## **ExxonMobil Phosphorus Volatility Studies**

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## **Need for Bench Phosphorus Volatility Test**

- Phosphorus in believed to be detrimental to threeway-catalysts used in gasoline engines
- No tests are available to quantify this effect
- Engine oil specifications today use elemental limits to control the phosphorus impact on TWCs
- There is significant interest in developing a laboratory test to measure phosphorus volatilization
  - To provide better protection for emission catalysts
  - To provide greater formulating flexibility

# **Phosphorus Volatility Study Overview**

- Comparison of 1° & 2° ZDDP impact on phosphorus volatilization in several tests
  - PEI
  - Literature
  - TGA
  - IIIG
  - VIB
  - Bulk oxidation test
  - ROBO

# **ZDDPs Studied & Expected Results**

- Low molecular weight 2° ZDDP & high molecular weight 1° ZDDP were evaluated for phosphorus volatilization
- Expected results
  - 1° ZDDP should volatilize less phosphorus
    - + High molecular weight molecules are less volatile
    - + 1° ZDDP are more stable than 2° ZDDP

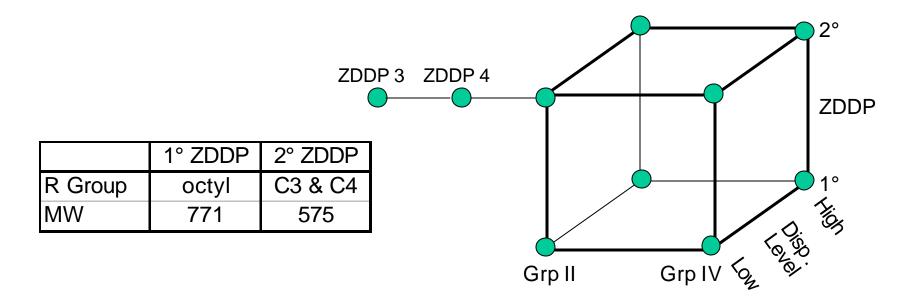
### **ZDDPs Studied**

	1° ZDDP	2° ZDDP
R Group	octyl	C3 & C4
MW	771	575

## **Phosphorus Emission Index Study**

### Variables Studied

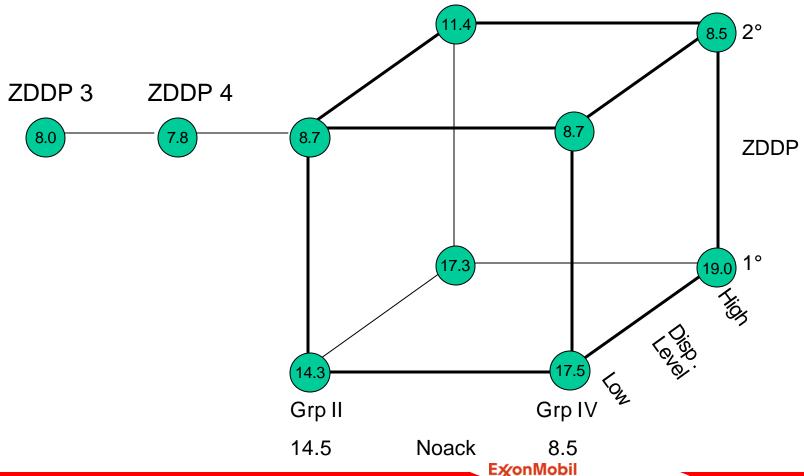
- Volatility affects (Group II vs Group IV)
- Dispersant level (ZDDP complexing agent)
- 1° vs 2° ZDDP
- Alternate 2° ZDDP (ZDDP 3 & 4)
- 0.075% P



## **Phosphorus Emission Index Data**

PEI of 10 = 1.6% P loss

(bigger number indicates more P volatilization)



# **Phosphorus Emission Index Conclusions**

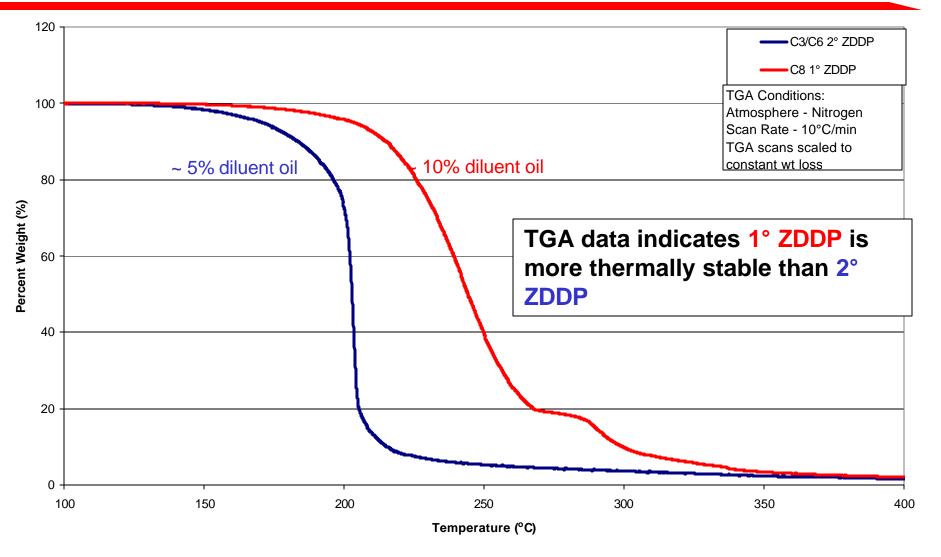
- Main effect is ZDDP type; 2° lower PEI than 1° ZDDP
- Noack volatility has no effect (8-15%range)
- Dispersant effect not statistically significant
- Results agree with PEI literature
  - Phosphorus Additive Chemistry & its Effects on the Phosphorus Volatility of Engine Oil - TSelby
- Results agree with other Selby Noack studies at EM

## **ZDDP Literature**

## 1° ZDDP is more stable than 2° ZDDP

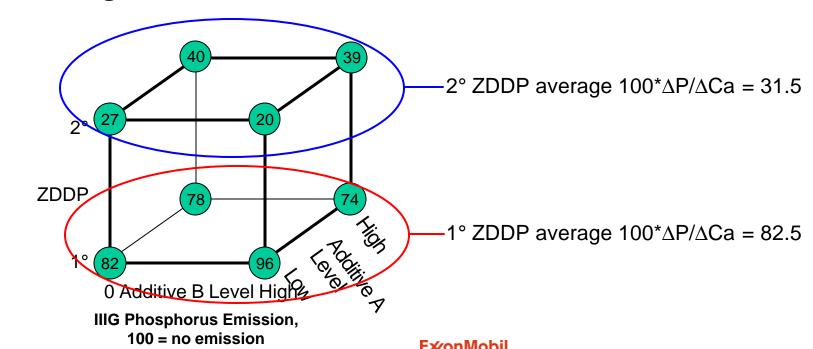
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### TGA Weight vs Temperature for 1° & 2° ZDDP Samples



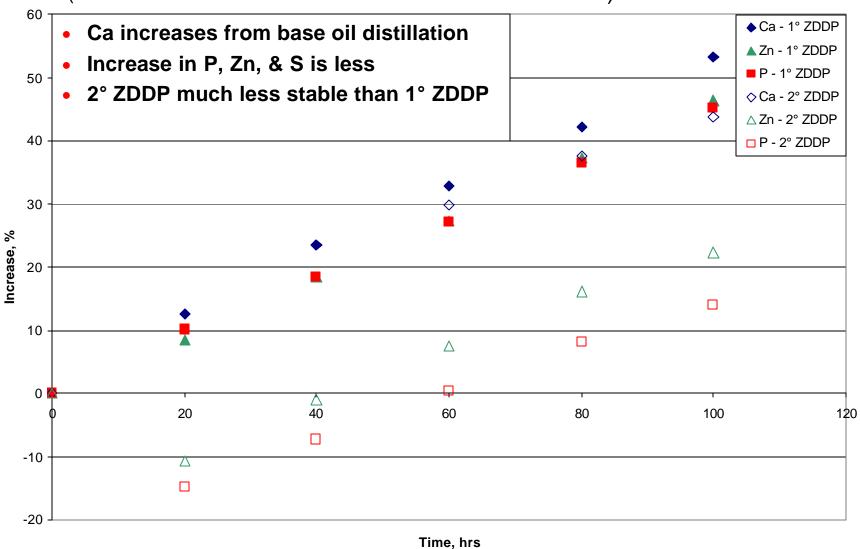
## **Phosphorus Volatility - IIIG Data**

- Significant amounts of base stock are distilled in IIIG engine test
- EOT sump oil analyzed
- Ca increase used as a marker
- Measure [DP/DCa]\*100
  - +100 = no phosphorus emissions (higher number is better)
- 1° ZDDP has significant P emission benefit over 2° ZDDP in the IIIG
- 1° ZDDP has significant S emission benefit over 2° ZDDP in the IIIG



## **IIIG Sump Sample Concentration Change**

(Data from Slide 7 Presented in a Different Manner)



## **Sequence VIB Data**

- Consecutive VIB tests run (same stand) on 0W-30 oils blended with 0.075% 1° ZDDP and 2° ZDDP
- 122 hr sump sample analyzed
  - 1° ZDDP volatilizes less phosphorus than 2° ZDDP
  - 1° ZDDP volatilizes less sulfur than 2° ZDDP
  - Bias between ICP & XRF

		0W-30 w/1° ZDDP	0W-30 w/1°	0W-30 w/2°	0W-30 w/2°
		New Oil	ZDDP after VIB	ZDDP New Oil	ZDDP after VIB
D 4951 ICP	Ca, wt%	0.264	0.273	0.263	0.272
D 6443 XRF	Ca, wt%	0.2605	0.2725	0.2592	0.2774
D 4951 ICP	P, wt%	0.077	0.084	0.076	0.071
D 6443 XRF	P, wt%	0.0756	0.0792	0.0753	0.0687

#### **Retained Phosphorus**

	1° ZDDP	2° ZDDP
ΔP (ICP), %	109.1	93.4
∆Ca (ICP), %	103.4	103.4
D <b>P/</b> D <b>Ca (ICP)</b>	105.5	90.3
ΔP (XRF), %	104.8	91.2
∆Ca (XRF), % D <b>P/</b> D <b>Ca (XRF)</b>	104.6	107.0
D <b>P/</b> D <b>Ca (XRF)</b>	100.1	85.2

# **Bulk Oxidation Comparison**

### Conditions

- soluble iron added to accelerate degradation
- air bubbled through samples
- 309 hour test duration
- 0W-30 oils tested (0.10% P)

### Results

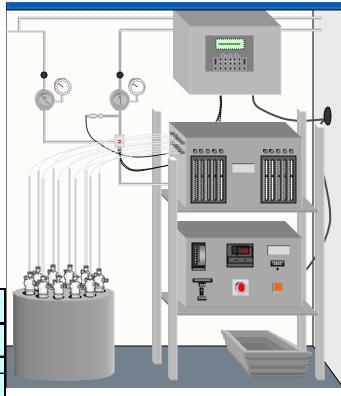
- 1° ZDDP volatilizes less P than 2° ZDDP
- 1° ZDDP volatilizes less S than 2° ZDDP

#### Bias between ICP & XRF

		0W-30 w/1°	0W-30 w/1° ZDDP	0W-30 w/2° ZDDP	ZDDP after
		ZDDP New Oil	after Bench Test	New Oil	Bench Test
D 4951 ICP	Ca, wt%	0.2621	0.311	0.254	0.342
D 6443 XRF	Ca, wt%	0.2621	0.3053	0.2621	0.3205
D 4951 ICP	P, wt%	0.1035	0.135	0.1032	0.128
D 6443 XRF	P, wt%	0.1035	0.1177	0.105	0.1103



	1° ZDDP	2° ZDDP
ΔP (ICP), %	130.4	124.0
ΔCa (ICP), %	118.7	134.6
DP/DCa (ICP)	109.9	92.1
ΔP (XRF), %	113.7	105.0
ΔP (XRF), % ΔCa (XRF), %	113.7 116.5	105.0 122.3



## **ROBO Comparison**

### Conditions

- soluble iron added to accelerate degradation
- Atmosphere contains air & NO<sub>2</sub>
- 40 hour test duration
- 0W-30 oils tested (0.10% P)

#### Results

1° ZDDP volatilizes less P than 2° ZDDP

					0W-30 w/2°
		0W-30 w/1°	0W-30 w/1° ZDDP	0W-30 w/2° ZDDP	ZDDP after
		ZDDP New Oil	after ROBO	New Oil	ROBO
D 4951 ICP	Ca, wt%	0.2512	0.4098	0.2512	0.3545
D 4951 ICP	P, wt%	0.0993	0.1542	0.0967	0.1200

### **Retained Phosphorus**

	1° ZDDP	2° ZDDP
∆P (ICP), %	155.3	124.1
∆Ca (ICP), %	163.1	141.1
DP/DCa (ICP)	95.2	87.9

## **Phosphorus Volatilization Conclusions**

- Impact of HMW 1° & LMW 2° ZDDP on phosphorus volatilization in several tests was studied
- PEI ranking did not agree with other tests
  - PEI results suggest more P volatilized from the HMW 1° ZDDP than LMW 2° ZDDP
  - Literature, TGA, IIIG, VIB, Bulk oxidation test, & ROBO indicate that the LMW 2° ZDDP volatilizes more P than the HMW 1° ZDDP
    - + Magnitude of Phosphorus loss varies for each test- IIIG>VIB
- Discrimination of phosphorus volatiles is possible with either a bench or engine test