Caterpillar C13 BOI-VGRA Lubricants Committee Ballot

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Cat C13 BOI-VGRA Guidelines

Overview / Status

- Potential lack of comprehensive Cat C13 read-across was a major concern within the industry
 - ***** *Limited testing capacity for timely completion of PC-10 programs*
 - Very expensive engine test (>\$125K)
- The API BOI-VGRA TF worked to develop a "progressive" BOI proposal & VGRA for the Cat C13
 - BOI defined around properties of the base oil mixture; not traditional Groups (I through V) & base stock slate
 - **Viscosity index used as a property in addition to saturates & sulfur**
 - ***** Options to read from a single test, or define a range based on two tests
 - VGRA proposal similar to existing Cat single-cylinder test; covers a limited number of viscosity grades (15W-40, 10W-30, 10W-40)
- Lubricants Committee ballot to finalize guidelines issued, return due December 16

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