

- API has balloted the designation for PS-06, which will be API SL. A motor oil marketer in Korea uses “SK” as part of its corporate name. Therefore, API bypassed the letter “K” for the next “S” category to avoid confusion between the API designation and consumer language, and the oil company’s name. ←  
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- In APIs first ballot related to GF-3/SL introduction, which closed November 10, a number of comments and suggestions were received. APIs Office of General Council advised that while most of the voters noted they would change their vote from disapprove to approve for a given date, it would be better if the question were re-balloted with the revised date. Below is a timeline showing dates in the second ballot. ←  
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**API Licensable S Categories  
and the restrictions**

License Categories	Nov. 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001	July 1, 2001 – Dec. 31, 2001	Starting Jan. 1, 2002
SL*	NO*	Yes*	
SL with Energy Conserving*	NO*	Yes as determined in a Seq. VIB*	
GF-3*	NO*	Yes*	
GF-2	Yes		NO*
SJ with Energy Conserving	Yes: as determined in a Seq. VIA or Seq. VIB at ASTM provided limits for SJ		
SJ	Yes		
SH	Only when preceded by C Category		

\* indicates a change

Only one S category at a time may appear in the Service Symbol.

API have now agreed that the first licensing date for GF-3/SL/energy conserving with VIB will be July 1, 2001. The mandatory use date is still under debate. The earliest proposed date is 1/1/2002, although some believe it should be as late as 1/1/2003.

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