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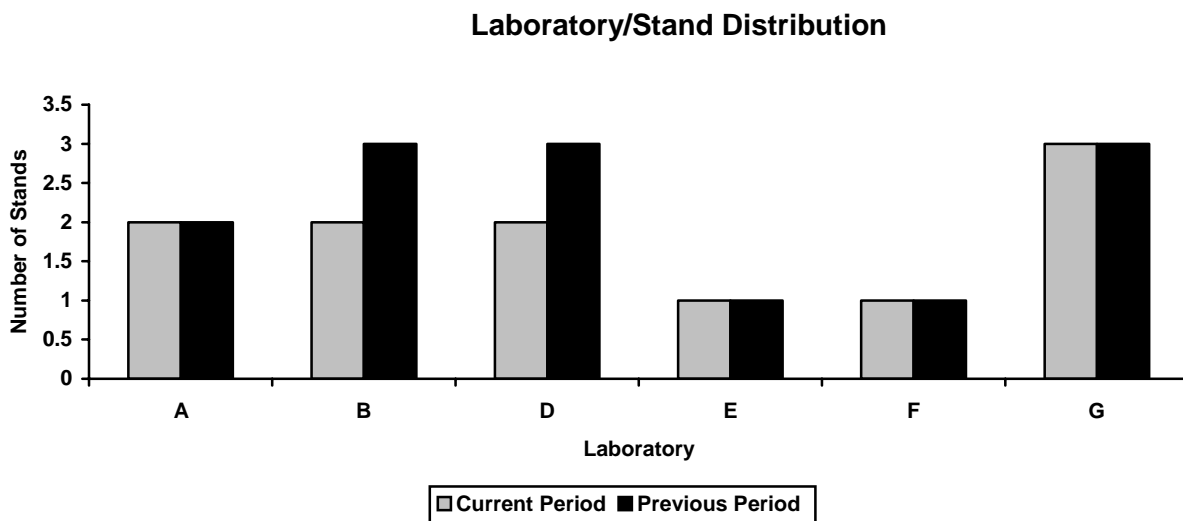
Memorandum: 07-009
Date: April 10, 2007
To: David Glaenger, Chairman, Sequence III Surveillance Panel
From: Richard E. Grundza 
Subject: Sequence IIIG/IIIGA Semiannual Report: October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

The following is a summary of Sequence IIIG reference tests that were reported to the Test Monitoring Center during the period October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

Lab/Stand Distribution

	Reporting Data	Calibrated as of March 31, 2007
Number of Laboratories:	6	6
Number of Test Stands:	14	14

The following chart shows the laboratory/stand distribution:

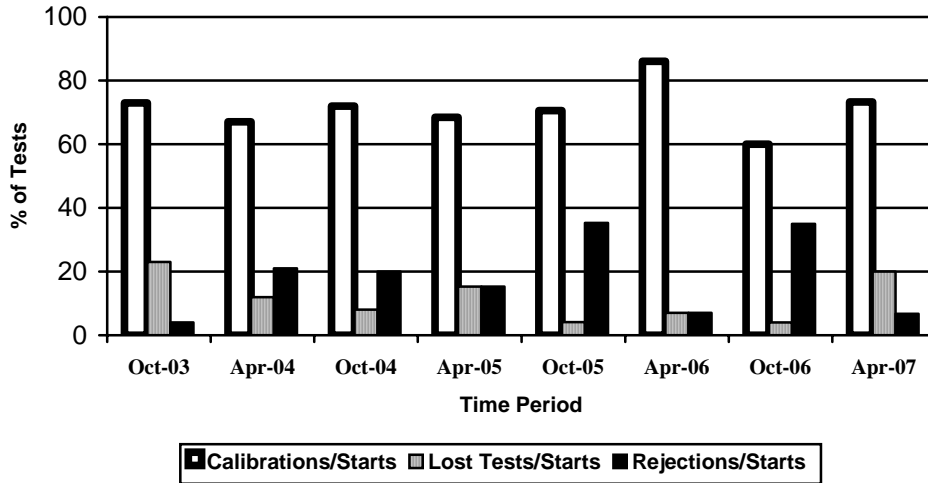


The following summarizes the status of the reference oil tests reported to the TMC:

Calibration Start Outcomes	TMC Validity Codes	No. of Tests
Operationally and Statistically Acceptable	AC	11
Failed Acceptance Criteria	OC	1
Operationally Invalid (Laboratory Judgment)	LC	2
Aborted	XC	1
Total		15

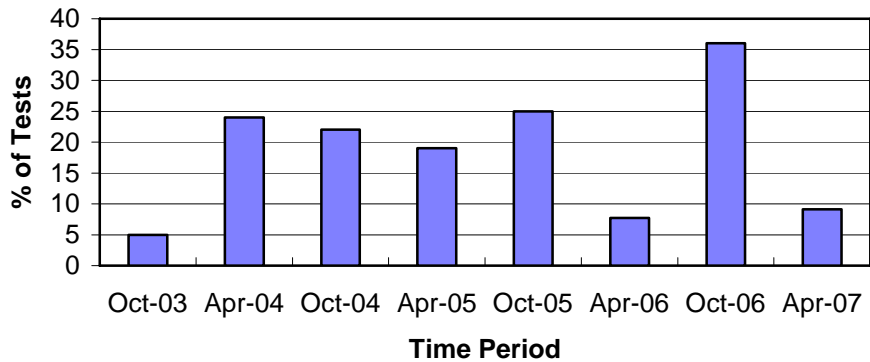
Calibrations per start, lost tests per start and rejection rates are summarized below:

Calibration Attempt Summary



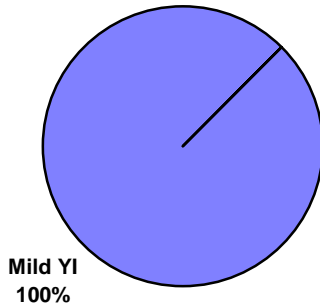
The calibration per start rate has increased with respect to last period. The lost test per start rate has increased and the rejected test per start rate has decreased with respect to the previous period.

Rejected Test Rate for Operationally Valid Tests

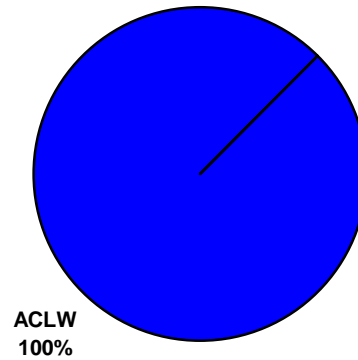


One test failed the acceptance criteria during the period. The following charts summarize the reasons and breakdown by parameter for the failed test:

Distribution of LTMS Stand Alarms



Distribution of Stand Alarms by Parameter



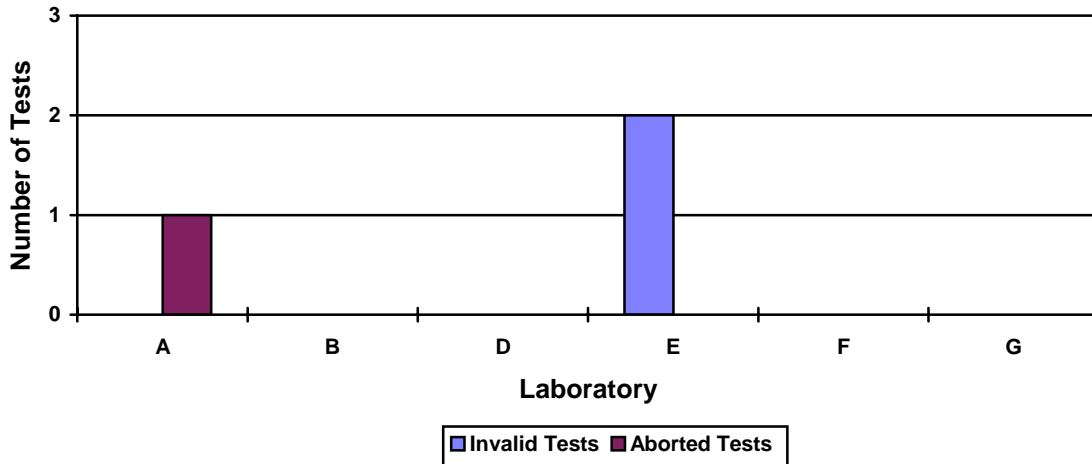
There were no LTMS Deviations written this period. There has been one deviation from the LTMS since its introduction in August of 2003.

Lost Test Summary

Three tests were lost this period. The reasons for the lost tests are shown in the following table:

Lab	Reason for Lost Test	Number of Tests	Breakdown of Tests (LC/RC/XC)
A	Counterbalance Shaft Bearing Failure	1	0/0/1
E	Main Bearing Failure	2	2/0/0

Lost Test Distribution



Information Letters

Sequence IIIG Information letter No. 06-3 Sequence No. 13, was issued during the period on October 3, 2006 and contained: Changes in connecting rod design and updated part numbers.

Sequence IIIG Information letter 06-4 No. 14, was issued during the period on November 20, 2006, and contained: Revisions to rater requirements.

Sequence IIIG Information letter 07-1 No. 15, was issued during the period on March 19, 2007, and contained: Provisions for IIIG viscosity increase test only.

Severity and Precision Analysis

Below is a summary of the average Δ/s , pooled standard deviation, and average Δ in reported units for the tests reported during this period. Also below is a summary of the average Δ/s value, by parameter, for all laboratories reporting data during this period.

Industry Severity Summary			
Parameter	Average Δ/s	Pooled standard deviation (degrees of freedom)	Average Δ , in reported units
PVIS	-0.575	0.297 (df=11)	-23.5 % Viscosity Increase ¹
WPD	-0.441	0.306 (df=11)	-0.14 Merits
ACLW	-1.155	0.327 (df=11)	-18.9 μm^2
MRV ³	-0.215	0.222 (df=6)	N/A (no appropriate baseline) ⁴

¹ At the GF-4 Pass Limit of 150% Viscosity Increase

² At the GF-4 Pass Limit of 60 μm

³ Sequence IIIGA Test Parameter only; Reference Oil 435 data excluded from calculations

⁴ MRV does not have a specific GF-4 Pass Limit; Pass Limit is lack of Yield Stress.

Average Δ/s Results, by Laboratory				
Laboratory	PVIS	WPD	ACLW	MRV ¹
A	0.15	-1.10	0.18	0.80
B	-1.51	-0.62	-1.75	-0.91
D	-1.55	0.14	-1.08	-1.13
E	0.18	-0.05	-0.29	---
F	-1.02	0.00	0.57	-0.63
G	-0.06	-0.52	-2.21	0.65

¹ Reference oil 435 data excluded from calculations

Percent Viscosity Increase (PVIS)

The industry began the period in mild severity warning alarm and cleared for one test before a series of five warning alarms and one action alarm occurred. The charts then clear for the rest of the period. Precision has been in control the entire period (see Figure 1). The average Δ/s value for the period, -0.575 is not quite as mild as the previous period (see Figure 4). Overall, severity has trended mild since the completion of the matrix. The pooled standard deviation for the period, 0.297, has improved slightly with respect to the previous period (see Figure 7).

Weighted Piston Deposits (WPD)

Severity and precision charts were in control for the period (see Figure 2). The average Δ/s value for the period, -0.441 severe is about the same severity level as last period (see Figure 5). The pooled standard deviation for the period, 0.306 is better than last period, and compares well with historical estimates (see Figure 8).

Average Camshaft-plus-Lifter Wear (ACLW)

ACLW severity began the period in control, but quickly sounded a series of mild action and warning alarms which continue through most of the period (see Figure 3). Average Δ/s value for the period, -1.155, is milder than the previous period and is shown in Figure 6. The precision charts have been in warning or action alarm for the entire period. The severity and precision alarms near the end of the period may be attributed to one result which was -6.200 standard deviations from target. When this result is removed, the average Δ/s value for the period is -0.696, which is comparable to the previous period value of -0.721. With this result removed, the industry control charts for severity and precision are in control for the last four tests in the period. The pooled standard deviation for the period, 0.327 has improved when compared to the last period and is shown in Figure 9.

Mini Rotary Viscometer (MRV)

The MRV control charts are shown for informational purposes in Figure 10. The severity and precision control charts have been in control for the period. The average Δ/s value for the period, -0.215, is not as mild as the previous period and is shown in Figure 11. The pooled standard deviation for the period, 0.222, has improved, when compared to the last period and is shown in Figure 12.

QI Deviations

No QI Deviations were written this period. There have been a total of three QI Deviations written since the test was introduced in August of 2003.

Hardware

A new connecting rod type was introduced during the period, designated PMNS. This rod was used in all of the operationally valid tests reported this period. This connecting rod is similar in manufacturing and material as the previous connecting rod, except that the oil diversion slot has been removed.

Reference Oils

Oil	TMC Inventory, in gallons	TMC Inventory, in tests (4 gal/test)	Laboratory Inventory, in tests	Estimated life
434	103	25	7	~ 2&1/2 years
435	188	47	5	~ 3 years
438	640	160	6	~10 years

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Attachments

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Sequence III Surveillance Panel
<ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gas/sequenceiii/semiannualreports/IIIG-04-2007.pdf>

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List of Figures

- Figures 1, 2, and 3 are EWMA severity and precision control charts and also the CUSUM Δ/s plots of PVIS, WPD, and ACLW, annotated with date lines, using the same data set as the EWMA severity and precision control charts. Transformed units are used, when appropriate.
- Figures 4, 5, and 6 are bar charts of average Δ/s , by report period, for PVIS, WPD, and ACLW.
- Figures 7, 8, and 9 are bar charts of pooled standard deviation, by report period, for PVIS, WPD, and ACLW.
- Figure 10 is EWMA severity and precision control charts and also the CUSUM Δ/s plots of MRV, annotated with date lines, using the same data set as the EWMA severity and precision control charts. Transformed units are used.
- Figure 11 is a bar chart of average Δ/s , by report period, for MRV.
- Figure 12 is a bar chart of pooled standard deviation, by report period, for MRV.
- Figure 13 is the Sequence IIIIG/IIIGA Timeline.

Figure 1

SEQUENCE III G INDUSTRY OPERATIONALLY VALID DATA

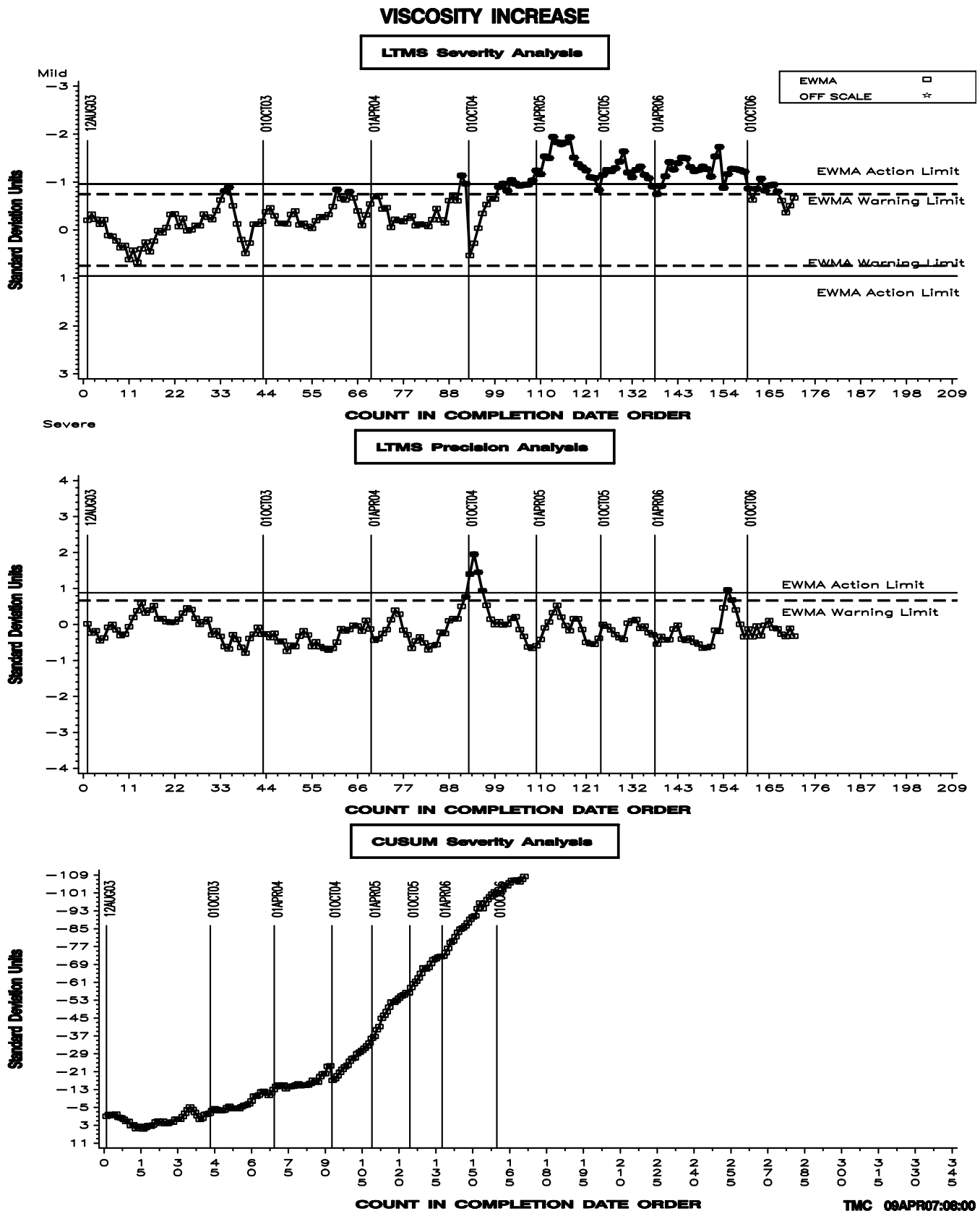


Figure 2

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AVERAGE WEIGHTED PISTON DEPOSITS

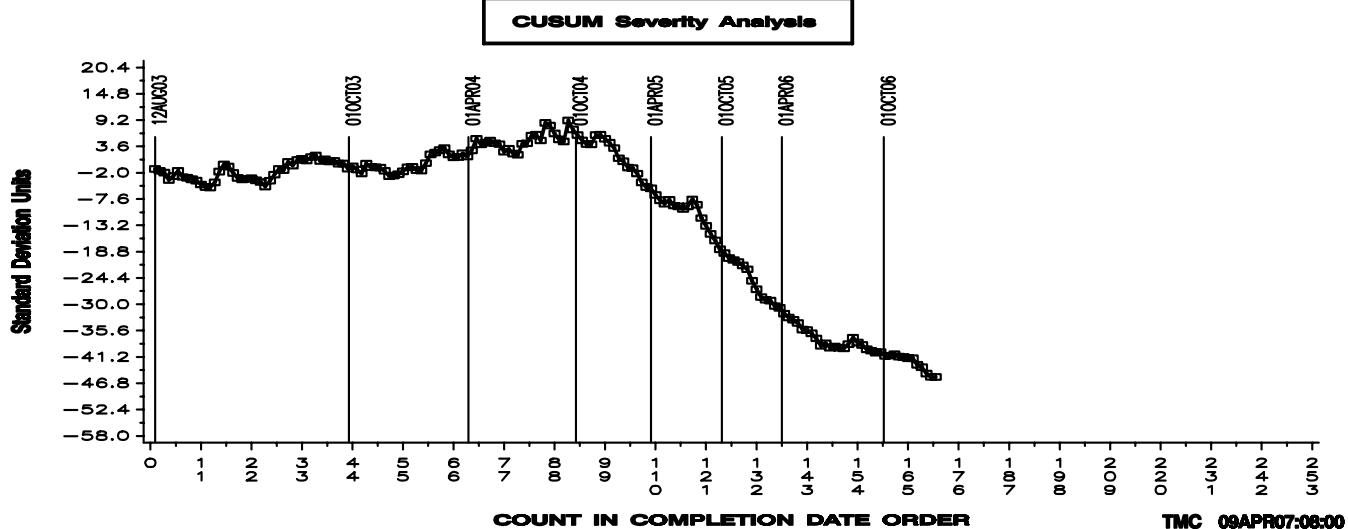
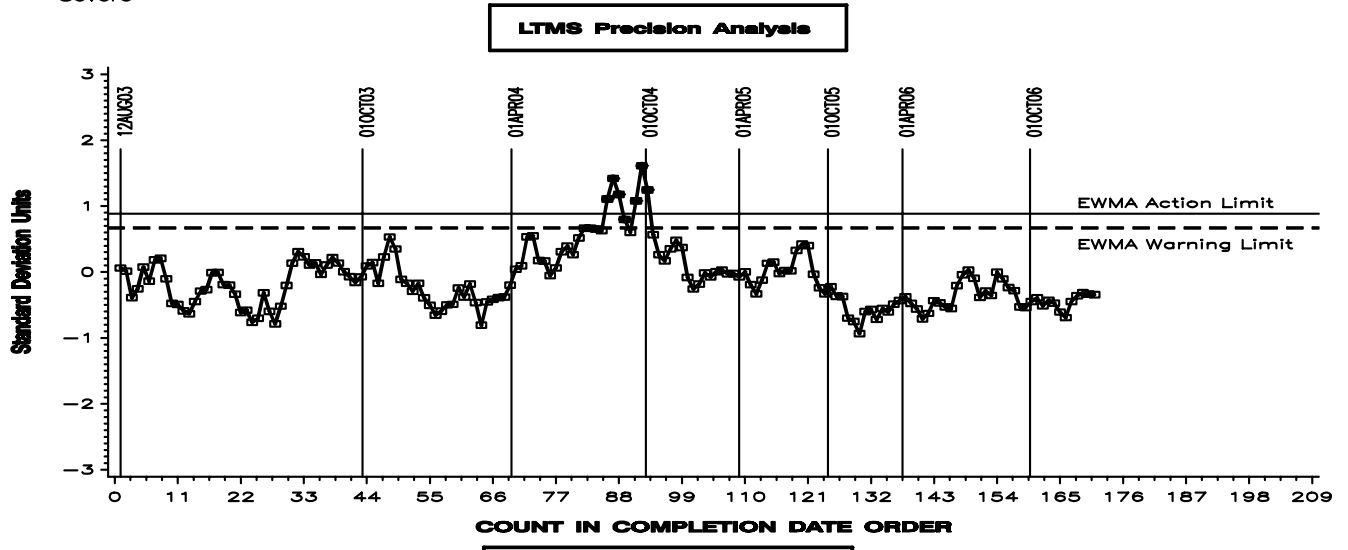
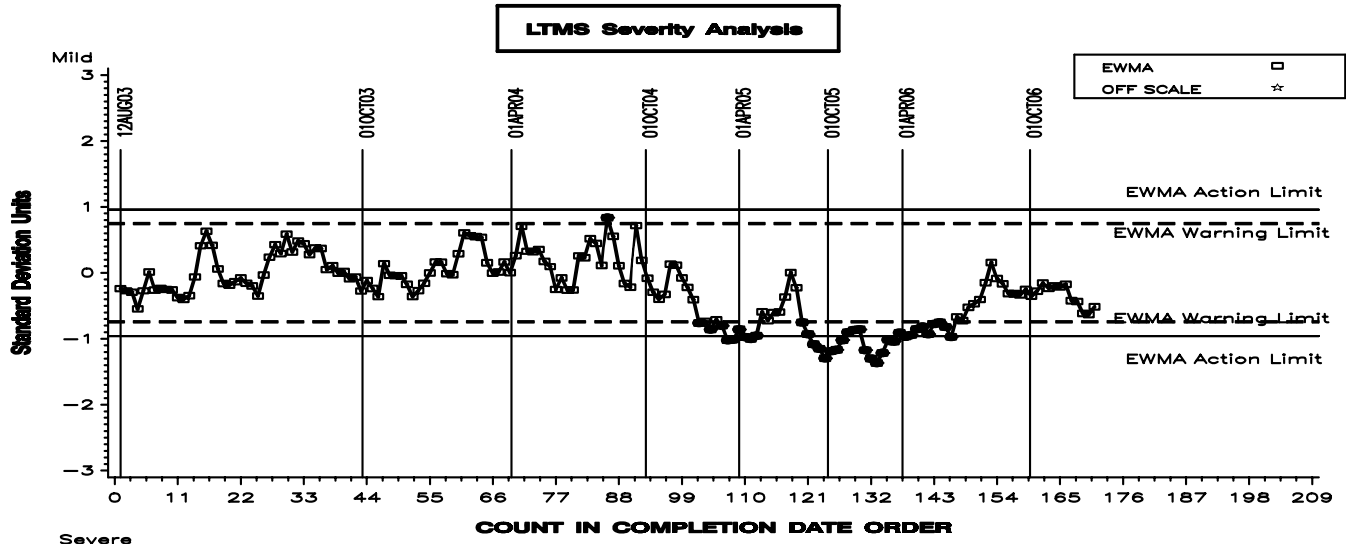


Figure 3

SEQUENCE III G INDUSTRY OPERATIONALLY VALID DATA

AVERAGE CAM + LIFTER WEAR

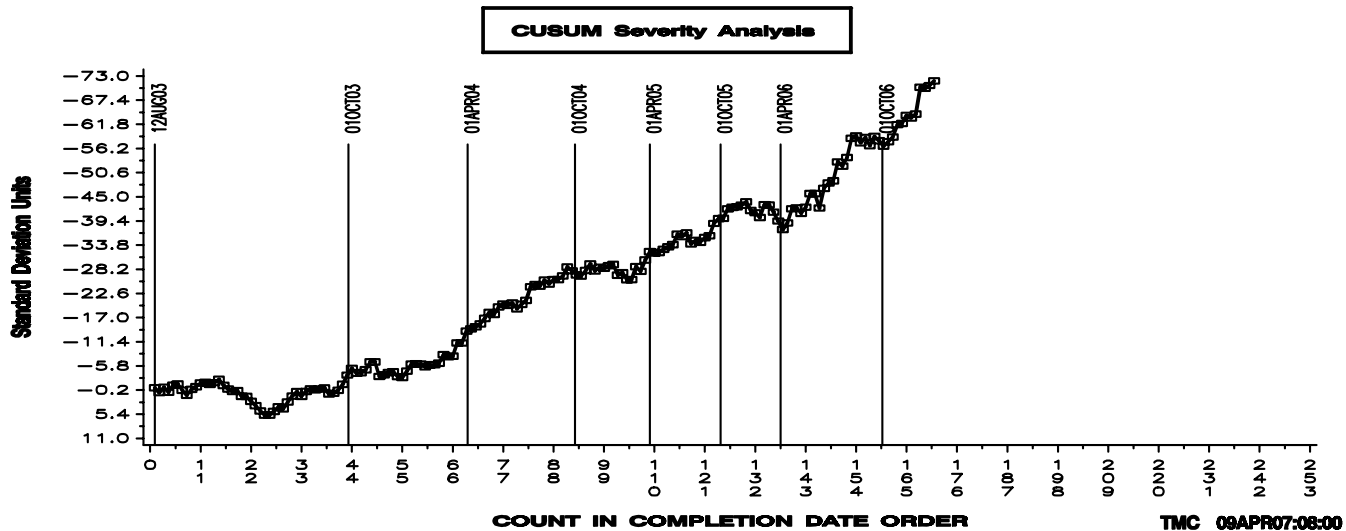
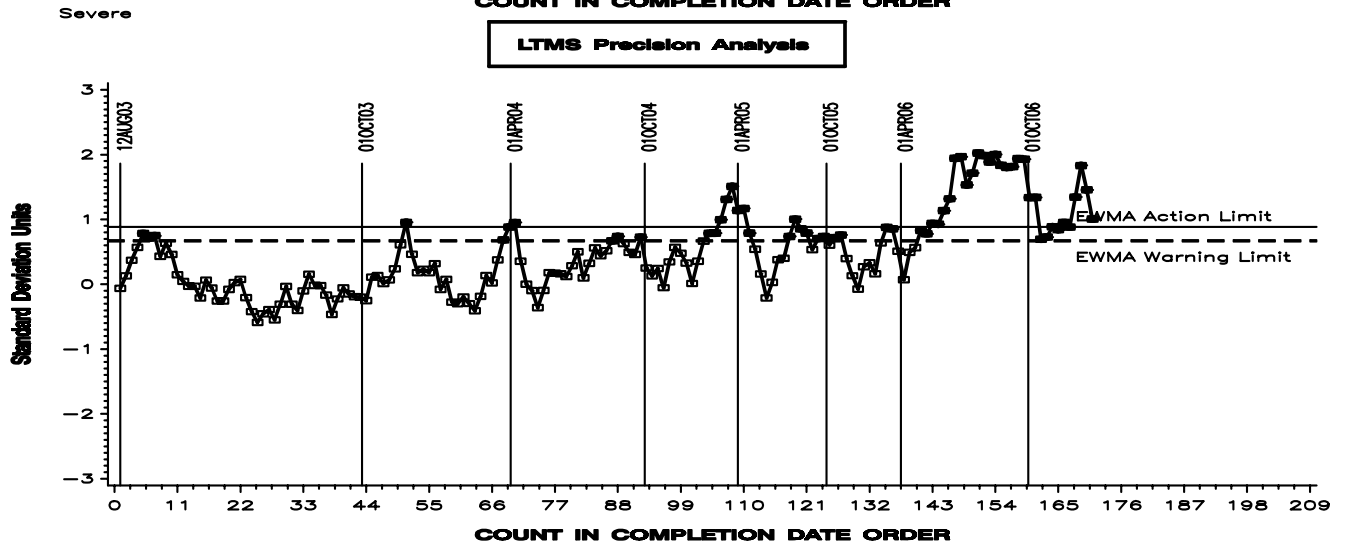
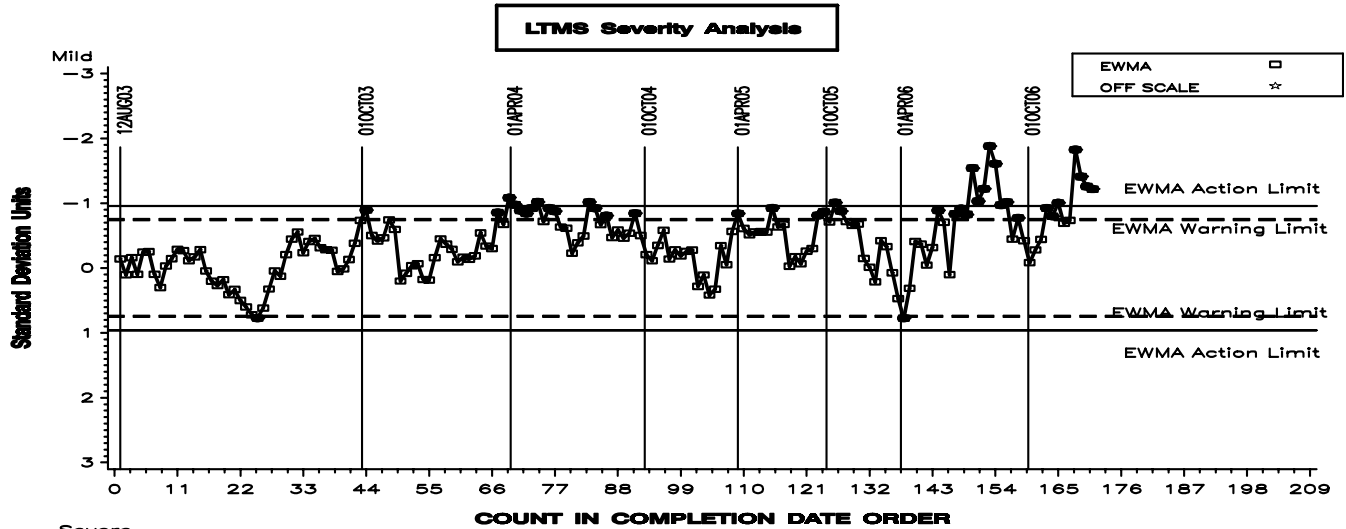


Figure 4 - Percent Viscosity Increase, Average Delta/s

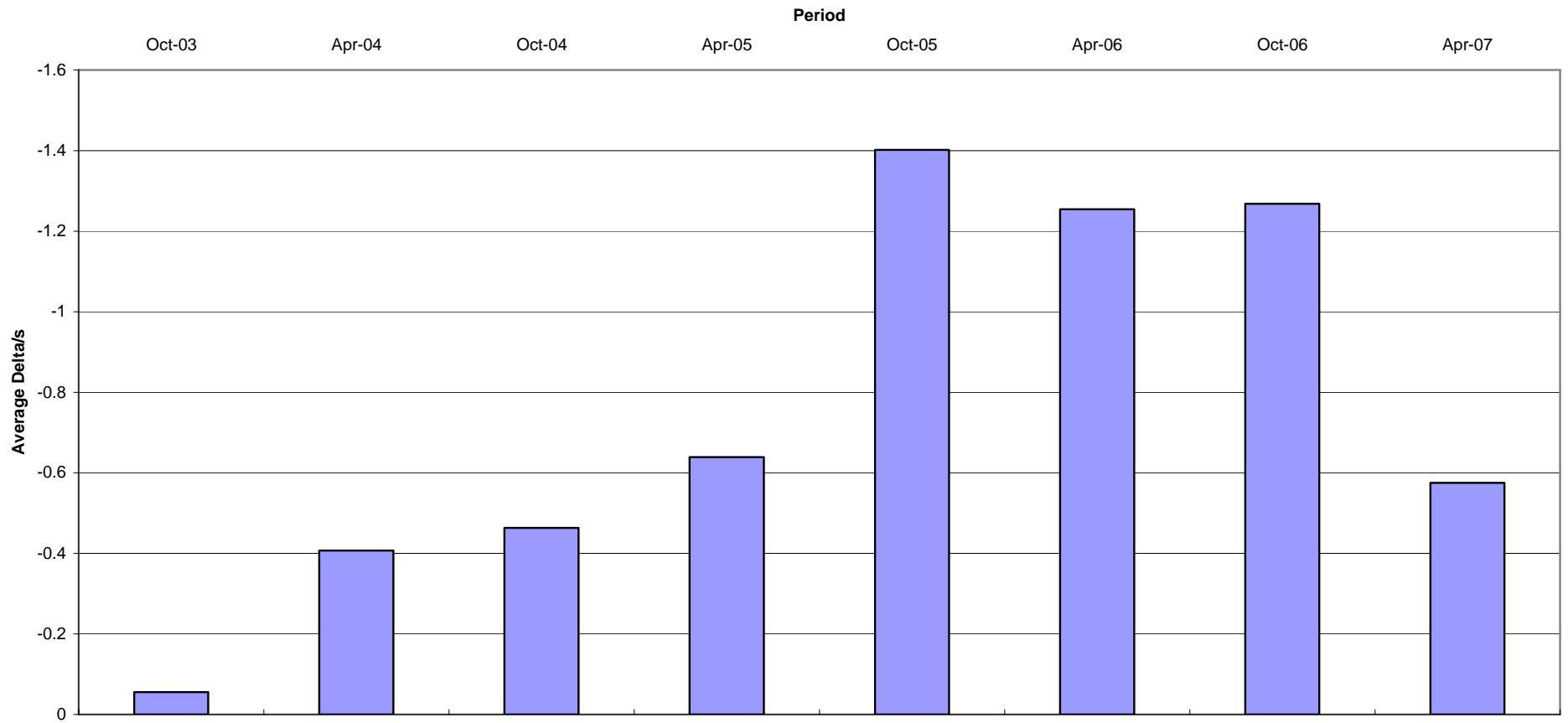


Figure 5 - Weighted Piston Deposits, Average Delta/s

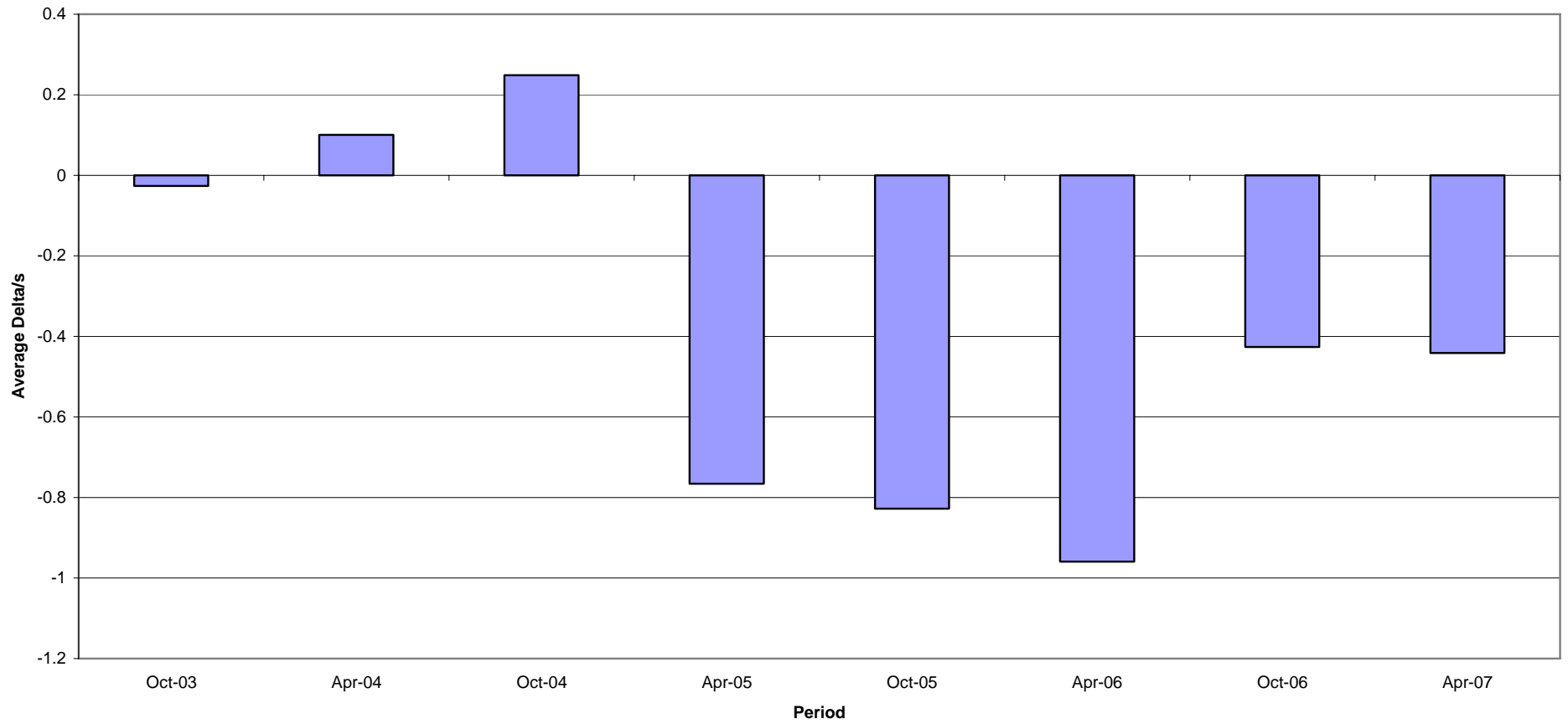


Figure 6 - Average Camshaft plus Lifter Wear, Average Delta/s

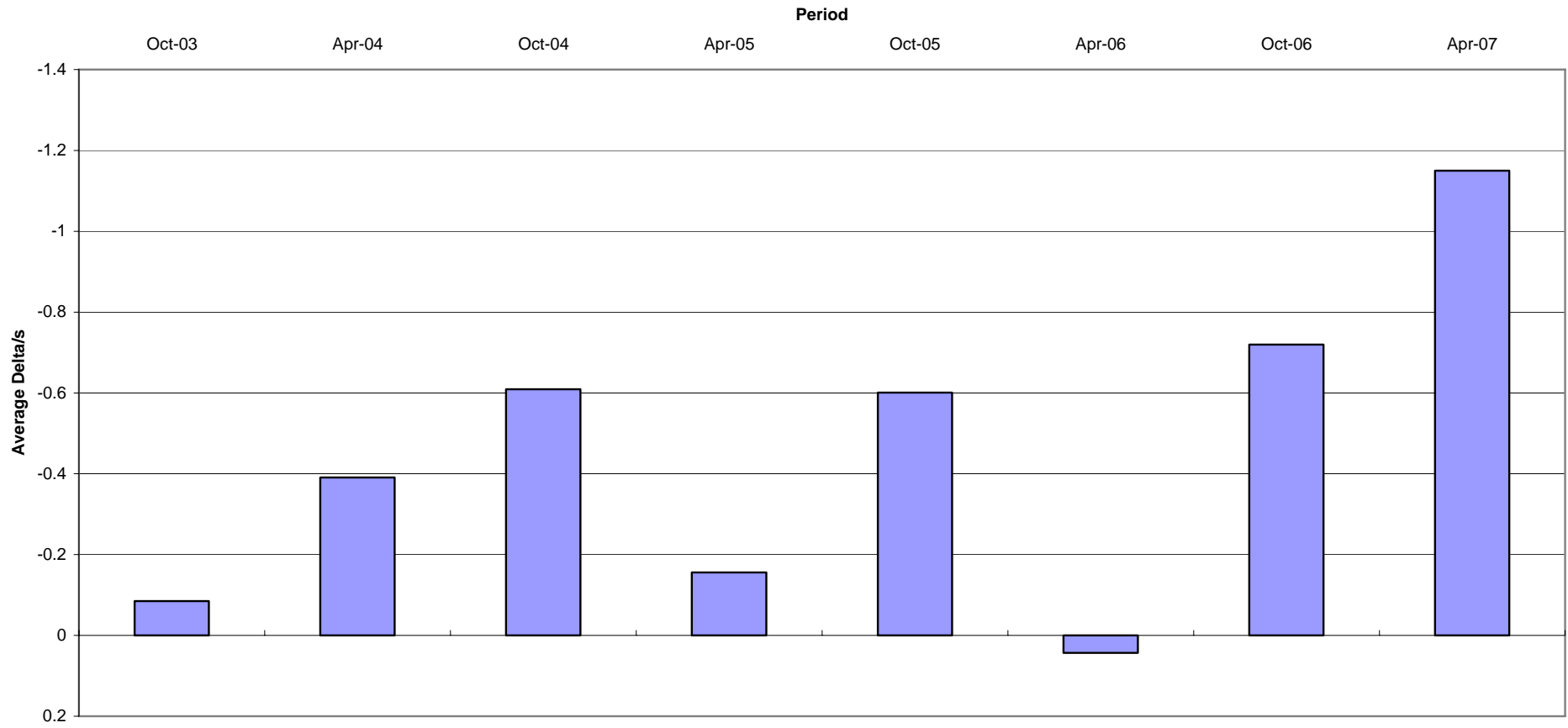


Figure 7 - Percent Viscosity Increase, Pooled Standard Deviation

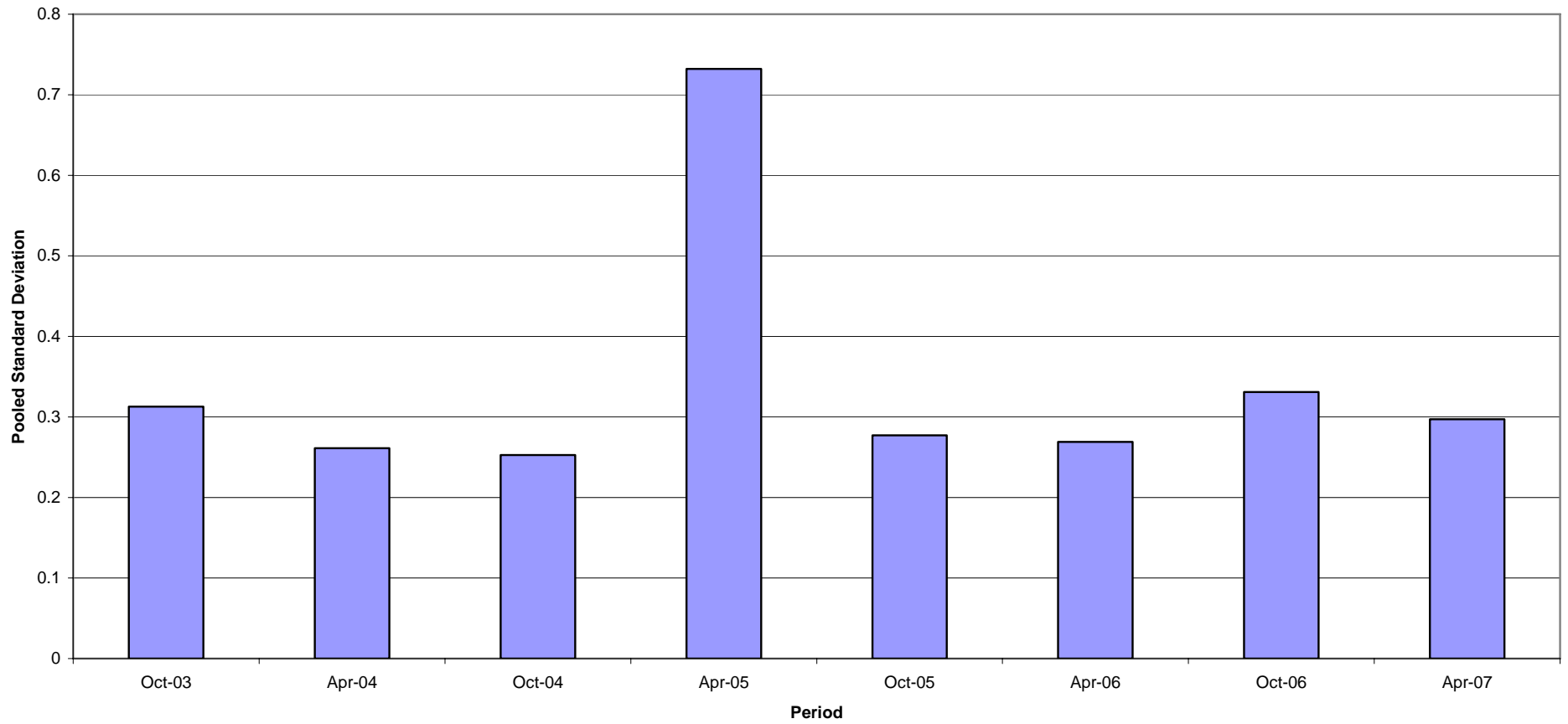


Figure 8 - Weighted Piston Deposits, Pooled Standard Deviation

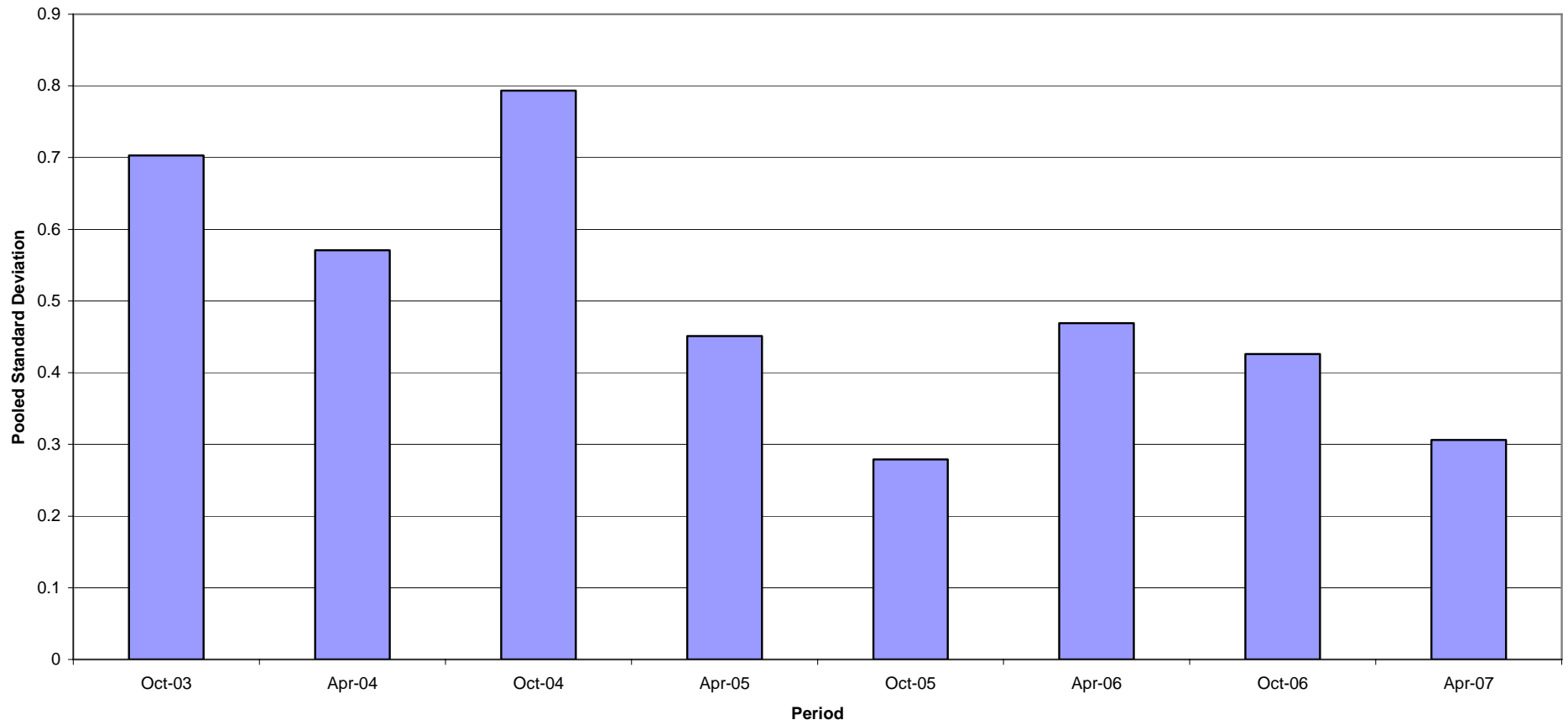


Figure 9 - Average Camshaft plus Lifter Wear, Pooled Standard Deviation

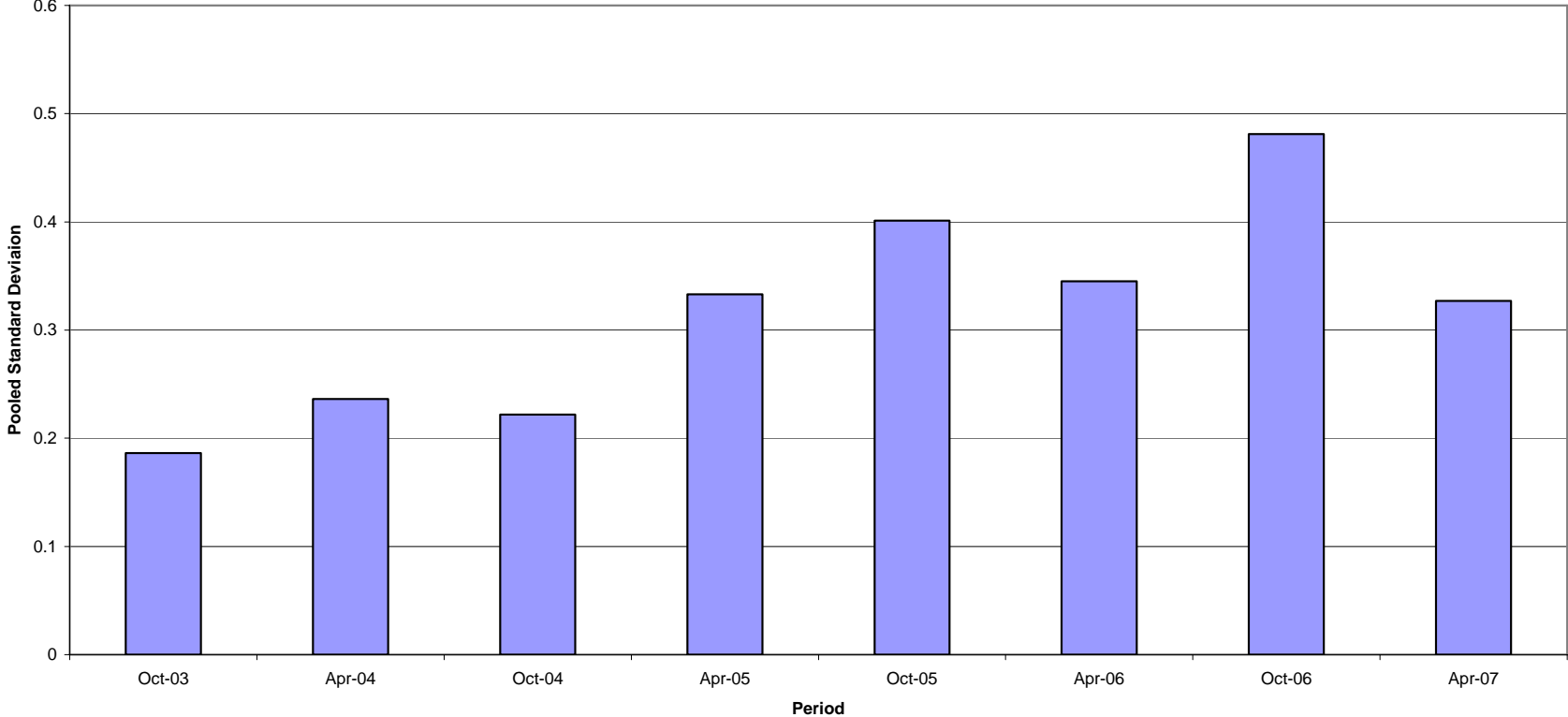


Figure 10

SEQUENCE III GA INDUSTRY OPERATIONALLY VALID DATA

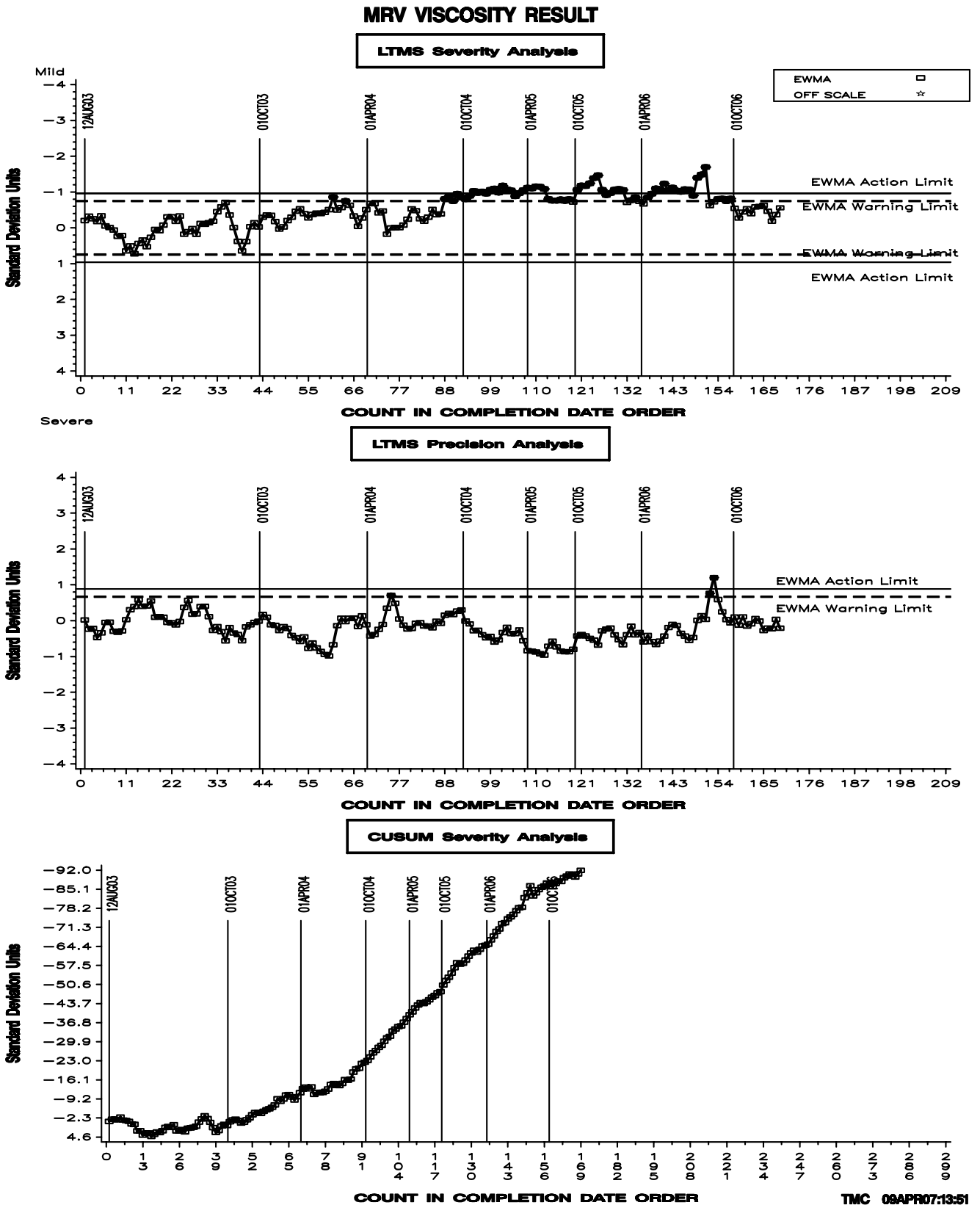


Figure 11 - Mini Rotary Viscometer result, Average Delta/s

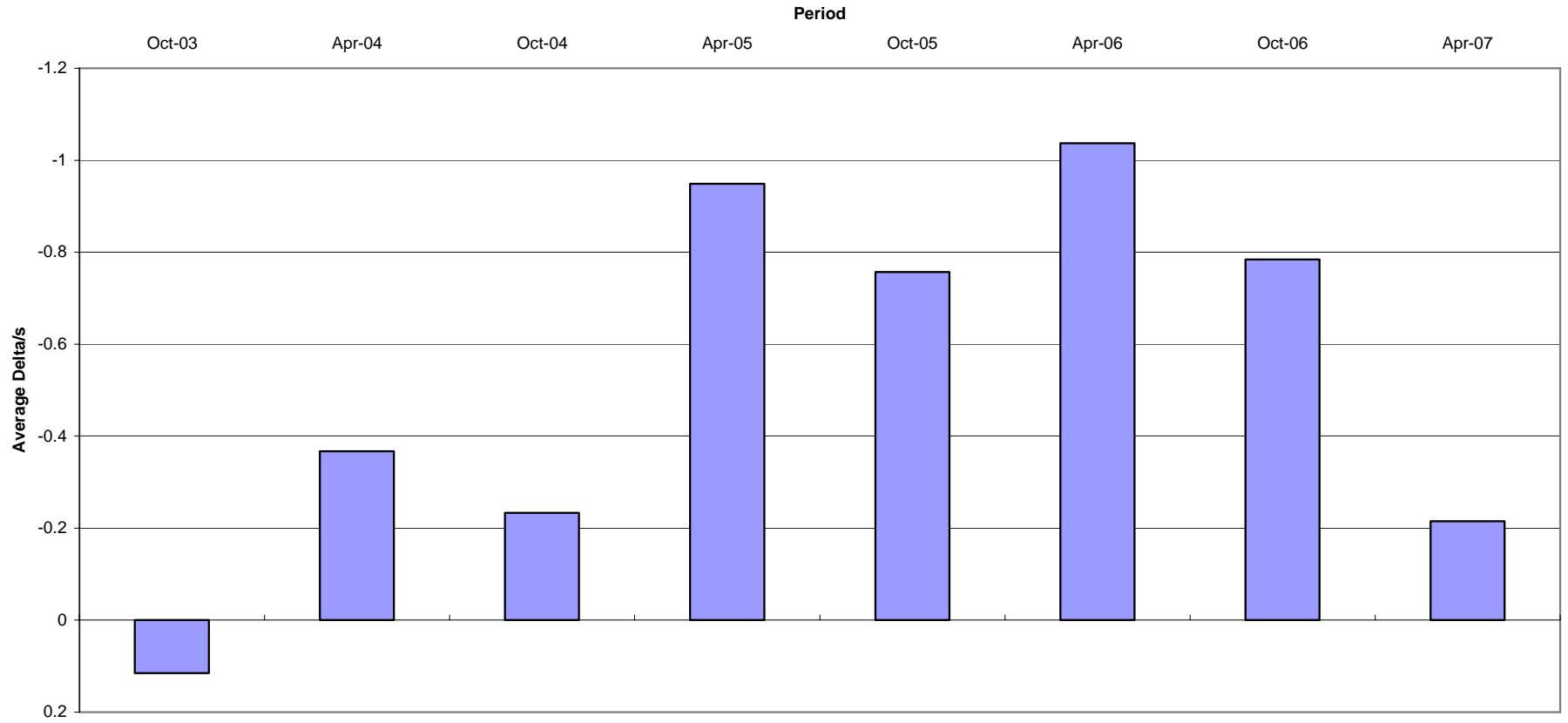


Figure 12 -Mini Rotary Viscometer result, Pooled Standard Deviation

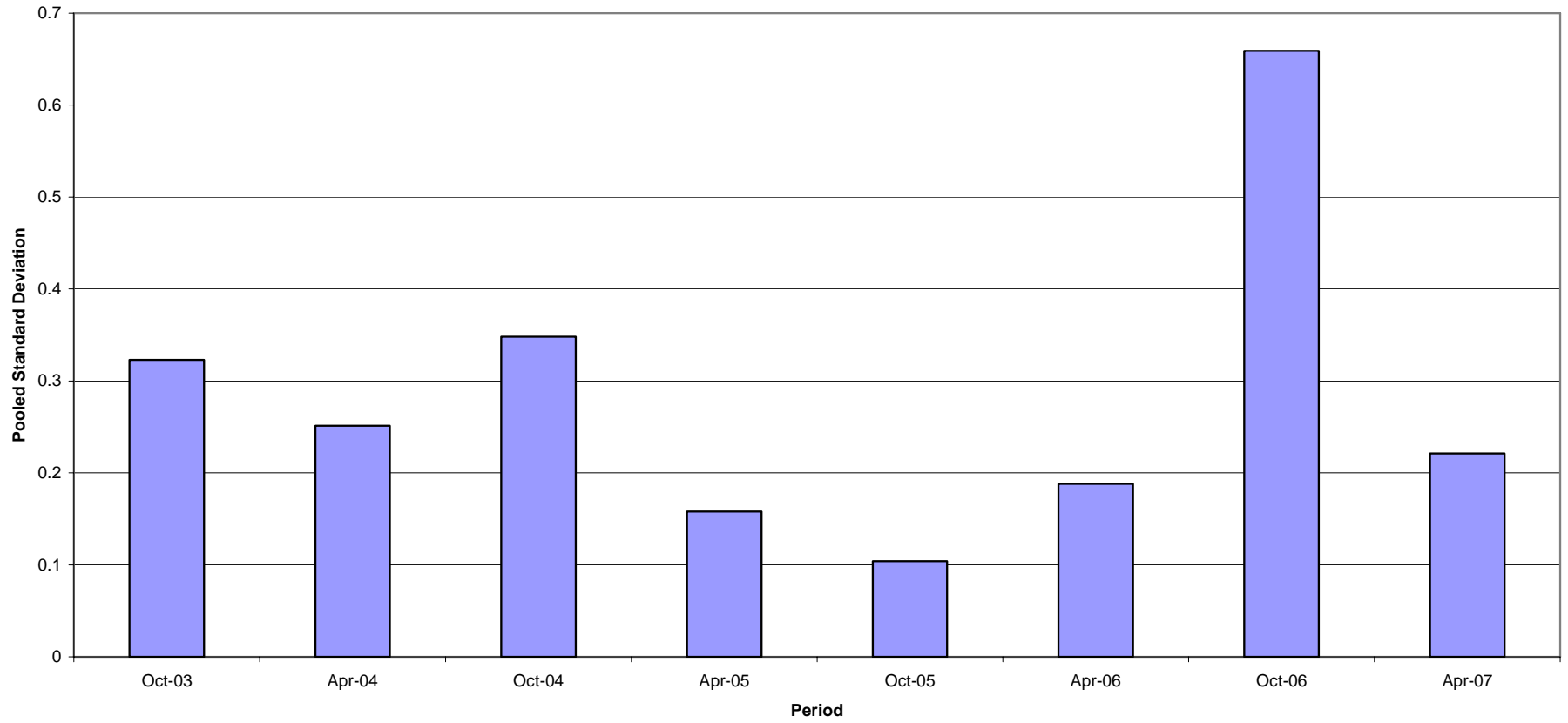


Figure 13 – Sequence IIIG/IIIGA Timeline

Effective Date	Topic	Info Letter
8/19/2003	Draft Sequence IIIG Test Procedure Issued	03-1
9/9/2003	Revised Valve Spring Load Specifications	03-2
9/23/2003	Revised Test Numbering Methodology	03-3
10/29/2003	Revised Fuel Pressure Specification	03-4
10/29/2003	Automatic Parts Cleaning Machine Maintenance Requirements Added	03-4
10/29/2003	Main Bearing Bore Mandrel Made Optional	03-4
10/29/2003	Piston Ring Cleaning Requirements	03-4
10/29/2003	Additional Allowable RTV Sealing Compound Allowed	03-4
10/29/2003	Main Bearing Cap Bolt Replacement Specifications	03-4
10/29/2003	Revised Camshaft Measurement Procedure	03-4
10/29/2003	Revised Camshaft Lubrication & Installation Procedure	03-4
10/29/2003	Revised Oil Consumption Reporting Procedure	03-4
10/29/2003	Fluid Conditioning Module Equipment Specifications	03-4
10/29/2003	Revised Camshaft Measurement Equipment Specifications	03-4
10/29/2003	Rating Workshop Attendance Requirement	03-4
11/4/2003	Elimination of CCS & MRV from IIIG test (creation of IIIGA test)	03-4
12/15/2003	New Honing Technique approved and added to Assembly Manual	
1/20/2004	Elimination of transform from ACLW results on oil 438 in LTMS; other oils still transformed	
1/20/2004	New Pooled s for ACLW SA calculation, based upon 434 and 435 only	
3/23/2004	Transform put back on 438 ACLW results, for all data. Control charts recalculated and effective today	
4/2/2004	Revised Intake Manifold Gasket	04-1
4/2/2004	Additional Allowable Sealing Materials	04-1
5/12/2004	Undercrown Rating Area Definition Clarification	04-2
5/12/2004	Flow Meter Specifications	04-2
5/12/2004	Editorial Corrections to Draft 2D	04-2
5/12/2004	MRV Reporting	04-2
5/12/2004	Amount of Oil Used for Camshaft & Lifter Lubrication	04-2
8/4/2004	First Occurrence of Powdered Metal Rods	
8/22/2004	First Occurrence of BC-4 rings	
11/4/2004	Powdered Metal Connecting Rod Torque Specifications	04-3
11/4/2004	New Front and Rear Main Seals	04-3
11/4/2004	New Oil Pan Gaskets	04-3
11/4/2004	New Exhaust Valves	04-3
11/4/2004	Editorial Change to Precision Statements	04-3
1/7/2005	Updated Precision Statements	05-1
1/7/2005	Engine Build Worksheets	05-1
1/7/2005	Clarification of Solvent Specifications	05-1
1/7/2005	Provisions for Adjustment to Calibration Period for Donated Oil Test Programs	05-1
8/8/2005	First occurrence of BC-5 rings	
11/29/2005	Revision to requirements for attendance to rater workshops	05-2
11/29/2005	Allows the use of torque wrench ETW-E180	05-2
3/29/2006	First occurrence of BC-6 rings	
04/04/2006	Added requirement to monitor fuel at lab and revised aromatic content in fuel specification	06-1
08/18/2006	Procedure changes as a result of UEB and revised Table A4 to clarify units and test methods	06-2
10/03/06	Change in connecting rod (PMNS) and updated part numbers	06-3

10/08/06	First occurrence of powdered metal non-slotted connecting rods (PMNS)	
11/06/06	Changes in rater calibration requirements	06-4
3/19/07	Added IIGVIS procedure to test method	07-1
4/01/07	Start of new cylinder head torquing procedures	