API 510: Pressure Vessel Inspection Code Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Structural Engineering	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Gain an in-depth understanding of the **API 510 Pressure Vessel Inspection Code** for in-service inspection, rating, repair, and alteration.
2. Interpret and apply relevant sections of **ASME Section VIII, Division 1** (Pressure Vessels) and **ASME Section IX** (Welding and Brazing Qualifications).
3. Identify and analyze various **damage mechanisms** affecting pressure vessels, including corrosion, fatigue, and stress cracking, using **API RP 571**.
4. Master a range of **non-destructive testing (NDT)** and examination methods, such as **Ultrasonic Testing (UT)**, Radiography (RT), and Magnetic Particle Testing (MT).
5. Apply **API 580** principles for **risk-based inspection** to optimize inspection intervals and ensure asset integrity.
6. Perform essential **pressure vessel calculations**, including remaining life, corrosion rates, and Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (MAWP).
7. Evaluate **Welding Procedure Specifications (WPS)** and **Procedure Qualification Records (PQR)** according to **ASME Section IX**.
8. Understand the inspection and function of **pressure-relieving devices** in accordance with **API RP 576**.
9. Ensure **regulatory compliance** with industry standards and best practices for pressure vessel safety.
10. Apply **API 579-1** principles for **fitness-for-service** evaluations of degraded equipment.
11. Prepare comprehensive **inspection reports** and maintain accurate **documentation** for traceability and record-keeping.
12. Implement **quality control** procedures for pressure vessel maintenance and repair activities.
13. Confidently prepare for and pass the **API 510 certification exam** through focused practice and knowledge application.

Organizational Benefits

- Reduces the risk of catastrophic failures, leaks, and explosions by ensuring compliance with stringent safety standards and regulations.
- Extends the lifespan of critical equipment, leading to lower capital expenditure on replacements and repairs.

- Minimizes unscheduled downtime and maintenance costs through proactive inspection and early detection of damage.
- A clear framework for inspections and repairs ensures that pressure vessels operate reliably, reducing disruptions.
- Develops a highly skilled and knowledgeable workforce capable of making informed decisions regarding pressure vessel integrity.
- Demonstrates a commitment to high safety standards and operational excellence, enhancing the company's reputation and competitive edge.

Target Audience

1. Mechanical & Process Engineers.
2. API 510 aspiring candidates.
3. QA/QC Inspectors and supervisors in the oil & gas, petrochemical, and manufacturing sectors.
4. Plant Operators & Maintenance personnel.
5. Authorized Inspection Agency personnel and consultants.
6. Inspection, Maintenance, and Reliability Managers.
7. Engineers and Technologists.
8. Project Engineers.

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to API 510 & Regulatory Framework

- Scope, intent, and application of the API 510 code.
- Overview of the **API Individual Certification Program**.
- Relationship between API 510 and other key industry codes
- Roles and responsibilities of a certified pressure vessel inspector.
- **Case Study**: A plant manager needs to implement an inspection program for a new process unit. The course outlines how to use API 510 to establish inspection intervals, assign roles, and ensure regulatory compliance.

Module 2: Corrosion & Damage Mechanisms (API RP 571)

- Understanding different types of corrosion and their impact on pressure vessels.
- Identifying various **damage mechanisms**, such as hydrogen attack, stress corrosion cracking, and fatigue.
- Techniques for detecting and monitoring damage in-service.
- Factors influencing the rate of degradation.
- **Case Study**: A vessel is showing signs of localized pitting. Students apply knowledge from **API RP 571** to identify the cause of the damage and recommend appropriate mitigation strategies and inspection methods.

Module 3: Pressure Vessel Design & Calculations (ASME Section VIII)

- Fundamentals of pressure vessel design and construction from **ASME Section VIII, Division 1**.
- Key calculations for shell and head thickness, Minimum Design Metal Temperature (MDMT), and hydro-testing.
- Determining **Corrosion Rates** and **Remaining Service Life**.
- Calculation of Maximum Allowable Working Pressure (MAWP).

- **Case Study**: Given a set of inspection data, participants calculate the remaining life of a pressure vessel to determine if it can continue to operate safely until the next scheduled inspection.

Module 4: Inspection, Examination & NDT (API RP 572 & ASME Section V)

- Developing an effective **inspection plan** based on risk and operational conditions.
- Practical application of various **Non-Destructive Testing (NDT)** methods.
- Detailed procedures for internal, external, and on-stream inspections.
- Inspection of specific components like nozzles, flanges, and attachments.
- **Case Study**: An inspector needs to assess a pressure vessel for potential cracks. The module covers the use of **Ultrasonic Testing (UT)** and **Magnetic Particle Testing (MT)** to locate and size flaws.

Module 5: Welding & Repair (ASME Section IX & API 577)

- Reviewing and qualifying welding procedures (**WPS** & **PQR**) and welders.
- Requirements for repairs, alterations, and re-rating of pressure vessels.
- Understanding preheating and Post-Weld Heat Treatment (PWHT).
- Inspection of repairs and alterations for code compliance.
- **Case Study**: A pressure vessel has a defect requiring a weld repair. Students analyze the original and proposed welding procedures to ensure they comply with **ASME Section IX** and API 510 standards.

Module 6: Risk-Based Inspection (RBI) (API 580)

- Introduction to the concept of **Risk-Based Inspection**.
- Determining the probability of failure and the consequences of failure.
- Implementing an **RBI** program to prioritize inspection efforts.
- Using **API 580** to develop a risk matrix and justify inspection intervals.
- **Case Study**: A company wants to switch from a time-based to a risk-based inspection program. The course demonstrates how to apply **RBI** to a group of vessels to optimize the inspection schedule and allocate resources more efficiently.

Module 7: Pressure-Relieving Devices (API RP 576)

- Functions and types of pressure-relieving devices.
- Inspection, testing, and maintenance of pressure relief valves.
- Causes of improper performance and how to prevent them.
- Documentation and record-keeping for pressure relief devices.
- **Case Study**: A safety valve fails its routine test. The module walks through the process of diagnosing the cause of the failure using the principles of **API RP 576** and recommending appropriate corrective actions.

Module 8: Exam Preparation & Practical Application

- Review of all key topics for the **API 510 exam**.
- Strategies for both the closed-book and open-book sections.
- Timed mock exams and practice questions.
- Discussion of common challenges and how to overcome them.
- **Case Study**: Participants work through a full-length mock exam, including open-book questions that require cross-referencing multiple API and ASME codes, simulating the real exam environment.

Training Methodology

Our **API 510 training** utilizes a blended learning approach to maximize knowledge retention and practical skills. The methodology includes:

- Instructor-Led Training.
- Interactive Sessions.
- Practical Case Studies.
- Mock Exams.
- Digital Resources.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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