

Crude oil

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Commercial form of [oil](#) (could be raw or slightly processed to match the trade specifications).

The most common characteristics used to identify the quality of a [crude](#) are its [API gravity](#) and its [sulfur content](#).

[Crude](#) is considered [sweet](#) if [sulfur content](#) < 0.5 % and [sour](#) if [sulfur content](#) > 0.5 %.

Below are the popular examples of market [crudes](#) which set up the [oil](#) price benchmarks in [exchange tradings](#):

Synthetic crude	Light crude	Medium crude	Heavy crude
Syncrude Sweet Blend (API 30.5 – 33.6)	Brent crude oil (API 38.06) West Texas Intermediate (API 39.6) Siberian Light (API 35 – 36) Urals (API 31.7) Dubai Crude (API 31.0)	Pennsylvania Grade Crude Oil	Maya (API 21.8)

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