

[VESTA SYLVAN LAKE] 6-20-37-1-W5 HEAT MEDIUM #2

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System Information

System Volume: 13000 ltr

Bulk Operating Temp: 329F / 165C

Heating Source:

Blanket:

Fluid: PETRO CANADA PETRO-THERM

Make: ASPIRE MANUFACTURING

Sample Information

Lab No: 02627138 Analyst: Yutong Gao Sample Date: 04/01/24 Received Date: 04/05/24 Completed: 04/12/24

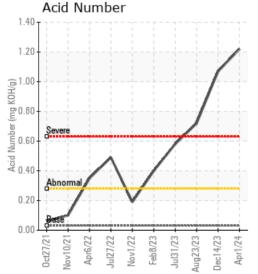
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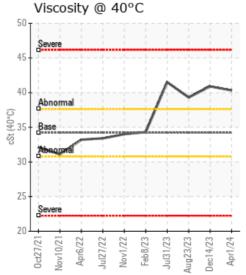
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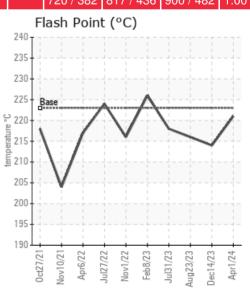
Recommendation: Based on the test results, the fluid conditions are getting worse. There are severe fluid oxidation, and solid particle level is extremely high. The iron content is abnormally high, which is related to the metal corrosion due to higher acid concentration in the fluid. The fluid is not suitable for use, and need a complete cleaning/flushing/Fluid Changing. Or at least the 1/3 changes to gain the time. As mentioned in the past, this system need modification to add the gas blanket (the same as System 1) and reduce the expansion tank temperature down from 100C to 60C or lower. Also a second circulation pump needs to be installed, just in case the primary fluid circulation pump has a problem. Jason, I will send you an email shortly to discuss further.

Comments: PQ levels are severe. Iron ppm levels are abnormal. Solid Insolubles levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.











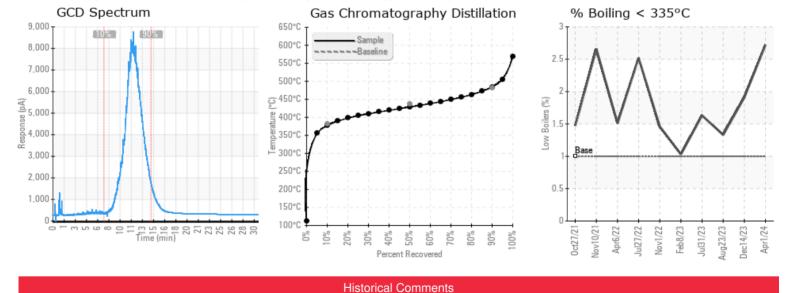
Elemental analysis results (above) in parts per million (ppm). [10,000 ppm = 1.0%]

12/14/23

08/23/23

07/31/23

02/08/23



The fluid has elevated Acid Number and Solid Contents, meaning the oil oxidation has been accelerated in the past 5 months. As discussed in the past, please consider implementing the following improvements

ASAP: 1. Reduce the expansion tank temperature from the current 100C to 60C or lower. 2. Add a blanket in the expansion tank to isolate the hot fluid. The blanket can be the same as the Medium #1. 3. Please consider installing a second circulation pump, just incase the current pump has a premature failure. Iron level is increasing over the time, which is not typically from a wear and tear. Most likely, the iron is a third party contamination. Please trouble-shoot the source of the iron (i.e. the pipe corrosion, or third fluid contamination, etc.) Solid levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.

This is the second sample in 30 days after instructing a good sampling port flushing, so that I think it is a representative sample. The elevated oil viscosity, acid number and solid contents are all the results of the fluid oxidation and degradation. Please add gas/nitrogen blanket in the expansion tank, also keep the expansion tank fluid temperature =< 500. System filtration needs to be arranged. Yutong will follow up with Jason. Solid levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is severely high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.

The sample has adequate distillation points comparing with the fresh fluid. However, the solid content has been elevated substantially only after 5 months operation since the last sample in Feb 2023. The viscosity and acid number test results are also higher than the previous samples. Referring to the system design parameters, please double check the fluid flow rate and expansion tank typical temperature. If they are all adequate enough, then please re-sample ASAP before taking any additional actions. Please use the same sample port, flush the port by 50 liters fluid, then take a representative sample. Yutong will contact Jason along with the Petro-Canada Lubricants local distributor to follow up the details. An increase in the iron level is noted. Solid levels are severely high. Acid Number (AN) is abnormally high. Visc @ 40°C is abnormally high.

The current fluid has correct viscosity and decent distillation points. There is minimum water / dirt contaminations. The overall solid content is low. The acid number is elevated from last sample result, however, it is similar to the two samples in Apr/Jul 2022. Please continue to run this fluid and take one sample in Sept 2023 to monitor the conditions. To better understand the variation of the AN, please confirm if there was a high volume fluid top-up between Jul and Nov, 2022. Also please make sure to take samples from the same port and the sampling port shall be well flushed.

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