

# **MAIN SYSTEM**

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## **System Information**

System Volume: 17000 gal

Bulk Operating Temp: 450F / 232C

Heating Source:

Blanket:

Fluid: EASTMAN THERMINOL 55 Make: AMERICAN HEATING

#### Sample Information

Lab No: 02542197 Analyst: Joe Goecke Sample Date: 02/21/23 Received Date: 02/28/23 Completed: 03/02/23

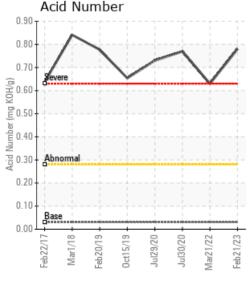
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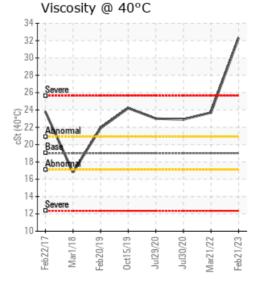
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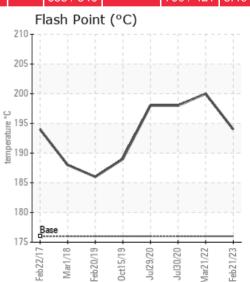
Recommendation: Acid Number remains high although consistent and not making any large jumps. The increase in viscosity leads me to believe that the system has had a significant increase in Petrotherm as the viscosity of Therminol 55 is 19 cst @ 40C and Petrotherm is 35 cst @ 40C. This would not be flagged if the fluid was listed as PetroTherm. Flash Point and low boilers remain consistent indicating the system is fairly stable. Pentane insoluble have risen and should be looked at from a filtration standpoint. Continue to use product and reasample at next scheduled interval and update paperwork to reflect correct product in use.

Comments: Pentane Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is severely high. Visc @ 40°C is severely high.



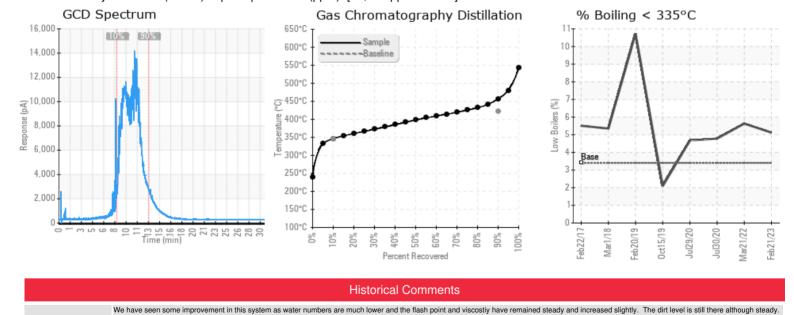








Elemental analysis results (above) in parts per million (ppm). [10,000 ppm = 1.0%]



#### We still see a high acid number which can be of a concern with corrosion and system damage. Fluid listed is Therminol 55, so maybe these items are carryover from previous product if this has not been cleaned. Please correct fluid name on sheet and consider partial exchange to lower acid number Pentane Insolubles levels are abnormally high. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is severely high. Acid Number (AN) is abnormally high. The sample from the expansion tank shows a very high water concentration (0.15%), a high acid number and a high amount of solids (0.5% by weight). We would check the bottom of the expansion tank for leaks to make sure the water and high acidity of the oil accumulated at the bottom of the tank has not eaten through the tank. We would recommend to manually remove some of this stagnant material from the bottom of the tank by 07/30/20 draining from the very bottom if possible or with a used oil collection truck, but keeping in mind that disturbance of this accumulation of acids, water and solids can cause some of it to go into the main system line. Water contamination levels are severely high, ppm Water contamination levels are severely high. Pentane Insolubles levels are abnormally high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is severely high.

This system from the main system line shows a high Acid Number, slightly higher than the last sample in October 2019. The oxidation (degradation) of the oil continues to increase the flash point and contributes to the 20%+ higher viscosity vs fresh Therminol 55. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. (GCD) 90%

Distillation Point is severely high.

03/21/22

07/29/20

10/15/19

The properties like insoluble solids and iron (wear and corrosion) seem to be getting better. Along with the increasing Sulfur it indicates a significant addition of fresh Therminol 55 to the system. However, the problem identified 2 years ago of fluid degradation by oxidation remains judging by the Acid Number which stubbornly stays high through the additions of oil. An Acid Number this high for a system this size means the oil has generated a lot of oxidation products. They are what causes the 25% viscosity increase, they accumulate in the bottom of the expansion tank and elbows and reduces the effective diameter of the piping to carry the hot oil. Our Petro-Therm is significantly less expensive so a lot more fresh oil could be added for the same cost vs. Therminol 55, thus making a much stronger impact in reducing the oxidation level (and acid level) of the oil. This would help reduce the corrosiveness and maintain the integrity of the piping and maintain better flow. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is abnormally high.

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