

November 6, 2006
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ASTM D02.B0.03 L-37 Surveillance Panel Members and Guests:

Attached for your review and comment are the unconfirmed minutes of the:

o November 1, 2006 L-37 Hardware Task Force Teleconference Meeting.

Please direct any corrections or comments to my attention.

Sincerely,

Donald T. Bartlett, Chairman

L-37 Surveillance Panel

Attachments

Report of Conference Call L-37 Hardware Task Force

November 1, 2006, 11:00 EST November 1, 2006, 2:00 EST

I. Attendees:

ASTM TMC:

Don Lind, both

Ethyl Corp:

Cory Koglin, both

Lubrizol Corp:

Don Bartlett, both

Lubrizol Corp:

Chris Schenkenberger a.m.

Dana Corp:

Don Kreinbring, both

SwRI:

Brian Koehler, both

PARC: Dana Corp:

Dale Smith, both

Dana Corp: Dana Corp:

Lou Pappademos, both

Kerry Hess, a.m.

Bob Sullivan, p.m.

Lubrizol Corp:

Chris Prengaman, a.m. Dana Corp:

Mark Bassett, p.m.

II Agenda:

Status of Ring and Pinion blanks received at Ft. Wayne

- Heat treating process
- Lapping process
- Lubriting process
- Timing of the lab TF Trip to Ft. Wayne?
- Timing of shipment to Lugoff, axle build and ship
- Timing of Lab TF visit to Lugoff facility

III. Summary of Panel Discussion, Consensus Actions, and Motions:

2006 Lubrited Hardware Order Placement - the following laboratory tentative hardware order was identified

Parc 220 \Rightarrow SwRI \Rightarrow 275 Afton 275 \Rightarrow Lubrizol \Rightarrow 300 Count 1070

Status of rina:

1175 rings were received. Made of 8620 steel (8620A is spec on drawing), cut and quarantined to go through furnace for extra heat-treating. Shot peening, surface grinding, and lapping to follow. The drawing version is revision C.

o Status of pinion:

- Approximately 1600 Pinion forgings (some for another job) are due to ship/arrive on Friday, 11/3/06. Made of 8625 steel. Will immediately be annealed, blanked and proceed to cutting, lapping, etc. The drawing version is revision C.
- 200 piece cutting tool change out.
- Cutting to be performed around November 9th.

- Heat Treating hardness should be set up as the last non-lubrited batch and case depth (heaver than normal production). Appropriate drawings from P4L792/V1L417 batch with quality alerts confirmed. They expressed a concern with retained austenite (pinion only) drawing requirement being less than 10 % percent. This is something they will target, but no guarantee it will be achieved.
- Lapping process comes after heat-treating and shot peening. Lapping compound to be used is as specified on drawing of 280-grit.
- Lubriting process The question was...have there been any changes to the lubriting process at Ft. Wayne since 1999?
 - ASTM requirement is different than normal Ft. Wayne productions. Ft. Wayne normal lubrited only the ring. ASTM requires both the ring and pinion to be lubrited. Ft. Wayne must make a special tool to hang the pinion.
 - Special cleaning process before luberizing? Yes, continuous line rinsed, initiated, runs through tank, rinsed, oiled. (Alkaline cleaner and oiling chemicals are different than previous lubrited runs).
 - This is a manganese phosphate process, has temperature specification, certain soak times. Acid is continuously added.
 - ASTM concerns expressed and Dana confirmed their understanding:
 - Prior to running, recharge with fresh initiator (fixidyne can lead to fine crystals, which is our desired outcome).
 - Want relatively low etching and fine grain sizing.
 - We expressed our concern about the hardware not being run immediately after the tanks have been shut down. If there is a shutdown, after the bath has been brought back up to temperature, Dana agreed to run several "other" pieces/projects through first (say for 1 day).
 - We want consistency of process from front to rear of batch run through with no time breaks in their process.
- o Lab TF visit to Ft. Wayne at lubriting time is scheduled for November 29th, 8:00 a.m.
- o Don Kreinbring to confirm status of parts batch lot and build status for L-37 hardware.
- Lab TF Trip to Lugoff facility at assembly time is tentatively scheduled for early December (dependent on L-42 build out). There is a hardware line move to another building scheduled at Lugoff as well.

Respectfully submitted:

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L-37 Surveillance Panel Chairman

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