

# **KONUS #1, 2 & 3**

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## System Information

System Volume: 170000 ltr

Bulk Operating Temp: 446F / 230C

Heating Source:

Blanket:

Fluid: PETRO CANADA PETRO-THERM

Make: KONUS

### Sample Information

Lab No: 02403761 Analyst: Ray Rolston Sample Date: 02/05/21 Received Date: 02/12/21 Completed: 02/17/21

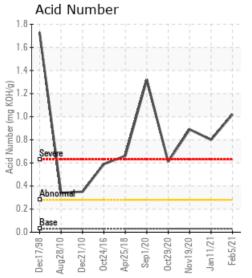
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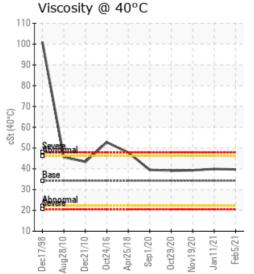
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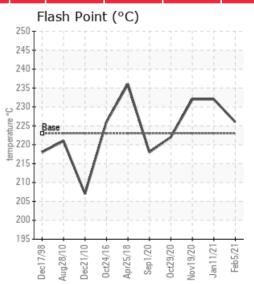
Recommendation: The Petro-Therm's Acid Number (AN) has increased from 0.80 to 1.02 since the last sample was taken on January 11, 2021 suggesting that the HTF's condition is continuing to deteriorate. Pentane Insolubles (solids) content remains very high at 1.82 wt%. Recommend submitting one additional sample 1 or 2 months prior to the planned system remediation in May, 2021.

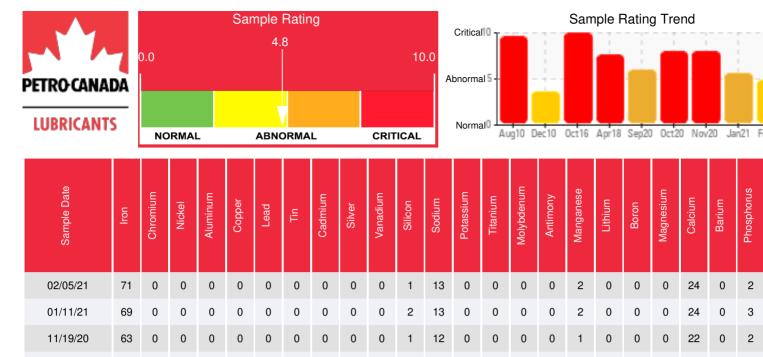
Comments: Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high.











Elemental analysis results (above) in parts per million (ppm). [10,000 ppm = 1.0%]

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10/29/20

09/01/20

**Baseline Data** 

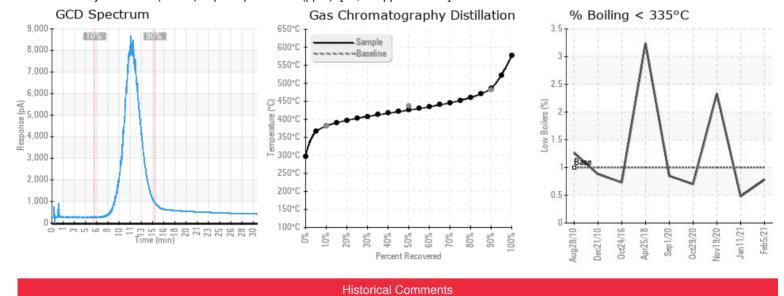
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# This January 11, 2021 sample appears to be similar to the last sample dated November 19, 2020. The Acid Number (AN) is 0.80 mg KOH/g which is essentially unchanged since the last sample

which was 0.89 mg KOH/g. The Pentane Insolubles (solids) content has increased from 1.85% on the previous sample to 2.46%. Both test results are beyond condemning guidelines. All other test results are normal and typical for the age of this fluid. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is marginally high.

This Nov 19, 2020 sample looks very similar to one submitted on Oct 29, 2020. The Acid Number (AN) test was run in triplicate to verify consistency; the results were 0.88, 0.89 and 0.90 mg KOH/g. This is a 45% increase since the previous sample of 0.61 mg KOH/g which indicates that the fluid's condition is continuing to deteriorate. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high.

Acid Number value on latest sample is 0.61 mg KOH/g which is more in line with previous trend, still above our condemning guideline. Note that Sep 1 2020 AN value reported as 1.32 was re-tested at 0.69 mg KOH/g (see lab comment below). Latest sample AN testing was run in triplicate to enhance accuracy. Pentane Insolubles (solids) value of 1.92 continues to be above the condemning limit (see lab comment below). These factors affirm Petro-Canada's position that the heat transfer system should be cleaned, flushed and refilled with fresh fluid when conditions are favourable. Additional sampling over the coming months is recommended, but sweetening the system should not be required at this point. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high (results 1.89 and 1.94 averaged to 1.92). Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Acid Number result from 09/01/2020 was retested and result was more in-line with trend (0.69 mg KOH/g). (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is marginally high

Sep 1, 2020 sample has 62 ppm iron wear; last 2 samples were 57 ppm. This may be a result of pump wear or corrosion. Initial Boiling Point of 288 deg C is low suggesting that some thermal cracking has occurred, though balance of distillation range is okay. Acid Number (AN) has doubled from 0.66 in Apr 2018 to 1.32 mgKOH/g which is beyond our condemning guideline of 0.6. Pentane Insolubles (solids) value of 2.49% also exceeds our condemning guideline of 0.5%. Based on the high AN and solids content, Petro-Canada recommends that the system be drained, flushed, cleaned and recharged with fresh fluid. Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Calcium ppm levels are abnormally high. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is marginally high.

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