

Paper machine oil (PMO) analysis



This service monitors paper machine circulation oil for premature wear, contamination and oil condition

Description

This service provides necessary equipment- and lubricant-specific testing designed to help you optimize your lubrication program, as well as detect equipment problems before they cause expensive unplanned outages. Applicable equipment includes dryer-bearing lubrication systems, press lubrication systems and Controlled Crown roll systems. This helps improve equipment reliability by monitoring system cleanliness and lubricant performance.

Potential benefits

	Improved equipment reliability by identifying potential failures before they occur
	Increased productivity through reduction of unscheduled downtime
	Reduced parts replacement and labor costs
	Minimized lubricant consumption and disposal with optimized drain interval

Analysis options — Paper machine

	Essential ◆	Enhanced ◆◆	Elite ◆◆◆
Metals	✓	✓	✓
Nitration			✓
Oxidation	✓★	✓★	✓★
Particle Count		✓	✓
Particle Quantifier (PQ) Index	✓	✓	✓
Total Acid Number (TAN)	★	★	★
Ultracentrifuge			✓
Viscosity* at 40°C or 100°C	✓	✓	
Viscosity at 40°C and 100°C			✓
Viscosity Index			✓
Water Vol % Karl Fischer	✓	✓	✓

Key: ✓ Included test

★ TAN in lieu of oxidation for select synthetic products

*Viscosity reported at 40°C or 100°C, based on oil type or service level. Analysis may vary by laboratory, product supplied or oil condition.

Sample frequency

Sample at OEM recommended frequency or, for general guidance, begin with: **Monthly**. Adjust frequency based on asset's economic impact, operating environment, machine age, oil age or sample results trend.

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Test	Purpose	Importance of test
Metals	To determine the presence and levels of metallic content in the oil, including contaminants and wear particles	The level of wear metals helps determine if equipment components are wearing or if harmful contamination has entered the oil. The level of metals that are part of the additive chemistry are also reported
Nitration	To measure the amount of nitrogen by-products in the oil	Nitration results from the rapid compression of entrained air. As a result, if unchecked, nitrogen and oxidation precursors might form sticky varnishes.
Oxidation	To determine the level of lubricant oxidation and deterioration	Oxidation can mean: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased wear and corrosion • Shorter equipment life • Increased viscosity • Excessive deposits and plugging
Particle Count Analysis	To measure the level of particulate contaminants in the oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanliness is a critical factor in the running of turbine oil systems • Debris can interfere in the fine tolerances of the system's pumps and valves or cause premature bearing wear
Particle Quantifier (PQ) Index	To determine ferrous metal fatigue failures and metal-to-metal contact not usually detectable with some spectrographic analysis	PQ Index can detect at an early stage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-friction bearing wear • Plain bearing wear • Early indications of piston scuffing • Gear wear
Total Acid Number (TAN)	To measure acidic oil oxidation by-products	An elevated Total Acid Number may indicate increased oil acidity resulting from increased oil oxidation
Ultracentrifuge	To measure level of insoluble deposit formation in oil	Elevated deposit formation can signify increased potential for varnish formation or represent debris, dirt or dust contamination
Viscosity	To determine the oil's resistance to flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An increase in viscosity may be due to high insoluble content, water contamination, or admixture with higher viscosity lubricant • A decrease in viscosity may be due to water contamination or admixture with lower viscosity lubricant • Both high or low viscosity may result in premature equipment wear
Viscosity Index	To measure the change of viscosity with temperature	Higher VI demonstrates wider operating range. Monitor for cross contamination. Monitor for viscosity shear.
Water by Karl Fischer	To detect presence of water contamination	Water contamination may cause severe corrosion and subsequent wear, poor oil film thickness or hydrogen embrittlement



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When your sample is processed, the laboratory handles each bottle as a unique and important item. Each sample is coded, labeled and tracked through the entire process. By the time test results are available, your equipment sample has directly benefitted from our knowledge of MobilTM lubricants, decades of OEM relationships and a strong heritage of hands-on application expertise. Sample comments are provided, as required, to help identify potential problems, list possible causes and recommend actions for follow-up.



By helping you enhance equipment life and reliability — which minimizes maintenance costs and downtime — our expert services can help you achieve your safety, environmental care and productivity goals.