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TO: D02.B0.07 ROBO Mailing List

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SUBJECT: ROBO Technical Update – Updated Reference Oil Targets

On January 7, 2021, the ROBO Surveillance Panel approved updating the targets and acceptance bands on reference oil 434-3 based on additional calibration test results. These approved changes are effective February 1, 2021.

The LTMS ROBO section 43 will be updated accordingly with the following information (changes/additions in red font):

Table 1
MRV VISCOSITY
Unit of Measure: LN(MRV)

D7528 (ROBO) Aged Oil MRV Acceptance Bands, mPa's and ln(mPa's)								
Oil	n	Natural Log Transformed Mean (ln)	Mean in Original Units	s.d. (ln)	95% band in mPa's Min ¹	95% band in mPa's Max ¹	95% Bands Min (ln)	95% Bands Max (ln)
434-1	13	10.6599	42,612	0.1672	30,706	59,136	10.3322	10.9876
434-2	36	² 10.9284	² 55,737	0.1551	² 41,126	² 76,008	² 10.6244	² 11.2386
434-3	22	²10.8172	²49,871	0.1389	²37,987	²65,473	²10.5450	²11.0894
435	15	11.4895	97,685	0.2932	³ 60,000	173,546	³ 11.0021	12.0642
435-1	22	11.0416	62,420	0.20295	⁴ 44,570	92,910	⁴ 10.7048	11.4394
438	14	10.2676	28,785	0.2037	19,308	42,912	9.8683	10.6669
438-2	19	² 10.5404	² 37813	0.2596	² 22,734	² 62,894	² 10.0316	² 11.0492

¹ 95% bands in mPa's are listed for information purposes only, the transformed values will be used to judge acceptance in all cases.

² A bias adjustment has been applied to the means of reference oils 434-2, 434-3 and 438-2 to account for biases observed in the TMC reference data during the periods that each oil target dataset was generated. The 95% confidence range reflects the inclusion of the bias adjustments.

³ The minimum value for Reference oil 435 is fixed at 60,000 (11.0021 in transformed units) and not a true 95% minimum as calculated from the statistics.

⁴The minimum value for reference oil 435-1 is based on -1.66 standard deviations from the target mean (to match the range previously approved for oil 435 min), so is not actually a 95% confidence range. A 95% confidence range would use 1.96 standard deviations from target mean.

It was previously agreed that a finding of yield stress >35 Pa on end-of-test oxidized samples for oil 434-3 only does not invalidate a test. A finding of yield stress for all other approved reference oils does operationally invalidate those tests. The LTMS document will be updated accordingly.

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