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System Information

System Volume: 6000 ltr

Bulk Operating Temp: Not Specified

Heating Source:

Blanket:

Fluid: PETRO CANADA PETRO-THERM

Make: HEATECH

Sample Information

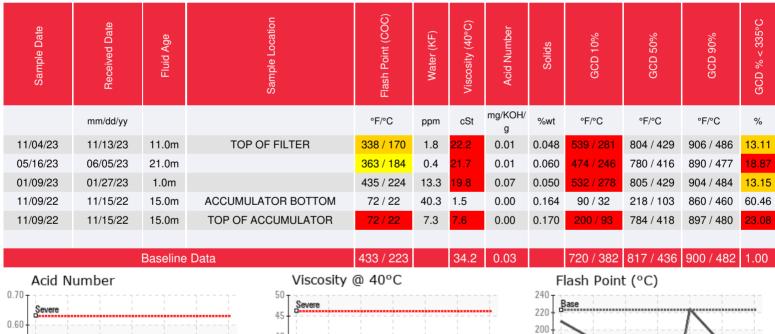
Lab No: 02595913 Analyst: Clinton Buhler Sample Date: 11/04/23 Received Date: 11/13/23 Completed: 11/15/23

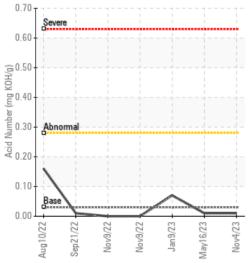
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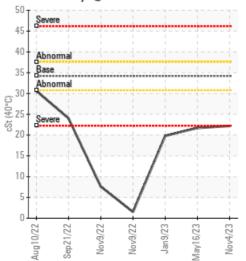
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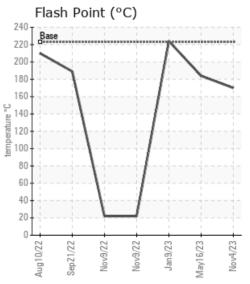
Recommendation: Sample results indicate continued high low boiling vapor content @ 13.11%, which is an improvement from the last sample which was at 18.87%. This directly impacts the lower fluid viscosity and lower fluid flash point. Flash point has gone down to 170°C. System needs to be vented to reduce the amount of low boiling vapors. Please re-sample in 6 months but only after a thorough venting regime. Please also lower blanket gas pressure as low as possible; 2-3 psi is ideal for the fluid.

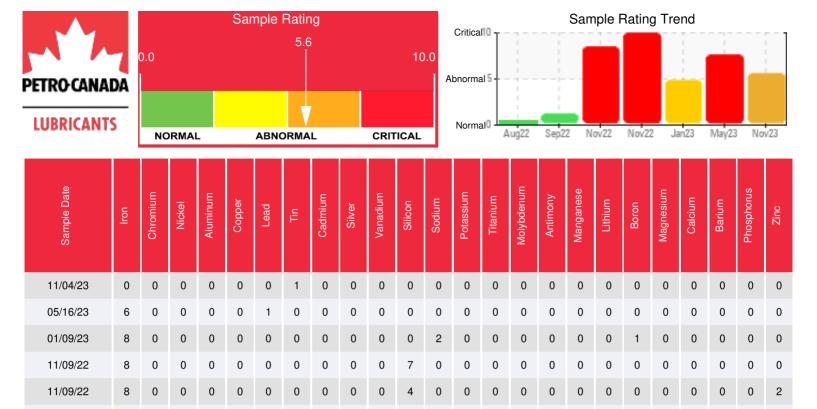
Comments:











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

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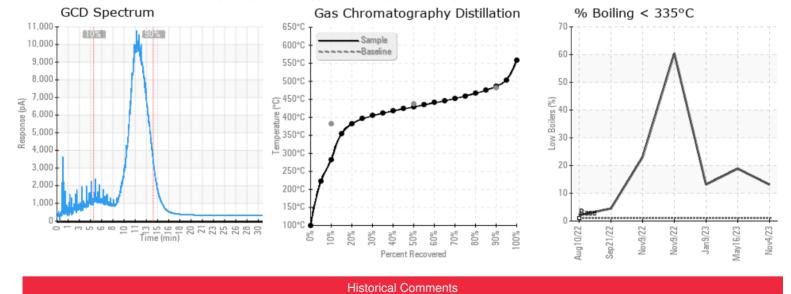
Baseline Data

05/16/23

01/09/23

11/09/22

11/09/22



Sample results show increased low boiling vapor content, up from 13.15% to 18.87%. Fluid flash point has also been reduced to 184°C from 224°C. Because solids content remains low, thus likely ruling out thermal degradation, these results are most likely related to potential hydrocarbon liquid contamination or high blanket gas pressure. It is understood that expansion tank blanket gas (natural gas) pressure is set at 150 kpa (21 psi). From the fluid perspective, this should be closer to 2-3 psi (14-21 kpa) to help prevent gas entrainment in the heating fluid and to prevent outside air from entering and causing oxidation. Some systems require higher gas blanket pressure for the sake of satisfying pump NPSH requirements. Please investigate if this pressure can be lowered safely. Please again perform venting protocol, but ensure that blanket gas is turned offuring venting, otherwise the low boiling vapors cannot efficiently be removed from the system. Turn gas blanket back on in between venting periods. Re-sample in 3 months but only after reducing gas blanket to 2-3 psi (if possible) and venting thoroughly.

This is the first sample taken after the previous fill was drained, flushed with diesel and then re-filled with fresh Petro-Therm. Sample results indicate that the fluid is in suitable condition for continued service. However, fluid viscosity is still well below fresh Petro-Therm and low boiling vapor content is quite high at 13%, possibly related to residual flushing medium. System needs to be vented to reduce the amount of low boiling vapors. Please re-sample in 3 months but only after a thorough venting regime.

Sample results indicate extreme contamination with process fluid. Fluid needs to be replaced immediately. Do not run the system as flash point is dangerously low. (GCD) % < 335°C is severely high. (GCD) 10% Distillation Point is severely low. (GCD) 50% Distillation Point is severely low. (GCD) 90% Distillation Point is severely low. COC Flash Point is severely low. Visc @ 40°C is severely low.

Sample results indicate extreme contamination with process fluid. Fluid needs to be replaced immediately. Do not run the system as flash point is dangerously low. We understand there is also evidence of solids in the accumulator and pump inlet screens, indicative of fluid degradation. Please contact Petro-Canada Lubricants tech services to discuss cleaning and flushing (GCD) % < 335°C is severely high. (GCD) 10% Distillation Point is severely low. COC Flash Point is severely low. Visc @ 40°C is severely low.

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