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Sequence IIIG Information Letter 03-3
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ASTM consensus has not been obtained on this information letter. An appropriate ASTM ballot will be issued in order to achieve such consensus.

TO: Sequence IIIG Mailing List
SUBJECT: Revised Test Numbering Methodology

This Information Letter implements action items approved by the Sequence III Surveillance Panel. This Information Letter addresses specific parts and procedures pertaining to quality, consistency, performance, and accountability of test parts as part of the ongoing effort by the panel to ensure continual process improvement of the Sequence IIIG test.

Revised Test Numbering Methodology

On September 18, 2003, the Sequence III Surveillance Panel approved a motion to revise the test numbering methodology in the Sequence IIIG test to correct deficiencies identified between the test numbering methodology and the Lubricant Test Monitoring System calibration requirements. The new methodology requires that the laboratory run number for reruns of failed reference oil tests be incremented to the next sequential run number at the laboratory as well as having a letter suffix, rather than keeping the previous run number and only adding a letter suffix. No changes to non-reference oil test numbering were made. This change is effective for all tests completed on or after September 14, 2003. A revised Section 11.2.4 of the Sequence IIIG Test Procedure is attached.

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Attachment

c: ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequenceiii/procedure_and_ils/IIIG/IL03-3.pdf

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11.2.4 Assign a stand test number to each Sequence IIIG test. The number must include the stand number, the number of Sequence IIIG tests conducted on the stand since the last reference oil test was conducted on that test stand, and a sequential laboratory test number based on the starting date of the test. For example, 60-03-785 defines a Sequence IIIG test on stand number 60, which is the third non-reference oil test run on stand 60 since successful completion of a reference oil test, and was the 785th Sequence IIIG test in the laboratory. The only exception to this format is that the letter A for the first rerun, B for the second, etc., shall follow the sequential laboratory test number for invalid or unacceptable reference oil tests. The laboratory test number shall still be incremented on tests receiving a letter suffix on the lab run number. For example, if test number 60-0-100 was aborted and the next sequential laboratory run number at the time the rerun is started is 108, the test number for this rerun would be 60-0-108A.