

It was agreed that API staff would clean up and reissue the ballot no later than November 5, 2003 and a 30-day comment period would apply. The final GF-4 preamble would also be balloted. Despite these delays in acceptance of a final GF-4 specification, it was agreed that the final GF-4 timeline would not change.

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The last presentation of the meeting was made by Kline and Company and addressed a concern by ILMA regarding availability of Group II base stock in order to formulate GF-4 engine oils. The conclusion was that supply will be sufficient but “not by much.” This effort was sponsored by ILSAC and API.

December 17 Meeting

A workshop to improve the engine honing process was held on December 10, 2003 with all the laboratories represented. To date all the laboratories have been calibrated except one that will be completed in early January 2004. The Sequence IIIF honing process will be changed to be the same as agreed for the Sequence IIIG.

Editorial changes were incorporated into the GF-4 specification in preparation for final release.

Responses to comments received were discussed and generally agreed expect for base stock supply. It was decided to allow more time to consider this issue.

January 8, 2004 meeting

The ILSAC GF-4 Standard for Passenger Car Engine Oils, which was finalized at the December 17, 2003 meeting, was accepted as final. This specification is included as pages E-8H thru E-8K. The proposed timetable for GF-4 was discussed as (July 31, 2004, first licensing date for ILSAC GF-4; April 30, 2005, last licensing date for ILSAC GF-3; and GF-4 category life through July 2009).

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Based on this proposal, API issued a ballot with the proposed timeline in late January; the ballot passed. Also, API continued debate on a companion API ‘SM’ specification ballot. A final draft of API ‘SM’ was balloted and approved in April 2004. There was significant disagreement on the first licensing date of September 30, 2004 and thus discussion of this item continued. Finally, in July the first licensing date was modified to November 30, 2004. The ‘SM’ specification is included as page E-8L.