

OSCT Meeting Minutes

11/2/2005

D. Bell

Meeting Attendance:

K. Layton (Afton)	B. Sullivan (ExMo)	R. Grinfield (SWRI)
D. Bell (Afton)	D. Misich (Lz)	
J. Gropp (Lz)	J. Buitrago (CVX)	
R. Burrow (Afton)	D. Bartlett (Lz)	
C. Schenkenberger (Lz)	B. Koehler (SWRI)	
R. Kozlowski (Parc)	R. Burrow (Afton)	
H. Chambers (ACH-LLC)	D. Lind (TMC)	

Updated membership list is attached.

ASTM D5662 Oil Seal Compatibility Test Surveillance Panel Minutes

D. Bell of Afton is the new OSCT chairperson.

Replacement Reference Oil for Nitrile Seals:

TMC tested reference oil TMC 168 as a potential replacement to the depleted TMC 162 nitrile seal reference oil using NI 329 at one lab.

Oil	N	% Elongation Change	Hardness Change	% Volume Change
161-1	19	10.8	-17.5	18.0
162	19	-68.3	1.7	2.17
168	12	-84.9	8	0.98

It was decided that more data was required before TMC 168 could be approved as a replacement reference oil for the depleted TMC 162.

Motion: A motion was passed (5 approved: 0 disapproved:0 abstained) to continue to conduct ASTM D5662 using reference oil TMC 161-1 side-by-side with TMC 168 on NI batch 330 nitrile seal until a minimum of 5 tests were completed per lab to allow for voting on acceptance of TMC 168 and at that time possibly establish acceptance bands. Effective immediately, TMC 161-1 will be the current reference oil to allow the nitrile seal test to continue to be valid until TMC 168 is approved.

Controlling Between-Lab Variability:

The variability observed previously between the two labs that conduct this test (SWRI and Lz) is now under control since the Instron calibration is now standardized.

Action Item: An action item for the 2 labs was to draft a calibration procedure by the end of Nov. 2005 for inclusion into ASTM D5662 prior to reballotting it by the end of 2005. A seals task force meeting will be conducted at the end of Nov. to decide upon the revisions to D5662 for reballot, such as inclusion of a qualifying protocol for new batches of elastomer.

Motion: A motion was passed (5 approved:0 disapproved:0 abstained) to remove hanger weights during elastomer measurement phase to standardize the test procedure between labs.

All other measurements between labs show no significant differences between labs. Both labs use different baths, circulation systems (pump vs mechanical stirrer) and oil types, but do not affect results. Four thermocouples placed in the corners and middle of each bath were an acceptable +/- 1°C around target set point.

OSCT Information Letter:

One OSCT information letter was issued in 2005 that updated the reference oil test precision and required rounding test results as per ASTM E29.

Qualifying New Elastomer Batches:

Action Item: D. Lind will send the final draft of the elastomer qualifying procedure to both labs for their final comments before possibly including in D5662 prior to reballotting.

Newly qualified elastomers have a shelf life of 2 years, which the panel would like to see this removed from the procedure in favor of the references identifying when the elastomer batch is not in control and thus beyond its shelf life or collecting data using old elastomer batches to extend the shelf life. This issue will be discussed further by the task force.

Reference Oil Acceptance Bands:

Initial acceptance band limits were established in 2004. Since lab variability appears to be under control, a decision was made to continue compiling data and to review the data in ~6 months to determine if new acceptance bands could be established.

Alternate Seal Materials:

Questions have arisen as to the relevance of the current elastomer types for gear applications and if we should consider replacing or adding other types of seals to D5662.

Action Item: B. McGlone to poll seal and axle manufacturers and axle (ie., Vamac, Federal Mogul, ArvinMeritor, DANA, etc.) for potential alternate gear seals. The task force should also consider requesting the CDP to request this of the seal manufacturer. This would require extensive testing and OEM approval prior to changing seal materials.

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