Experimental Analysis Of Tribological Properties Of Various Lubricating Oils Without And With Using Extreme Pressure Additives By Using Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machine

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Abstract: - This study examined the tribological properties of various lubricating oils (i.e.SAE20, SAE30, SAE40, SAE68, SAE90, SAE120, & SAE140) which are used for various purposes like lubrication of Bearings, I.C.Engine Parts, Machine Parts, Cutting oils in manufacturing processes and specially Gear boxes lubrication oils etc., without and with using different antiwear & extreme pressure additives (i.e. MOLYVAN A & VANLUBE 73). By using Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machine (F.B.E.P.O.T.M) which plays an important role in oil industry while selecting such oils as a lubricating media for testing various types of E.P. lubricating oils. The test was carried out as per the American Society for Testing of Materials (ASTM) ASTM-D2783-3 [The Standard Test Method for Measurement of Extreme-Pressure (EP) Properties or an evaluation of tribological properties of lubricating oils by Four-Ball Method] & IP–239 [Determination of Extreme Pressure and Anti-wear Properties of Lubricants - Four Ball Machine Method] to determine the weld load.

The Extreme Pressure (E.P.) Properties like- (1) Load Wear Index (LWI) (i.e. Mean Hertz Load); (2) Weld Point (WP); (3) Last Non-Seizure Load (LNSL) -Non load are the basis of differentiation of lubricating fluids having low, medium and high level of E.P. Properties. Load Carrying Capacity of EP lubricating oil is important parameter for their application. The viscosity shows anti wear benefits to lubricants noticed through decrease in wear scar diameter with increasing viscosity by varying percentage of additives. The anti wear additive studied have been found to show anti wear properties of lubricants under the experimental condition. The test was carried out on four ball testing model under atmospheric pressure of lubricant at different loads and at room temperature. Anti wear properties of oils like 90 EP and 140 EP gear oil are evaluated Critical Seizure Load, Weld Load, and Wear Index are determined.

Additives are substances formulated for improvement of the anti-friction, chemical and physical properties of base oils (mineral, synthetic, vegetable or animal), which results in enhancing the lubricant performance and extending the equipment life. Combination of different additives and their quantities are determined by the lubricant type (Engine oils, Gear oils, Hydraulic oils, cutting fluids, Way lubricants, compressor oils etc.) and the specific operating conditions (temperature, loads, machine parts materials, environment). Amount of additives may reach 30%. Wear is the progressive loss of material from the operating surface of machine due to relative motion between surfaces. Wear occurs in mating parts in a given environment under certain operating condition like Load, Speed, and Sliding Distance Etc. Lubricating oil plays an important role in manufacturing industry because lubricant is used to reduce frictional losses and avoid metal-to-metal contact between the components assembled together for obtaining desired function in machine.

Wear properties of materials and Extreme pressure properties of lubricants are presently determined by various equipment like four ball wear extreme pressure tester, pin on disc tester, grease noise tester, scratch tester, etc. Reduction of wear and coefficient of friction between two sliding surfaces under practical condition is paramount important for Design Engineer, The four ball-testing machine is proposed to find wear preventive properties of various lubricants. The

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we have evaluated and investigated of tribological properties (i.e. Load Carrying Capacity or Extreme Pressure properties or Weld Points etc.) of various lubricating oils without using Extreme pressure Additives. And the wear preventive properties of various lubricants are found by using Four Ball Oil Testing Machine. The test is carried out on alloy steel balls for two hours under three varying loads. The following types of test are carried out on four market available lubricants.

INTRODUCTION

I.

The concept of Tribology was enunciated in 1966 in a report of the UK Department of Education and Science. It encompasses the interdisciplinary science and technology of interacting surfaces in relative motion and associated subjects and practices. It includes parts of physics, chemistry, solid mechanics, heat transfer, materials science, lubricant rheology, reliability and performance. Although the name tribology is new, the constituent parts of tribology encompassing friction and wear are as old as history. The economic aspects of tribology are significant. Investigations by a number of countries arrived at figures of savings of 1.0% to 1.4% of the GNPs, obtainable by the application of tribological principles, often for proportionally minimal expenditure in Research and Development. Lubrication. is a constituent of Tribology (Tribology is the Science & Technology of the interactions between surfaces moving relative to each other), is one of the powerful means of reducing frictional resistance of surface having relative motion under

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It has been established since long that those surfaces of the bodies are never perfectly smooth. It is due to these corrugations that friction arises. However smooth the surfaces may be seen, friction still exists between them. Lubrication, is a constituent of Tribology (Tribology is the Science & Technology of the interactions between surfaces moving relative to each other), is one of the powerful means of reducing frictional resistance of surface having relative motion under load. It includes hydrodynamic, hydrostatic and Elasto Hydrodynamic Lubrication (EHL) utilizing either oils or liquids or gasses as lubricants. The lubricating oils are selected considering the various operations condition like temperature rise, working load, normal working temperature; Pressure, Extreme conditions etc. lubricating oils are categorized by either composition or end use. They are divided in two groups -mineral oils and vegetable or animal oils, but consumers prefer terminology that reflects the use of the lubricant. The terms or names given below have been selected on the basis of their common acceptance and usage. (1) Extreme Pressure (EP) oils, (2) Compound oils, (3) Detergent oils (4) Synthetic oils (Fluids). Due to the accuracy of results and Due to the simple test procedure of this F.B.E.P.O.T.M. is widely used in oil industries as well as in Research and Development (R & D) Institutes.

The F.B.E.P.O.T.M. is utilized for finding out the load carrying capacity and weld point of different types of lubricating oils without E.P. Additives; The various Advantages of this (F.B.E.P.O.T.M.) machine are

1. The construction is quite easy to understand.

2. The balls used in this testing machine are easily available and of low cost.

3. The range of temperature for testing Oil is quite large 180C to 350C.

4. Large variety of oils is tested by this Machine.

5. As measurement of scar on the balls under microscope is very easy so by comparing from table we can easily predict the load carrying capacity of given oil.

The parameters were determined as Wear-Scar Diameter (WSD), Initial Seizure Load (ISL), Just Before Weld Load (JBWL) And Weld Load (WL) etc.

Extreme pressure and anti wear additives prevent metal to metal contact by adding film forming compounds that protect the surface either by physical absorption or a chemical reaction with the metal surface in order to form a low shear film at point of contact. The principal function of lubricants are to control friction, Wear, temperature, corrosion, Insulate (Electric), Transmit power (Hydraulic), Dampen shock (Viz-dashpots, gears), Remove contaminants (Flushing action) and form a seal (grease).

The addition of extreme pressure (EP) and anti wear (AW) additives was used to improve the friction and wear behaviors of lubricant, thus, avoiding surface damage. In the boundary lubrication regime, the formation of a surface chemical reaction film is the determining factor in minimizing the friction and wear.

Various Researchers or Tribologiest or Scientists or Companies developed EP Testing Machines (F.B.E.P.O.T.M.) and Carried out an Evaluation of tribological properties of various lubricating oils-specially Gear Boxes oils by using Various Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machines (F.B.E.P.O.T.M.).

Lubricants are used to prevent wear between moving parts and to resist to high pressure between them. There are standardized testing methods that determinate the wear of the contact pair pieces and the pressure that leads to lubrication failure. The standards present the conditions and procedure of the test and the equipment. This failure manifests at the beginning through a seizure and at the end through a welding between metallic

separated parts. All these methods are used the four ball machine because of its constructive simplicity and easy utilization, in spite of its obsolete and given little correlation to the lubricant behaviour in real applications from the point of view of some researchers. In this paper the authors compare three such standards related to the use of four-ball machine, two American (ASTM D 2783, ASTM D 4172) and the Romanian one (SR EN ISO 20623:2004), this being adopted by the endorsement method of the standard EN ISO 20623:2003.

The addition of extreme pressure (EP) and anti wear (AW) additives was used to improve the friction and wear behaviors of lubricant, thus, avoiding surface damage. In the boundary lubrication regime, the formation of a surface chemical reaction film is the determining factor in minimizing the friction and wear. This depends on the nature and chemistry of additives or tribological effects of their active elements (sulphur, phosphorus, nitrogen, chlorine, etc). Metallic dialkyldithiocarbamates of zinc, lead, molybdenum, etc have been widely utilized as a multifunctional lubricant additive to provide antiwear protection as well as to inhibit the oxidation of petroleum lubricants. The effect of a particular additive depends on its chemical nature, and its concentration. However, they don't exhibit better antiwear and extreme pressure properties under different operational conditions. The wide variety of positive effects demonstrated by the combination of different types of additives. The required functional action is achieved by appropriate balance. Investigations that can optimize the composition and expand the areas of application of additive packages are of considerable scientific and practical interest.

The hardness of mating surfaces is an important component of the so-called friction parameters vector and has a significant influence on the magnitude of the friction and on the wear of the surfaces. Investigations aimed at determining the influence of hardness on the wear of machine parts working in mixed lubrication range were carried out using a four-ball extreme pressure tester. The test balls were made of 100Cr6 steel with a hardness of 24–62 HRC. A mixed lubrication model (an objective function) correlating the hardness of the steel sliding surfaces the magnitude of the friction and the wear of the surfaces in a defined area of excitations (pressure *p*H and sliding velocity *v*) for lubrication with oil Transol 150 has been developed. Hardness has been found to have a significant influence on wear. Thanks to the correlation of hardness with the excitations it has been observed that the objective function d = f(pH, v, H) is not a monotone function, but it has an extremum. The model allows one to match steel materials for sliding nodes working under concentrated contact (e.g. in gears) without the need to carry out experimental tests.

II. CONSTRUCTION FEATURES

As concerning the laboratory tests for lubricants, an important role among these is played by the determination of anti-wear and extreme pressure properties. In the first test the lubricant plays its protection role but in the second one it fails due special experimental conditions. The equipment that could do these tests may be grouped into two main categories (a) laboratory equipment that models the tribological processes characterizing the actual industrial tribosystems or they try to generate a friction process under well-determined conditions; many of these tests are used particularly for obtaining comparative data; (b) laboratory equipment using tribosystems included in different actual technical systems, monitored by adequate measuring devices.

The EP oils contain EP additives for lubricating gears and bearings under high loads. High impact loads from shocks and high rolling pressure may cause oil films between moving parts to rupture, resulting in metal to metal contact and rapid wear. To prevent such damage, EP oils are formulated with additive compounds that interpose an appropriate chemical under load, the chemical attaches itself to reacts with the metal surface at the elevated temperature forming an intervening compound to reduce friction and prevent wear

Standard Test Method For Measurement Of Extreme Properties Of Lubricating Fluids By Four Ball Method Astm D-2783

The Test Method is used to determine the Load Carrying Capabilities of Lubricating Fluids; Test Method is used for Specification Purposes in Order to Differentiate between Lubricating Fluids Having Low, Medium, and High Levels of Extreme Pressure in Sliding Steel-On-Steel Conditions. Two Determinations are made in This Test. The Load Wear Index and the Weld Point. The Load Wear Index is an Index of the Ability of a Lubricant to Prevent Wear at Applied Loads. The Weld Point is the Lowest Applied Load at Which the Sliding Surfaces of Four Steel Balls Seize and Weld Together.

In This Test Steel Balls of the Same Size and Metallurgy are used. Three Steel Balls which are immersed in the Lubricant Being Tested are locked into a Test Cup. A Fourth Steel Ball that is Held in Place in a Rotating Chuck is placed on Top of the Three Steel Balls Locked in the Test Cup. The Fourth Steel Ball is rotated at a Speed of 1770rpm and Subjected to a Series of 10 second durations at Increasing Loads until Welding of the Steel Balls Occurs. At the End of each 10 Second Test, the Ball in the Chuck is discarded and the Other Three Balls are taken from the Cup in Order to Examine the Diameter of the Wear Scar. These Wear Scar Diameters are used to calculate the Load Wear index. With Each Load Applied New Steel Balls are used.

The Loads are applied in a Stepped Series with the First Load Being 6kgsf. The Loading Series Used is 6,8,10,13,16,20,24,32,40,50,63,80,100,126,160,200, 250,315, 400,500,620 and 800 kgsf. If Welding Does not Occur at 800 kgsf the Lubricant is reported as Having a Weld Point of +800kgsf.

III. FOUR-BALL WEAR AND EP TEST

This tester was developed to evaluate the antiwear, EP, and antiweld properties of lubricants. It is a simple bench test machine designed to measure the protection a lubricant provides under conditions of high unit pressures and various sliding velocities. The Four-Ball Wear tester consists of four 1.5 in. diameter steel balls arranged in the form of an equilateral tetrahedron. The three lower balls are held immovably in a clamping pot, while the fourth ball is made to rotate against them. Test lubricant is added in the test pot, covering the contact area of the test balls. During a test, wear scars are formed on the surfaces of the three stationary balls. The diameter of the scars depends on the load, speed, temperature, duration of run, and type of lubricant. The Four-Ball EP tester runs at a fixed speed of 1770 ± 60 rpm and has no provision for lubricant temperature control.

A microscope is used to measure the wear scars. Two of the standard tests run on the Four-Ball machine are Mean-Hertz Load and Load-Wear Index. ASTM D 2596 covers the detailed calculation procedure of Load-Wear Index for greases and D-2783 for oils. These procedures involve the running of a series of 10 s tests over a range of increasing loads until welding occurs. From the scar measurements, the mean load (load wear index) is calculated and it serves as an indicator of the load-carrying properties of the oil being tested.

IV. TEST PROCEDURE OF FOUR BALL E.P. TEST

The determination of the load carrying capacity of a lubricant in kilogram applied to a system of four steel / Cast iron balls in the form of a tetrahedron (See Fig.1. Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machine-Below). As per ASTM D2783, Four Ball EP test steel / Cast iron balls of the same size and metallurgy are used (Cr.Alloy steel or Cast iron material for balls of Dia.12.7mm),Three steel /cast iron balls which are immersed in the industrial gear lubricating oil being tested, are locked in to a test cup . A fourth steel ball that is held in place in a rotating chuck is place on top of the three steel Cast iron balls locked in the test cup. The fourth steel ball is rotated at a speed of 1770 rpm and subjected to a series of 10 second duration's at increasing loads until welding of the steel/cast iron balls occurs. At the end of each 10 second test, the ball in the chuck is discarded and the other three balls are taken from the cup to examine the diameter of the wear scar under standard magnifying Microscope, These wear car diameter to calculate the load wear index. New steel/Cast iron balls are used with each load applied.

A series of 10-second runs are made at pre-selected loads shown in the first column of the four ball EP worksheet. The first run is made with a load of 40 kg (Marked base) and subsequent runs at successively higher loads until welding of the four balls occurs. Two check runs at the welding load are made, and if welding does not occur in both of the check runs, the next higher load is applied until welding occurs. The three lower balls are retained in a holder for measurement of the scar diameters. The work sheet data collected from the determination of the load scar curve are used in calculations under the Mean Hertz load formula for the determination of the E.P value.

V. SCAR DIAMETER MEASUREMENT

Two measurements are made of the wear spots on each of the three lower balls. One measurement is made horizontally and the second measurement is made vertically. These measurements are recorded in columns one through six on the shell four ball EP worksheet. The arithmetic mean of the six measurements is obtained and placed in column X. The average scar diameter readings are plotted against kg. Load as part of the report.

WELD POINT

Weld point is that point at which there is immediate seizure of the four balls and is the end point of the test. This point is shown on the load scar curve by a vertical arrow at the loading above the last measurable scar recorded.

EP VALUE

The Hertz line diameter is calculated from the formula determining the diameter of the contact area between two spherical surfaces. This diameter is the static indentation caused by deformation of the balls under

load at the start of the test. This dimension is shown on the four ball worksheet as factor DH, where LDH is used to determine the corrected load.

TEST RESULTS

The objectives of this procedure are completed with the plotting of the load scar curve including weld point and calculations of the EP value.

Minimum Scar Diameter (MSD) =

Horizontal (Parallel) Reading (HR) + Vertical (Normal) Reading (VR)

2 Average Reading

Typical Test Results Of Gear Oils Obtained With The F.B.E.P.O.T.M. Are Shown In The Following Table No. 1 TABLE 1 TEST RESULTS - F.B.E. P.O.T.M.

SR.	LUBRICANTS	2 ½ INCH,	MEAN HERTZ LOAD
NO.		SD, KG	KG
1	Mineral Oil	73	26
2	Castor Oil	88.5	30
3	Pb Soap – S gear Oil	106	> 86
4	6% fatty oil	69.5	24
5	5 % Commercial EP additive	131	65
6	15% commercial EP additive	149	84.5
7	Commercial gear oil SAE 90	87.5	46

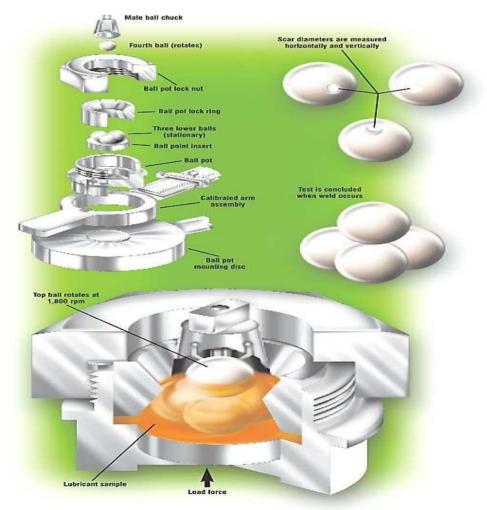


FIG.1. FOUR BALL EXTREME PRESSURE OIL TESTING MACHINE

ANTIWEAR & EXTREME PRESSURE ADDITIVES DITHIOCARBAMATES MOLYVANA

Used in long life chassis greases for ball joints, steering linkages and other lubricating greases requiring good antioxidant and antiwear at high temperatures for long periods of time. MOLYVAN A is an organic molybdenum E.P. and antiwear additive for petroleum and synthetic lubricants. It has good high temperature stability. In lubricating greases it is superior to inorganic molybdenum additives in both antiwear and antioxidant properties.

MOLYVAN A is slightly basic and does not promote rusting. It has a low specific gravity which makes it easy to disperse with simple equipment. It is used in non-petroleum base valve lubricants. (Application-Grease, Synthetic Lube, Function-High Temperature, Antioxidant, Antiwear/Antiscuff, Friction Reducer, Extreme Pressure, Chemical Composition-Molybdenum di-n-butyldithio- carbamate, Physical State-Powder, Color Yellow, Density@ 15.6°C Mg/m3 (lb/gal) 1.59 @ 25°C, Viscosity @ 100°C cSt — , Flash Point (PMCC), °C —, Solubility Slightly soluble in aromatic hydrocarbons. Insoluble in water, Use Concentration, % mass - 0.5 - 3.0, Typical Uses-MOLYVAN A is used in long life chassis greases for ball joints, steering linkages and other lubricating greases requiring good antioxidant and antiwear at high temperatures for long periods of time. It is an organic molybdenum extreme pressure and antiwear additive for petroleum and synthetic lubricants. It has good high temperature stability. In lubricating greases it is superior to inorganic molybdenum additives for both antiwear and antioxidant properties. MOLYVAN A is slightly basic and does not promote rusting. It has a low specific gravity which makes it easy to disperse with simple equipment. It is used in non-petroleum base valvelubricants.)

MOLYVAN807

MOLYVAN 807 offers a unique molybdenum-sulfur combination in an oil-soluble form which is easy to blend into lubricants. MOLYVAN 807 can be used to maintain the antifriction properties of an engine oil while reducing the phosphorus content. To obtain significant increases in extreme pressure properties and impart improved antiwear performance, MOLYVAN 807 can be used in combination with VANLUBE® 7723, a nonmetallic dithiocarbamate which functions as antioxidant and extreme pressure agent. Note: Since oil formulations vary it is recommended that upon the incorporation of any additive the finished product be tested to confirm original test results. In some formulations, the presence of MOLYVAN 807 may contribute to copper corrosion which would be detrimental to some diesel engines. Therefore, its use in such lubricants is not recommended.

MOLYVAN 822

MOLYVAN 822 may be used to maintain or improve the antifriction properties of an engine oil while reducing the phosphorus content. MOLYVAN 822 is less corrosive to copper than most other organic molybdenum compounds. MOLYVAN 822 is not recommended for use in diesel engine lubricants. **Note:** Since oil formulations vary it is recommended that upon the incorporation of any additive the finished product be tested to confirm original test results. In some formulations, the presence of MOLYVAN 822 may contribute to copper corrosion which would be detrimental to some diesel engines. Therefore, its use in such lubricants is not recommended.

VANLUBE EZ

VANLUBE EZ is a multifunctional additive that imparts excellent antiwear, extreme pressure, corrosion resistance, and antioxidant properties to industrial lubricants and greases. It is a concentrated version of VANLUBE AZ. The product is a clear, light-colored, and free-flowing liquid.

VANLUBE 73

One of the most versatile of the dithiocarbamate additives. VANLUBE 73 has excellent anti-wear, extreme pressure and antioxidant properties. It is used as an antiwear additive, bearing corrosion inhibitor in motor oils, gas engine oils, compressor oils, etc. It is used in lubricating greases of all types as an antioxidant, antiwear and extreme pressure additive. (Application-Compressor Oil, Engine Oil, Gear Oil, Grease, Synthetic Lube, Function- Antioxidant, Antiwear/ Antiscuff, Friction Reducer, Extreme Pressure, Chemical Composition-Antimony tris (dialkyl dithio carbamate) in oil, Physical State- Clear to Hazy Liquid, Color-Dark Amber, Density @ 15.6°C Mg/m3 (lb/gal)- 1.03 (8.6), Viscosity @ 100°C cSt - 11, Flash Point (PMCC), °C- 171, Solubility- Soluble in petroleum and synthetic lubricant bases. Insoluble in water, Use Concentration % mass -0.1 - 1.0 as antioxidant 2.0 - 5.0 as extreme pressure agent, Typical Uses-VANLUBE 73 is one of the most versatile of the dithiocarbamate additives. It has excellent antiwear, extreme pressure and antioxidant properties. It is used as an antiwear additive, a bearing corrosion inhibitor in motor oils, gas engine oil, compressor oils, etc. It is used in lubricating greases of all types as an antioxidant, antiwear and extreme pressure additive.) VANLUBE 73 SUPER PLUS

VANLUBE 73 Super Plus is a proprietary mixture of dialkyldithiocarbamates. Based on equivalent antimony content the load-carrying capacity of VANLUBE 73 Super Plus is superior to that of antimony dialkyldithiocarbamate (SDDC), and comparable to that of combinations of SDDC and sulfurized olefin. As an antioxidant, VANLUBE 73 Super Plus outperforms both SDDC and SDDC/sulfurized olefin and, unlike sulfurized olefin, it does not lower the dropping point of lithium complex grease. VANLUBE 73 Super Plus does not have a pungent odor of sulfurized olefin.

VANLUBE 869

VANLUBE 869 is an effective EP/antioxidant suitable for lubricating oils and greases. VANLUBE 869 is compatible with other VANLUBE RI's/AO's and metal deactivators.

VANLUBE 8610

VANLUBE 8610 is an EP/antioxidant useful for various lubricating oils and greases. Impressive Timken loads of 90 and 100 lbs. may be seen with 2% treatment levels. VANLUBE 8610 is compatible with other VANLUBE RI's/AO's and metal deactivators.

VANLUBE 9413

This product is a bismuth containing liquid extreme pressure additive. Laboratory tests show that 3.5% mass treatment in Lithium Complex greases yields an 80 lb. Timken OK Load. This product can also be used in fluid lubricants.

VI. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP (TEST RIG - F.B.E.P.O.T.M.)

The F.B.E.P.O.T.M. is a standard rig test for an Evaluation of Extreme Pressure (E.P.) property of a Lubricating oils, in this machine (See Fig.2). The components of mechanical design of the testing area of Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machine, A Vertical spindle rotates a chuck between a speeds of 1200 rpm to 1800 rpm, in which steel/cast iron ball of 12.7mm diameter. With (i) EN 31- C-0.9 to 1.2%, Mn.- 0.3 to 0.7%, Cr-1 to 1.6%,Ni-Nil % OR (ii) Alloy Steel – C-0.53%, Mn-0.58%, Cr- 0.48%, Si - 0.05%, P-0.027% and Fe-Balance and VHN hardness of 670 (Average) were used test specimen is fitted below it three identical balls are clamped together tightly in a cup filled with lubricating oil (5ml) to be tested. The cup is mounted on a thrust bearing which automatically centres the top ball held in the chuck. Thus, the load is evenly distributed over three points of contact between the top rotating ball and the underlying three stationery balls. The loads are in the range of 20 kg to 40 kg. (OR 549 N to 3479 N) are applied on the thrust bearing by suspending lever arm with the temperature control within range of 18° C to 35° C.The rotation of the driving spindle causes a friction torque, which is recorded on a rotating drum. The duration of the test is 60 Seconds.

VII. FOUR BALLS TEST

The Four Ball Test (Machine) is used to measure the Anti Wear (AW) and Extreme Pressure (EP) properties of greases and lubricating oils. The point contact interface is obtained by rotating a 12.7mm diameter steel ball under load against three stationary steel balls immersed in the lubricant. The speed of rotation, normal load, and temperature can be adjusted in accordance with published ASTM standards. To evaluate the anti wear characteristics of lubricants, the subsequent wear scar diameters on the balls is measured. To evaluate the Extreme-Pressure (load-carrying) capacity of lubricants, the normal load at which welding occurs at the contact interface is measured. (See Figs.2, 3, 4, 5,6)

EXTREME-PRESSURE (EP) PROPERTY MEASUREMENTS (4-BALL EP TEST ASTM D-2783)

The 4-Ball Extreme-Pressure Test evaluates extreme-pressure properties and high-load, anti-wear protection properties. High reported values indicate the gear lube Provides better protection against wear and galling when the lubricant film is ruptured under heavy loads. Towing, hauling, racing and high-horsepower/torque applications are examples of severe service where the lubricant film is commonly ruptured and metal-to-metal contact occurs. The 4-Ball EP Test is operated with one steel ball under load rotating at 1760 rpm against three steel balls submerged in oil and held stationary in a cradle. The temperature of the gear lube is brought to 18.33 to 35.0°C (65 to 95°F).Weld point and load-wear index are determined from a series of 4-Ball EP Test runs.

A series of tests with increasing loads, measured in kilograms (kg) are performed until the fourth loaded ball seizes (welds) to the three stationary balls. The weld point is the lowest (first) extreme-pressure point which exceeds the lubricant's load carrying ability. It is a good indicator of a lubricant's extreme-pressure properties. Gear lubes with weld points of 400kg indicate better EP properties than those with weld points of 315kg.

VIII. EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The experimental procedure follows the next steps: The balls were putted into the balls cap, and the cup was filled with oil as the standard EN ISO 20623:2004 requires; The oil was tested 30 minutes and then was removed from the ball cup; The balls were left in the ball cup and were washed up with proper solvent and then dried; The mean scar Diameters were determinate as the standard requires; A new fresh oil was introduced into the ball cup and tested for the next 30 minutes; Afterwards the above steps were repeated. Altogether the oil was tested six times for 30 minutes, i.e. three hours. To an evaluate the EP activity of the additives a number of test were performed until the welding point was reached. The wear scars were optically measured and the other parameters were calculated by the standard method.

IX. THE EXPERIMENTAL TEST PROCEDURE

1. Thoroughly clean the new four test balls, test lubricant cup and holder assembly by first washing with acetone.

2. Place the three test balls in the test lubricant cup; place the lock ring over the test ball and screw down nut securely. Pour the lubricating fluid to be tested over the three tests Balls until they are covered.

3. Bring the lubricant and cup to 18° C to 35° C.

4. Place the fourth ball into the ball chuck and fit to the vertical shaft.

5. Bring the test lubricant cup assembly on the test apparatus on contact with the fourth ball.

6. Install the test lubricant cup assembly on the test apparatus on contact with the fourth ball.

7. Apply the load with the help of hydraulic jack, making certain that cup assembly and Spacers are centered.

8. Start the motor and run for 10 ± 0.2 seconds.

9. Remove the test lubricant cup assembly, remove the chuck and discard the balls.

10. Measure the scar diameter of test balls as follows-

Remove the test balls, and clean the balls in Acetone. Wipe dry with soft cloth,

Using a microscope, measure to the nearest scar diameter both Parallel (Horizontal) and Normal (Vertical) to the striations in the scar surface of one of the three test balls.

11. Record for the 80kg load, the average scar diameter by above method, Compare this Average scar diameter with the compensation scar diameter.

12. Make additional runs at consecutively higher test loads, recording measured scar Diameter and discarding test balls until welding occurs. Make a check run at this point of welding does not occur on the check run, repeat the test at the next higher load until Welding is verified.

14. If the measured scar diameter for 80kg is more than 5% from compensation scar Diameter (As shown in the above table 5.1.), Make the next run at the next lower load. Continue this procedure until the last non seizure load is determined.

14. Alternatively, in instances when the measure wear scars, remain more than 5% above the compensation line, continue this procedure until a total of 10 runs below the weld Point is recorded.

X. PRECAUTIONS

Following Precautions should be taken while carrying the test.

1. Do not allow the contamination of lubricant with foreign materials and other lubricant

2. Do not use solvents such as carbon tetrachloride or other solvent that may inherently Posses load carrying properties.

3. The force on the lock nut is maintained within the range 68±7 Nm, measured by torque Wrench.

4. Cup assembly, Spacer and load point should be centered.

5. Scar diameter and volume loss should be measured precisely in PREC laboratory.

6. Time for each test should be measured correctly and pressure should be maintained within the range.

7. During the higher loads and weld load, it is difficult to measure scar diameter, due to Flow of metal, in such cases the metal flow can be removed or peeled or with a suitable instrument.

8. Shut off the motor immediately to prevent damage to the tester.

Welding may be detected (i) Increased noise level of motor, (ii) Smoking from test oil cup, (iii) Sudden drop in pressure.

9. Ensure zero of pressure indicator before loading.

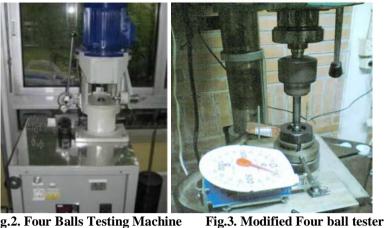


Fig.2. Four Balls Testing Machine



Fig.4. Example of Wear Scar on a Ball

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Fig.5. Four Welded Balls after Test



Fig.6. Example of Welded Test Balls

EXPERIMENTAL WORK

The following different types of lubricating oils (i.e.SAE20, SAE90, SAE140) tested by the Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machine without And with E.P. Additives added in to the oils, these oils evaluated and investigated, and tabulated in the following tables.

THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS USED

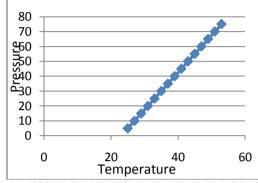
- (1) LNSR/L-Last Non Seizure Region/Load
- (2) ISR/L-Initial Seizure Region/Load
- (3) IMSR/L-Immediate Seizure Region/Load
- (4) JBWR/L-Just Before Weld Region/Load
- (5) WR/L-Weld Region/Load

TABLE:-2 OIL-SAE20										
SR.	PRESSURE	APPLIED	TEMPERAT	TIME	MINIMUM	REMARKS				
NO.	(P)	LOAD	URE	(T)	SCAR	REGIONS				
	KG/CM ²	(W) KG	(T) ⁰ C	SEC.	DIAMETER	/				
					(D) MM	LOADS				
1	5	25	25	10	0.4440	LNSR/L				
2	10	50	27	10	0.5750	ISR/L				
3	15	75	29	10	0.6320	ISR/L				
4	20	100	31	10	0.6505	ISR/L				
5	25	125	33	10	0.6760	ISR/L				
6	30	150	35	10	0.8660	IMSR/L				

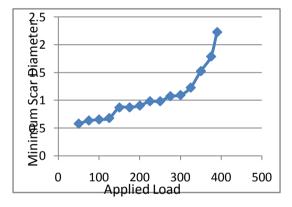
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7	35	175	37	10	0.8685	IMSR/L
8	40	200	39	10	0.9010	IMSR/L
9	45	225	41	10	0.9790	IMSR/L
10	50	250	43	10	0.9795	IMSR/L
11	55	275	45	10	1.0705	IMSR/L
12	60	300	47	10	1.0915	IMSR/L
13	65	325	49	10	1.2255	IMSR/L
14	70	350	51	10	1.5230	IMSR/L
15	75	375	53	10	1.7870	JBWR/L
16	78	390	55	10	2.2275	WR/L

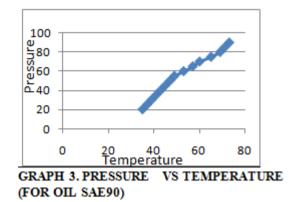


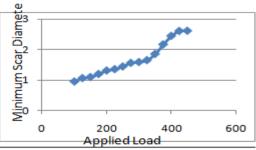
GRAPH .1. PRESSURE VS TEMPERATURE (FOR OIL SAE20)



GRAPH .2. MINIMUM SCAR DIAMETER (D) MM VS APPLIED LOAD (W) KG(FOR OIL SAE20)

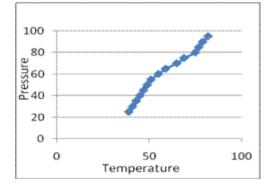
TABLE 3:- OIL-SAE90											
SR.	PRESSURE										
NO.	(P)	LOAD	(T) ⁰ C	(T) SEC.	SCAR	REGIONS					
	KG/CM ²	(W) KG			DIAMETER	/					
					(D) MM	LOADS					
1	20	100	35	10	0.9430	LNSR/L					
2	25	125	37	10	1.0560	ISR/L					
3	30	150	39	10	1.0920	ISR/L					
4	35	175	41	10	1.1915	ISR/L					
5	40	200	43	10	1.3055	ISR/L					
6	45	225	45	10	1.3500	IMSR/L					
7	50	250	47	10	1.4390	IMSR/L					
8	55	275	49	10	1.5560	IMSR/L					
9	60	300	53	10	1.5860	IMSR/L					
10	65	325	57	10	1.6465	IMSR/L					
11	70	350	60	10	1.8500	IMSR/L					
12	75	375	65	10	2.1630	IMSR/L					
13	80	400	69	10	2.4445	IMSR/L					
14	85	425	71	10	2.6055	JBWR/L					
15	90	450	73	10	2.6115	WR/L					



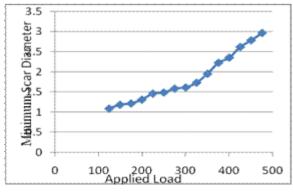


GRAPH 4. MINIMUM SCAR DIAMETER (D) MM VS APPLIED LOAD (W) KG (FOR OIL SAE90)

	TABLE 4:-OIL-SAE140									
SR.	PRESSURE	APPLIED	TEMPERATURE	TIME	MINIMUM	REMARKS				
NO.	(P)	LOAD	(T) ⁰ C	(T) SEC.	SCAR	REGIONS				
	KG/CM^2	(W) KG			DIAMETER	/				
					(D) MM	LOADS				
1	25	125	39	10	1.0825	LNSR/L				
2	30	150	41	10	1.1805	ISR/L				
3	35	175	43	10	1.2110	ISR/L				
4	40	200	45	10	1.3065	ISR/L				
5	45	225	47	10	1.4575	ISR/L				
6	50	250	49	10	1.4850	IMSR/L				
7	55	275	51	10	1.5810	IMSR/L				
8	60	300	55	10	1.6110	IMSR/L				
9	65	325	59	10	1.7300	IMSR/L				
10	70	350	65	10	1.9530	IMSR/L				
11	75	375	69	10	2.2250	IMSR/L				
12	80	400	75	10	2.3525	IMSR/L				
13	85	425	77	10	2.6200	IMSR/L				
14	90	450	79	10	2.7875	IMSR/L				
15	95	475	82	10	2.9680	JBWR/L				
16	100	500	85	10	3.2910	WR/L				

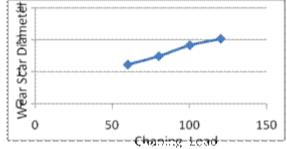




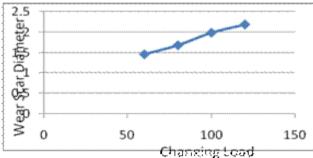


GRAPH 6. MINIMUM SCAR DIAMETER (D) MM VS APPLIED LOAD (W) KG (FOR OIL SAE140)
TABLE 5:-SUMMARY OF TEST FOR WEAR SCAR DIAMETER IN MM FOR CHANGING LOAD

Lubricants	Load	Load	Load	Load
	60kg	80kg	100kg	120kg
140 Grade Oil	1.2276	1.49125	1.832	2.032
90 Grade Oil	1.4546	1.676	1.984	2.184
20W40 No. Oil.	1.4596	1.84516	2.0343	2.2356
Break Oil	2.401	3.3393	4.888	5.182



GRAPH 7. WEAR SCAR DIAMETER VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR 140 GRADE OIL)

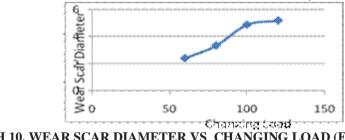


GRAPH 9. WEAR SCAR DIAMETER VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR 90 GRADE OIL)

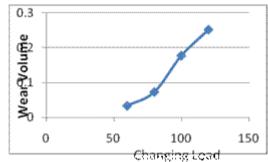
TABLE 6.SUMMERY OF TEST FOR WEAR VOLUME IN MM ³								
Lubricants	Load 60kg	Load 80kg	Load 100kg	Load 120kg				
140 Grade Oil	0.03337	0.07728	0.17728	0.25176				
90 Grade Oil	0.06264	0.11623	0.22871	0.27865				
20W40 No. Oil	0.06677	0.17093	0.25291	0.36947				
Break Oil	0.49227	1.86176	8.76619	11.1421				

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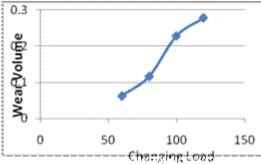
GRAPH 8. WEAR SCAR DIAMETER VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR 20W40 GRADE OIL)



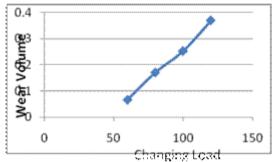
GRAPH 10. WEAR SCAR DIAMETER VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR BREAK OIL)



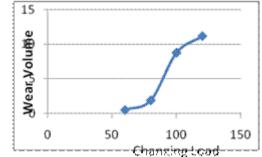
GRAPH 11. WEAR VOLUME VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR 140 GRADE OIL)



GRAPH 13. WEAR VOLUME VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR 90 GRADE OIL)



GRAPH 12. WEAR VOLUME VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR 20W40 GRADE OIL)



GRAPH 14. WEAR VOLUME VS CHANGING LOAD (FOR BREAK OIL)

XII. CONCLUSION

The F.B.E.P.O.T.M. shows limited application in determining the EP activity of wear based oils for metal working processes. It is also observed (or finally concluded) that if Pressure or Applied Load increases the Minimum Scar Diameter, Weld Load and Temperature also increases.

It was demonstrated that there is in an almost direct proportionality between the mean scar diameter and the removed volumes of material from the fixed balls. The measurement of the mean scar diameter gives a good indication concerning the wear of the balls.

The Four Ball Extreme Pressure Oil Testing Machine which is used, for An Evaluation And Investigation Of Tribological Properties Of Various Lubricating Oils (i.e. to Find out the Load Carrying Capacity, Weld

Loads/Points, And Wear Preventive Properties of Various Lubricating Oils) Without Additives And With Additives gives following results. The 60 to 90 minutes of testing are enough to determine the values for the mean scar diameter and consequently the anti-wear properties of the tested hydraulic oils.

This test method can be an efficient way for screening the friction reducing ability, anti wear property and extreme-pressure property of different type of lubricants; it can distinguish the comprehensive property of lubricants with good repeatability. If friction coefficient is between 0.05_0.1, it is in boundary lubricating state. And it can reduce friction coefficient, decrease wear rate, increase load-carrying capacity and improve boundary lubricating effect, especially when friction improver, anti-wear and EP additive are well compounded, and get an ideal wear reduction and EP anti-wear performances.

The establishment of this test method is the unique one in domestic, and it will push the research of super lubricants goes forward.

The formula's mathematical form shows a marked influence of hardness on wear in the mixed lubrication range. The function is not monotonic, but it has an extremum. The figures show a marked increase in wear resistance with hardness, which is in agreement with the general assumptions made. One can notice, however, an optimum dependent on the relationship between hardness and excitations (pH and v), as indicated by the regression function and the character of changes in contour lines d = const. The investigations show that hardness definitely plays a role in the friction process.

By using Additives of Two types (i.e. Molyvan A & Vanlube 73) with varying percentage of 1%, 2% &3% and the wear scar diameters of the oils 140 No., 90 No., 20W40 & Break oils are shown in the following table (See Table 8).

TABLE 7:-Summary Of All Oils Shows The Various Parameters Without Additives Adding In The
Various Lubricating Oils Used Sae20-Sae140

SR.NO.	PARAMETERS	SAE						
		20	30	40	68	90	120	140
1	PRESSURE (P)	78	80	82	85	90	95	100
	(Kg/cm ²)							
2	APPLIED LOAD (W)	390	400	410	425	450	475	500
	(Kg)							
3	TEMPERATURE (T) (⁰	55	56	65	67	73	80	85
	C)							
4	TIME (t) (Sec.)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
5	MINIMUM SCAR	2.2275	2.2325	2.2915	2.5875	2.6115	2.6950	3.2910
	DIAMETER (d)							
	(mm)							

As per the above table7, I concluded that if pressure and Applied load incereses the temperature and wear scar diameter is also incerases for the same time taken for the experiment conducted (time for each experiment is 10 Seconds) and the vicosity of each oil is also decreases.

Secondly By using Additives of Two types (i.e. Molyvan A & Vanlube 73) with varying percentage of 1%, 2% &3% and the wear scar diameters of the oils 140 No., 90 No., 20W40 & Break oils are shown in the following table (See Table 8.).

TABLE 8:-WEAR SCAR DIAMETERS WITHOUT AND WITH ADDITIVES USED IN OILS

SR. NO.	OILS USED	WEAR SCAR DIAMETER (MM) WITHOUT	WEAR SCAR DIAMETER (MM) WITH ADDITIVES USED PERCENTAGES			M) WITH ADDITIVES (MM) WITH ADDITIVES		
		ADDITIVES USED	MOLYVAN A			VANLUBE 73		
			1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%
1	140 NO.	1.2276	1.1362	1.0173	1.3013	1.0692	0.9828	0.8157
2	90 NO.	1.4546	1.3117	1.1889	1.125	1.2646	1.1914	1.0894
3	20W40	4.4912	1.4015	1.3255	1.3013	1.3513	1.2895	1.2775
4	BREAK	2.401	2.1558	1.9524	1.8478	2.0435	1.7818	1.5320

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