www.velcon.com/doc/Vol2No7.pdf . We will continue to supply products that have been tested to API/IP 1583 3$^{rd}$ and 4$^{th}$ Editions.

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