

MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY LUBRICATION







FACT

- COLLECTIVELY, BRITISH INDUSTRY COULD SAVE £1.5 BN/YR AS A DIRECT RESULT OF IMPROVING ITS USE OF LUBRICANTS.
- BRITAIN SPENDS £8
 BILLION A YEAR ON
 MAINTAINING
 PRODUCTION
 MACHINERY
- AT ANY ONE TIME 50% OF MACHINES ARE IN NEED OF ATTENTION.
- A MACHINE NOT WORKING IS NOT EARNING.
- PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES
 OF TRIBOLOGY FOR
 EVERY £1,000 INVESTED
 £40,000 CAN BE SAVED





LUBRICATION

LUBRICATION AND LUBRICATION SYSTEMS

- PURPOSES AND ACTIONS OF LUBRICANTS
- LUBRICATION TYPES AND APPLICATIONS
- LUBRICATION SYSTEMS





PURPOSES AND ACTION OF LUBRICATION

- TO REDUCE FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE
- TO REDUCE WEAR
- TO DISSIPATE HEAT
- TO PREVENT CORROSION
- TO PREVENT CONTAMINATION





THE ROLE OF A LUBRICANT

THE MAIN FUNCTION IS TO PREVENT OR MINIMISE WEAR

- a) BY PROVIDING A FILM TO SEPARATE INTERACTIVE SURFACES
- b) BY COATING THE RUBBING SURFACES WITH A PROTECTIVE FILM

OTHER FUNCTIONS INCLUDE

- c) COOLING BY REDUCING FRICTION AND TRANSFERING HEAT
- d) PROTECTION BY INHIBITING CORROSION
- e) CLEANING BY FLUSHING PARTICLES AWAY





WHAT LUBRICANTS



 OILS AND GREASES



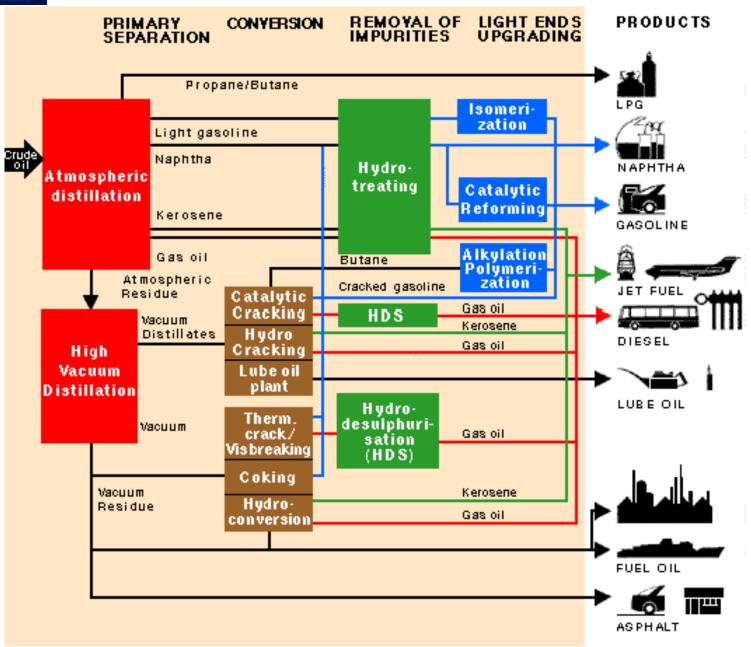


- MINERAL
- VEGETABLE
- SYNTHETIC



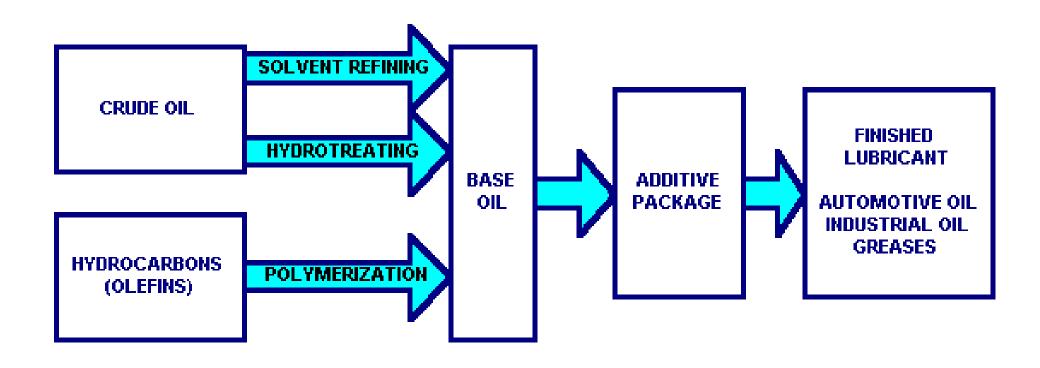
















A base oil must be refined to the highest level, and then compounded with specially selected chemical additives.

The additives used depend on the specific application of the lubricant.





Detergents

These chemicals are usually metallic based, and are designed to control deposits and keep engine components clean.

They are able to clean existing deposits in the engine, as well as disperse insoluble matter into the oil.

Detergents control contamination resulting from high temperature operation.





Dispersants

These are usually ashless organic chemicals, which control contamination from low temperature operation.

Both detergents and dispersants attach themselves to contaminant particles, and hold them in suspension.

The suspended particles are so finely divided that they pass harmlessly between mating surfaces and through oil filters. The contamination is removed from the engine when the oil is changed.





Oxidation Inhibitors

These agents reduce oxygen attack on the lubricating base oil.

Rust Inhibitors

Rust inhibitors protect iron/steel from oxygen attack, by forming a protection screen over the surface of the metals



Corrosion Inhibitors

Acids are produced by the combustion process, and when engine oil degrades with use. Unless rendered harmless by the engine oil, the acids can cause rapid deterioration of engine components. Corrosion inhibitors protect non-ferrous metals by coating them and forming a barrier between parts and their environment.





Anti-Wear Agents

These agents prevent wear due to seizure or rubbing surfaces. Compounds such a zinc dialkyt-dithiophosphate break-down microscopic hot spots and form a chemical filter which eliminates metal-to-metal contact.





Foam Depressants

Detergent and dispersant additives can facilitate aeration of an oil which results in foaming. This can reduce the lubricating ability of the oil, and interfere with the pumping of the oil. A foam depressant controls this tendency.





Viscosity Index (VI) Improvers

VI improvers control the viscosity of multi-grade oils. They are polymers which act like "popcorn". At low temperatures, they are "tight-balls" which do not significantly increase the oils resistance to flow. However, at high temperatures, these "tight balls" explode into long chain polymers, which interweave and increases the oil's resistance to flow(viscosity). The tendency of an oil to "thin" at high temperatures is controlled and reduced.





Pour Point Depressants

Base oils contain hydrocarbons that tend to crystallize into waxy material at low temperatures. Incorporation of a chemical which reduces the size of wax crystal formation can give an oil better low temperature fluidity.





Viscosity is an important attribute of all lubricating products. It is a measure of the ability of oil to flow. The challenge of a lubricating oil is to flow easily at engine start-up and thus provide immediate protection for the moving parts. Conversely, the tendency of an oil to "thinout" at higher temperatures must be controlled to provide protection to the moving parts as the engine reaches operating temperature.





Measurement of Viscosity

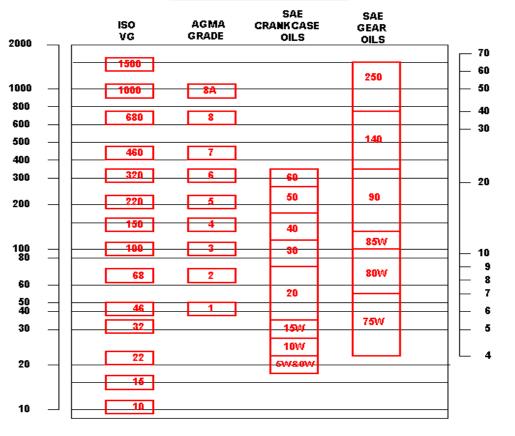
The viscosity of an oil is measured at a specified temperature to determine the ability of the oil to flow through a standard opening. There are four major classifications of viscosity:

ISO VG - measurement in centistokes (cSt) at 40 C
AGMA - American Gear Manufactures Association
SAE - Society of Automotive Engineers e.g. SAE30
Saybolt - These units are in S.U.S an were used by various refiners to specify viscosity at 100 F or 210 F





VISCOSITY EQUIVALENTS



NOTES:

*Assumes 100 VI single grade oils. Read across horizontally.

*SAE grades based upon viscosity at 100 C. ISO and AGMA grades based upon viscosity at 40 C

*Equivalence is in terms only of viscosity. Quality requirements are a separate consideration.

*Viscosity limits are approximate: For precise data, consult ISO, AGMA and SAE specifications.

 $^*\! \dot{W}$ grades define only in terms of 100 C viscosity. For low temperature limits, consult SAE specifications.

*ISO = International Standardization Organization

*AGMA = American Gear Manufacturers Association

*SAE = Society of Automotive Engineers



KINEMATIC VISCOSITY, CENTISTOKES (cSt) @ 100 C



If you need a lubricant which stays at the friction point for a long, long time, there is only one solution: a lubricating grease.

It is based on lubricating oil, thickener and additives.

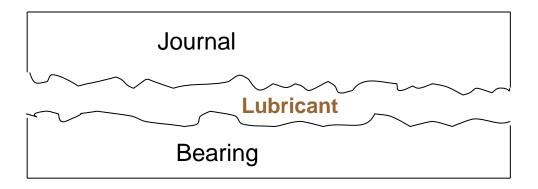
Its main characteristics include the following: Optimum drop point, good oxidation resistance, resistance towards fluids and steam, good temperature stability.

But greases offer a lot more: depending on the application, they are rapidly biodegradable, electroconductive, resistant to ambient media, they protect against corrosion, have a high load-carrying capacity, are neutral towards materials, reduce noise, food-safe,





If lubrication fails - even briefly - friction will be generated



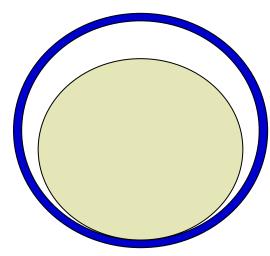
Causing:-

- 1. Wear
- 2. Overheating
- 3. Subsequent equipment failure

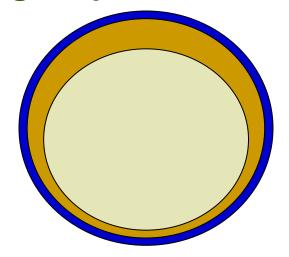




No lubrication – Parts touch, causing friction



Lubrication – Oil wedge separates







THE RIGHT CHOICE

Fundamental to reliability

Chosen through research, design and test

Optimised to suit varied conditions under which equipment operates





CONSIDERATIONS

- Weight of machine parts
- Speed of rotation
- Materials
- Operating temperatures
- Operational loading
- Period of operation





USE OF OIL DEPENDING ON ITS VISCOSITY

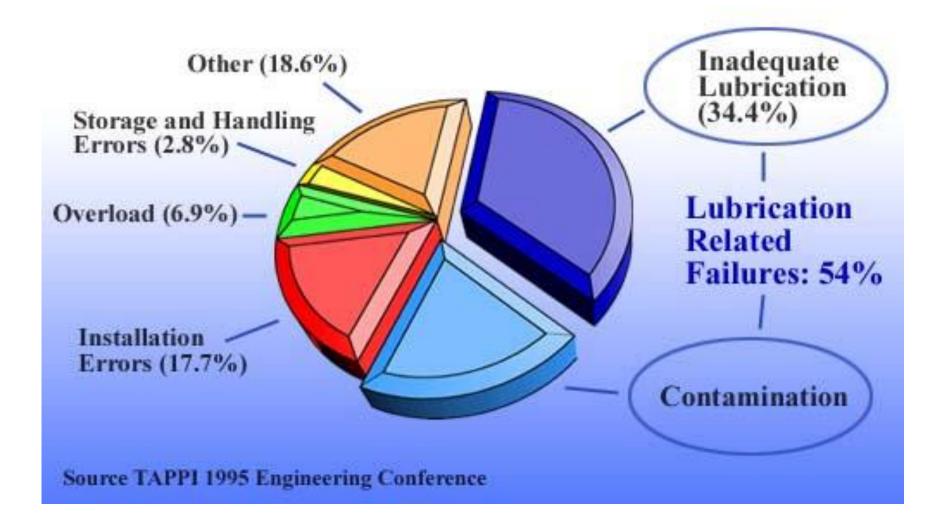
Thin oils - Flow easily, ideal for light drives/loads

Medium oils - Slightly thicker, flows slower, ideal for sumps

Thick oils - Very tacky, sticks easily to surfaces
 Ideal for gearboxes











Lack of Lubrication

If lubrication fails even briefly, metal will run on metal and friction will be generated.

This causes wear, overheating and reduced equipment life





Contamination

Due to the small clearances between moving parts, a single particle will penetrate the lubricant film, causing gauling, friction and wear

Examples :

Dust, grit, the wrong lubricant, etc.
Water is enemy No. 1

0.01% Water = 50% reduced bearing life





- Must always be present
- Keeps moving parts separate
- Even brief failure can cause damage

For good lubrication:

Make the right choice QUALITY

Ensure the right amount QUANTITY

Ensure the right FREQUENCY

AND MAINTAIN





Lubrication plays different roles:

- It minimises friction & wear
- It takes away heat
- It fights corrosion





Too Much

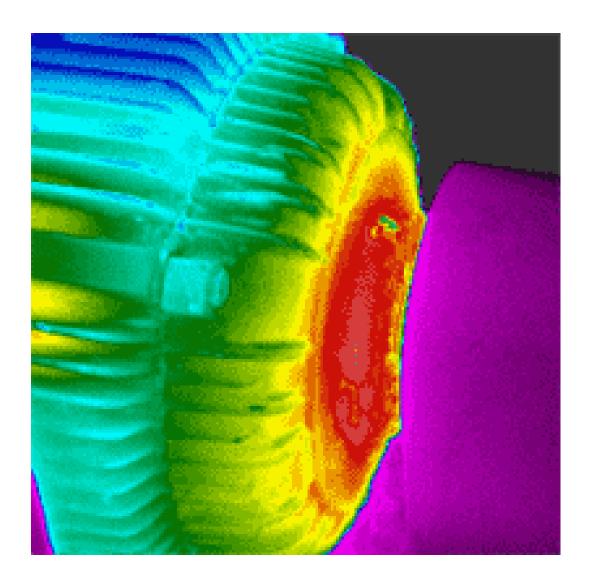
- The oil will churn
- The equipment will overheat
- The equipment will fail

Too Little

- Friction will occur
- The equipment will overheat
- The equipment will fail











The Right Choice

- Fundamental to reliability
- Decision made by equipment design engineers and company engineers
- Optimum choice to suit varied conditions under which equipment operates

Considerations

- Weight of machine parts
- Speed of rotation
- Materials
- Operating temperatures and many more





Oil Film Breakdown Occurs:

- Too high a temperature
- Contamination
- The wrong lubricant





Viscosity

A fluid's ability to resist flow

Low viscosity - Flows easily

High Viscosity - Flows slowly





Examples of Lubrication

Easing oil (seized nuts and bolts)

Cutting oil (lathes etc.)

Grease (natural and synthetic)

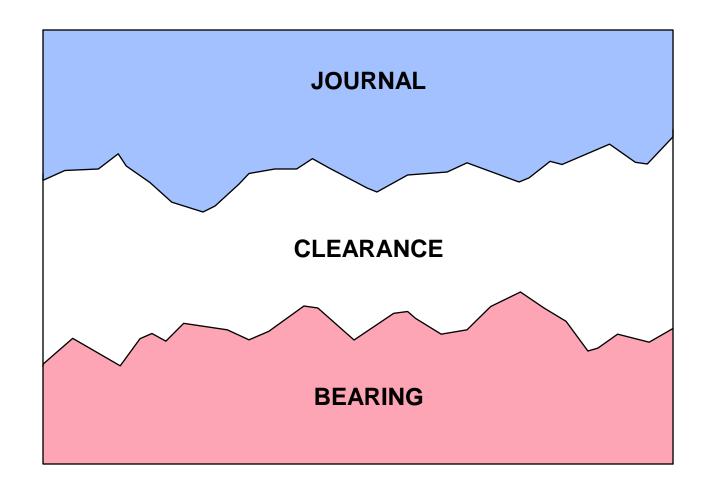
Oils (natural and synthetic)

Anti-seize greases





Lubrication







Lubrication - Grease

What is Grease? Soap in oil emulsion

What is an emulsion? A creamy liquid in which particles of oil

or fat are evenly distributed

How is grease made? Fatty acid + Base = Soap

Fatty acids are chemicals split into fatty acids and glycerides by hydrolytic decomposition

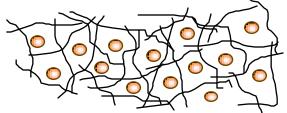
Soap is based on : Lithium, Sodium, Calcium, Aluminium, Barium





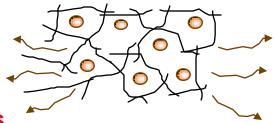
Lubrication - Grease

Normal correctly used grease



Oil held between strands

Result of over greasing



Oil lubricant escapes

Strands break - Oil lubricant escapes

- Churning and overheating occurs





Grease Degradation

Grease degradation is a gradual process.

Most grease degrading influences are more present only while the motor is running; however degradation can occur while a motor is idle.

Grease degradation can be caused by any of the following conditions:





Grease hardening –

This usually results from absorption of dirt, moisture or oxidation over a long period of time.

Chemical breakdown –

Typically caused by excessive heat. Overgreasing can cause overheating.

High bearing loads -

Side-loaded motors can load a bearing system more than a direct coupled motor.

Oil separation from grease base material -

This occurs on motors that remain idle for long periods of time, when the grease is churned excessively, and over time due to the designed normal bleed rate.



Rotational speed of the bearing -

The higher the speed, the more grease will degrade.

Bearing size -

The larger the bearing, the more grease degradation can occur. The size of the bearing can usually be equated to the horsepower of the motor.

Environment –

Bearings operating in ambient temperature above 140°F can cause more rapid degradation of the grease.





Lubricant application





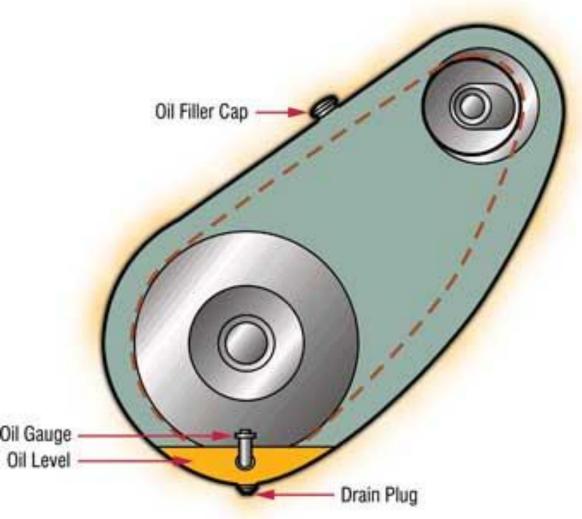


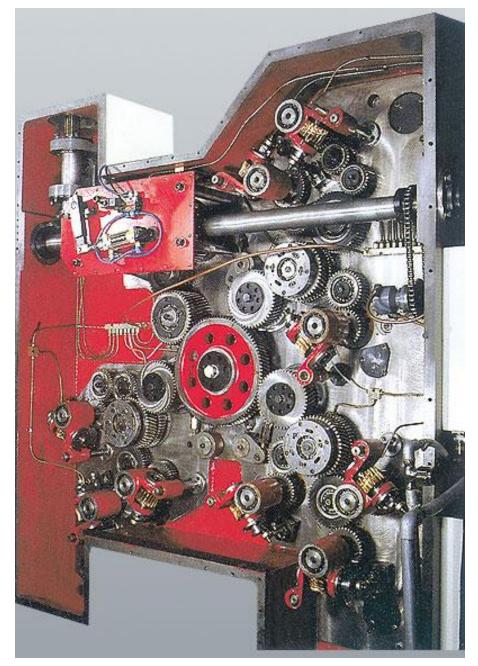
Figure 5. Oil Bath Lubrication

Oil Bath Lubrication

In oil bath lubrication, a short section of the chain runs through the oil in the bottom of the chain casing. The oil level should extend only to the pitch-line of the chain at its lowest operating point. Having long sections of chain run through the oil bath can cause oil foaming and overheating.





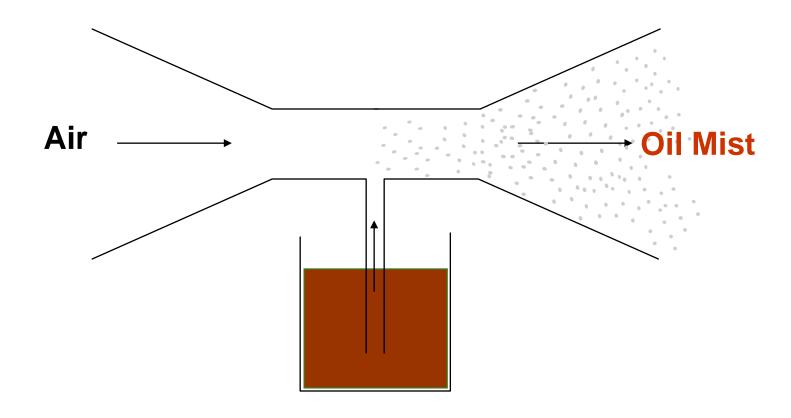


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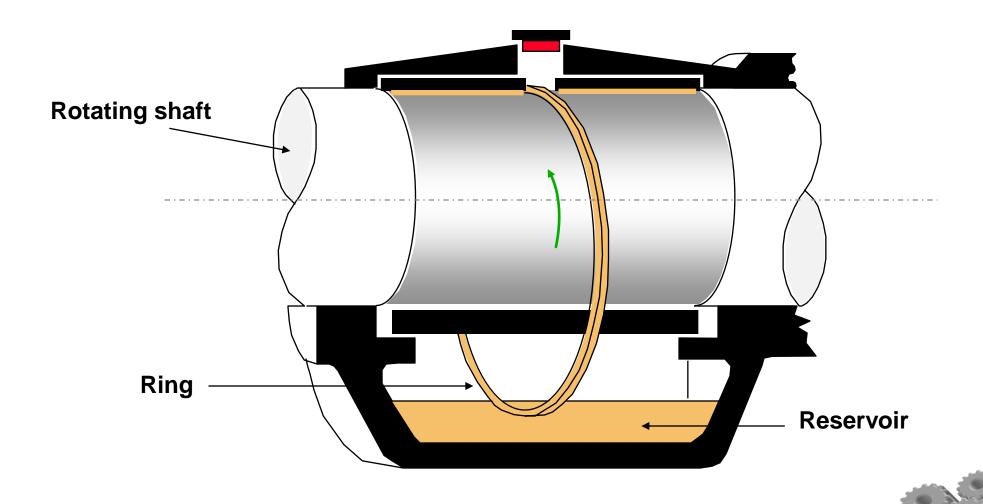
Oil Mist System







Oil Ring Lubrication



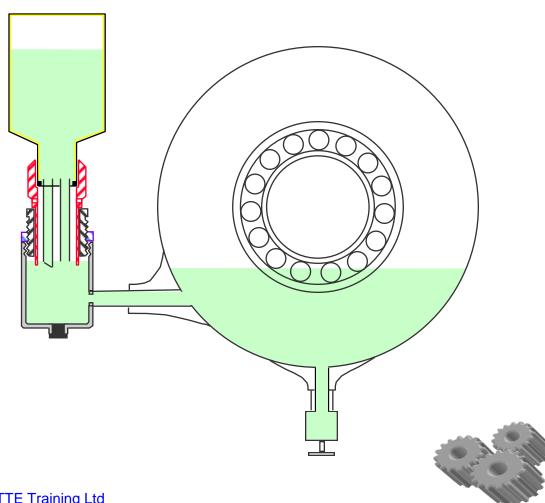


Rotating Equipment Lubrication

THE CORRECT AMOUNT

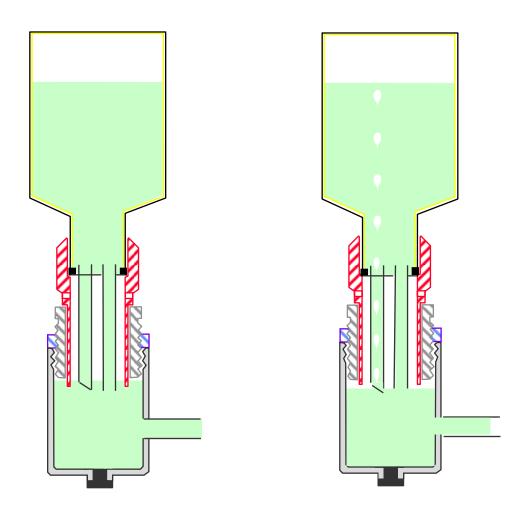
- Oil lubricated bearings:
- The correct oil level in the bearing housing is halfway up the lowest ball or roller bearing.
- This level is pre-determined by engineers. It can be adjusted to this set position using an oil level gauge which aligns the Denco position against a permanent level mark on the outside of the bearing housing.

All Bearing Housings Must Have This Mark Permanently **Established**





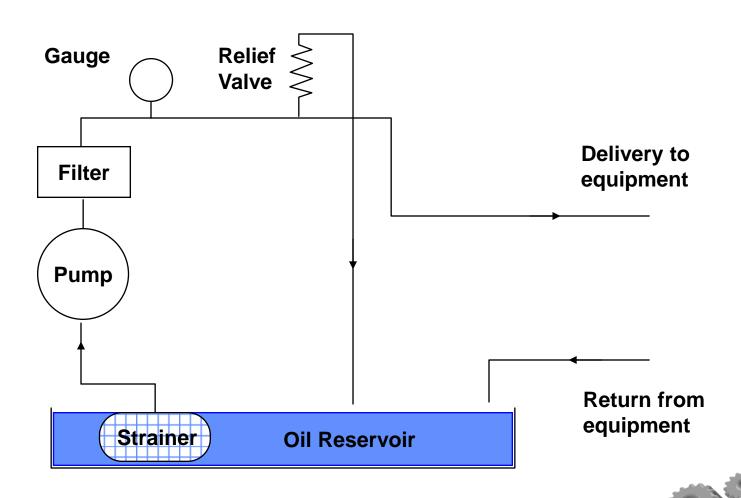
Denco Lubrication



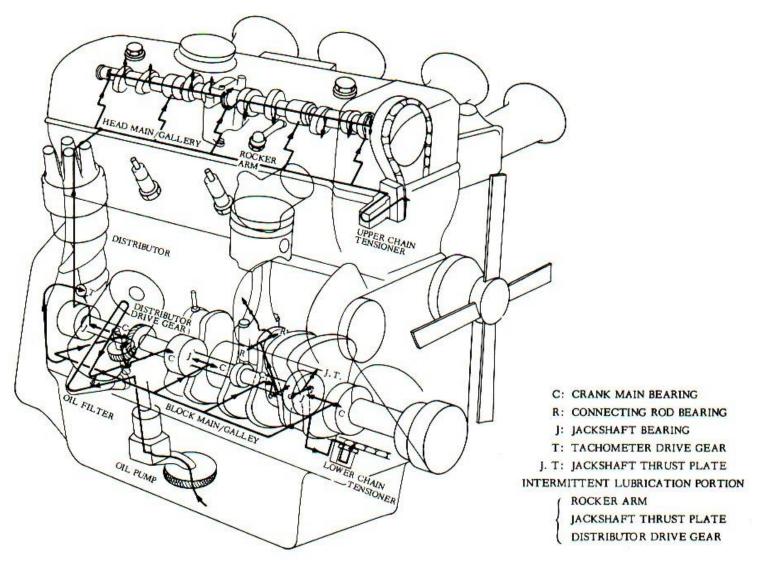




Pressurised Lubrication System











EXAMPLE OF AN AUTOMATIC PRESSURISED LUBRICATION SYSTEM







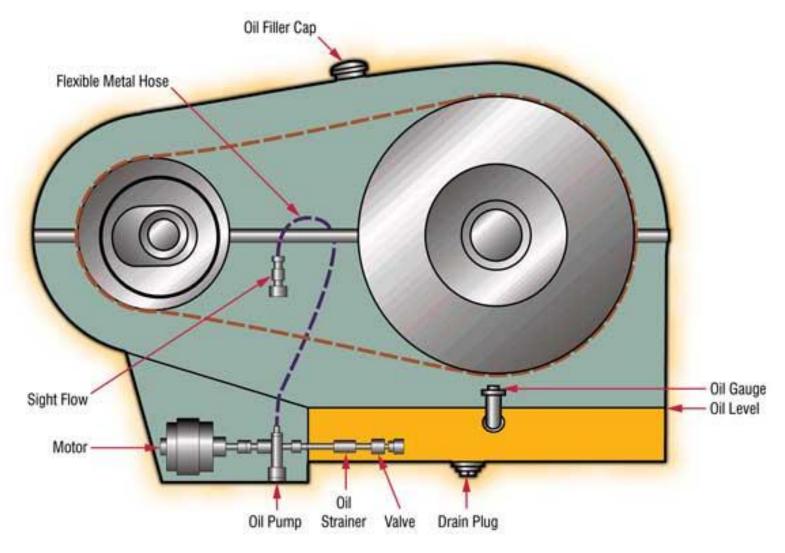


Figure 7. Oil Stream Lubrication



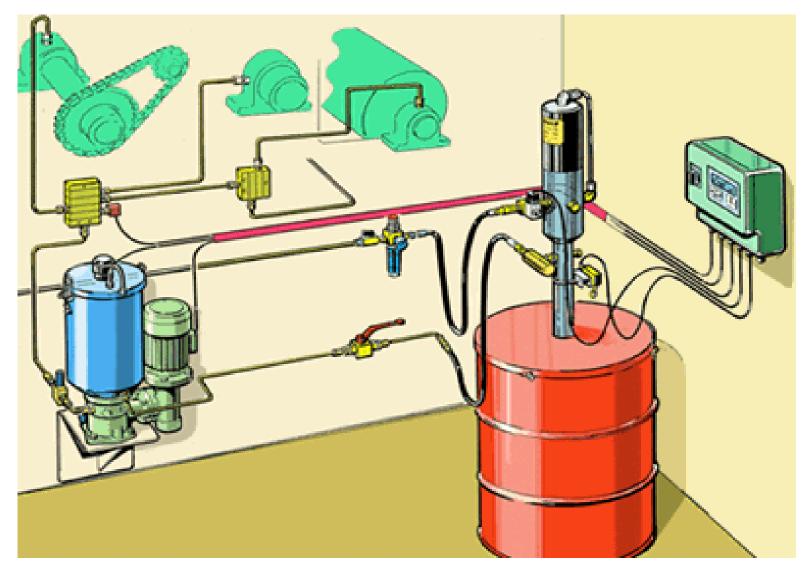








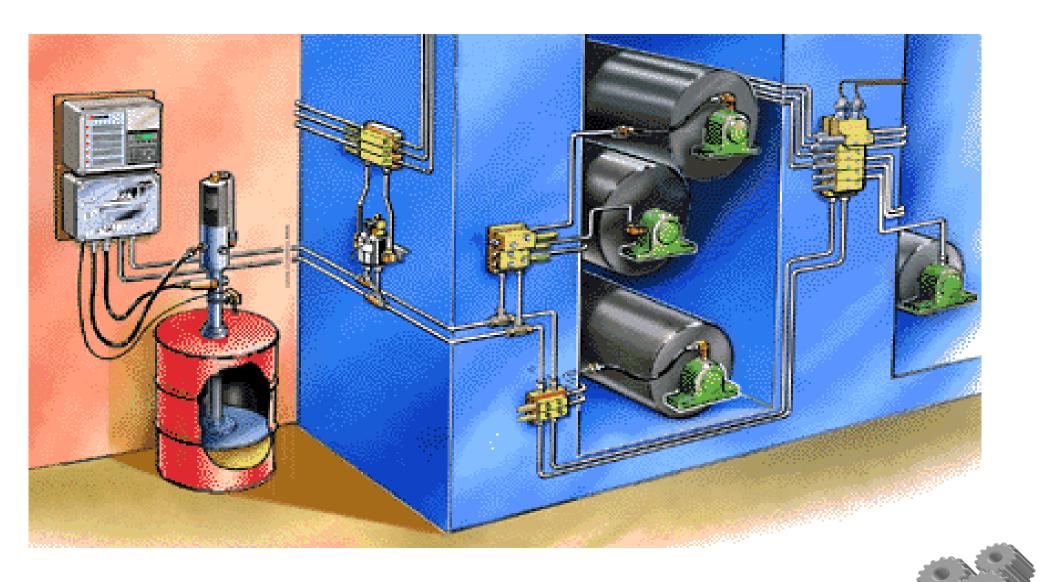
Lubricators, multiline Systems





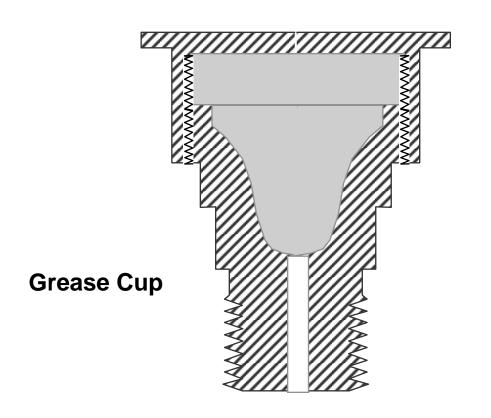
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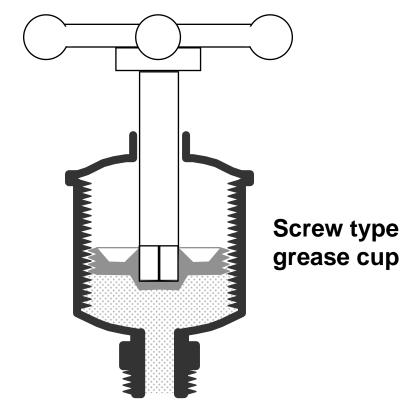






Grease Lubrication





























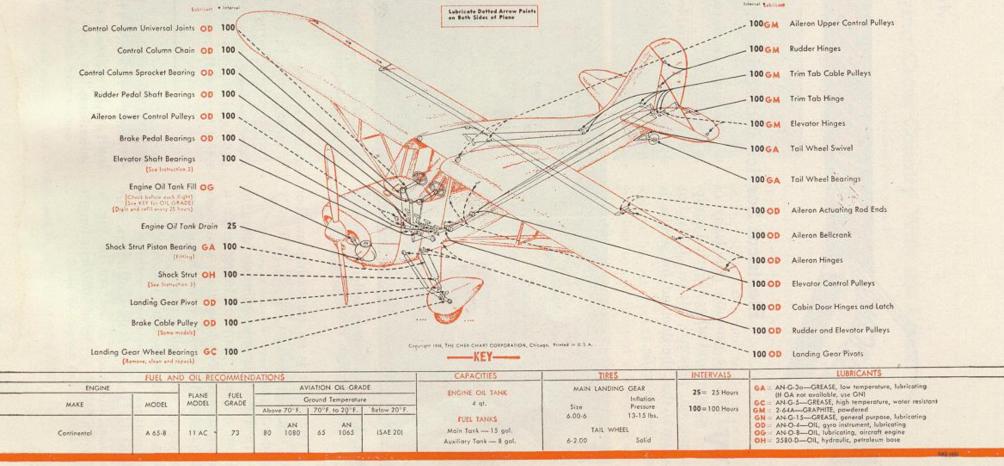


AIRCRAFT LUBRICATION

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. CAUTION ... Under dusty conditions, points should be washed with gasoline and brush, and relubricated every 25 hours.
- 2. ELEVATOR SHAFT REARINGS Lubricate every 100 hours with a
- mixture of GM and OG (Grade 1080).
- SHOCK STRUT To fill shock strut, jack plane up and disconnect Landing Geor Pivot at bottom. Raise strut past horizontal position and fill to level of plug with OH.

REFER TO LUBRICATION SERVICE SECTION FOR ENGINE ACCESSORIES AND GENERAL SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS



AERONCA

(Courtesy Chek Chart Corp.)



Lubrication – Health Safety and Environment

Risk assessment

Storage

Handling

Application

Contamination

Disposal





Lubrication

- Protect against the elements, <u>especially rain</u>
- Maintain optimum stock (not too little not too much)
- Use correct dispensing equipment (hand pumps, lub. oil, dispensing trolleys etc.)
- Use dedicated, capped and labelled containers





Lubrication - Safety

- No naked flames
- Clean up spillages
- Keep area clean and clear
- Remove slipping and tripping hazards
- Wear correct PPE
- Avoid skin contact
- Never lift heavy drums. Use lifting equipment
- Always clean receptacles before use (contamination)
- Never over stock
- Dispose of used oil / grease only as recommended by HSE & company guidelines (environmental)













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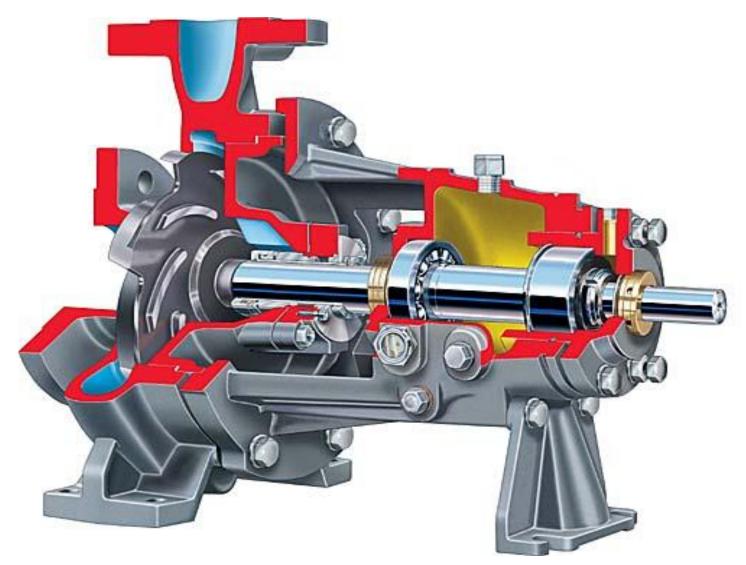








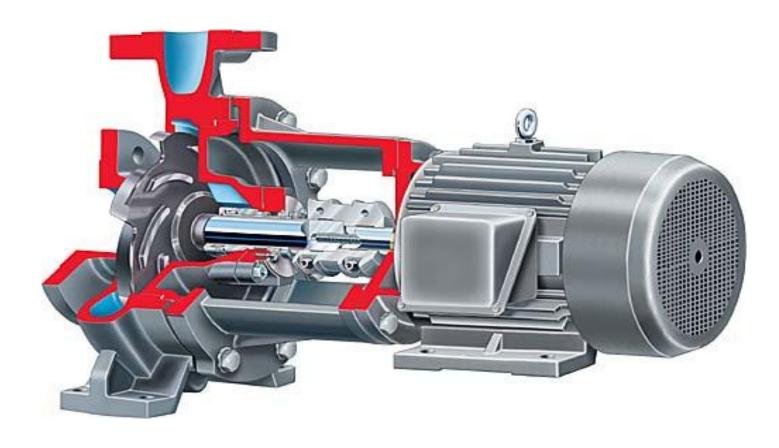
Overhung, Single Stage Process Pump







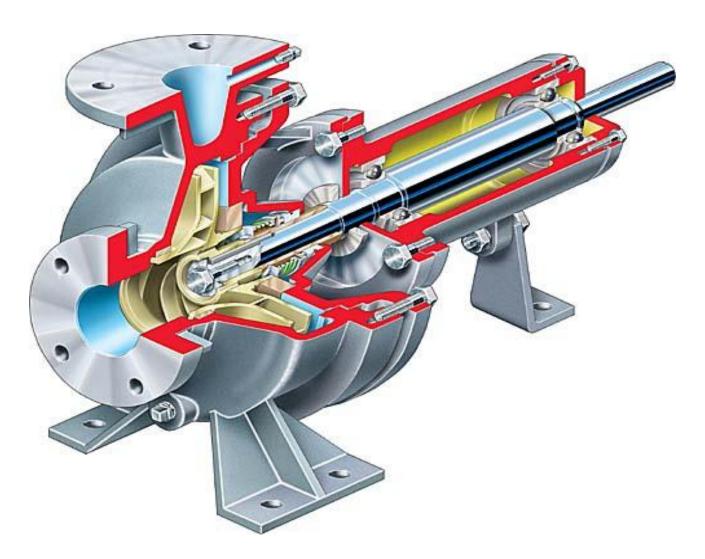
Overhung, Close Coupled, Process Pump







Cast Iron Pumps







Standard Overhung Impeller

