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Unapproved Minutes of the June 3, 2015 Sequence VG Surveillance Panel Meeting held in San Antonio, TX

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The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am by Andy Ritchie.

A list of attendees is included as attachment 1

## Agenda Review

Bill Buscher is Action & Motion recorder.

The Agenda was accepted as shown on Attachment 2.

Minutes from the May 5, 2015 Conference call were approved unanimously.

# **Test Monitoring Center Report**

A copy of the TMC report can be obtained from the TMC website. Rich Grundza presented highlights from his report. There were no questions or comments regarding the TMC report.

# Fuel Update and VG/VH Status

Chairman Ritchie offered that the main items were to review the status of the VG parts, the VH development and the situation with the current VG fuel batch and the approval of a new fuel batch. He commented that this would be a communal ASTM effort to collect these data and agree the work needed to implement the proposed plan in the coming months.

- The attached PowerPoint presentation was made by Ford/Romano at the SP meeting (attachment 3). Charman Ritchie confirmed that the semi-annual Sequence V report to B will incorporate this material and that he will ask for it to be included as a presentation and discussion agenda item for the Fort Lauderdale PCEOCP meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) The labs and Haltermann collected their information on the AK fuel batch and VG parts and it appears that enough approved VG fuel remains to run approximately 160 VG tests and approximately 260 VG test part. Based on the assumptions of the use of the current 7 calibrated VG stands the best guess we can presently provide is that the VG fuel will run out first around February to March 2016. The parts would run out a few months later. The reintroduction of calibrated VG stands would probably bring forward these projections.
- 3) Chairman Ritchie summarized the situation as follows. The VH test development is still proceeding but given the present difficulties we face it is necessary for us to develop a contingency plan to extend the life of the VG beyond the 2016 GF-6 Technology Demonstration period and into 2017. To do this the SP Task Force will develop a plan to run a matrix of VG tests to approve a new VG fuel batch using the new un-plated VH pistons. It is expected that the parts will be available to start to execute this plan sometime in October. In the meantime the VH development work will continue allowing a further review of the situation before a final decision is made to proceed with the rehabilitation of the VG.
- 4) Discussions turned to parts needed to keep VG going. An action item was assigned to solicit fabrication of oil separators, labs will continue to reuse existing hardware as long as they are able. The VH bearings need to be evaluated to see if they will be usable in the VG. Ron also instructed labs not to dispose of fuel injectors, as there may be a way to remanufacture or reuse them.

### Old and New Business

A number of parts are no longer available. OHT has obtained a flywheel that is comparable to the original Ford part which is no longer available and this OHT part will be added to the procedure. Cole Hudson of SwRI presented a listed of parts which are no longer available. Both intake and exhaust valves are no longer available and an aftermarket supplier has been located. The current Ford water pump is no longer available and a replacement pump from Ford has been identified. A source for wiring harnesses has also been identified. Members of the panel expressed concerns about valve recession with the new valves and after considerable discussion an action item was assigned to develop a procedure to measure valve recession. There was also considerable discussion about introducing the valves with a reference, but SwRI was out of hardware and they would need to implement this as soon as possible. Some attendees felt that it was not a good precedent to introduce the valves without a reference test, but the Test Sponsor felt the change would not affect severity. Also discussed was allowing the use of an ultrasound cleaner for use in VG. Jerry Brys moved to allow the use of ultrasound cleaner for all parts in VG. Because of the large amount of parts to be addressed, it was decided to withdraw the motion and address the use of the

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ultrasound during the next conference call. The panel approved the use of alternate valves, water pump and wiring harness by a vote of 6 approves, 0 negatives and 6 waives. Rich Grundza asked if this vote was controversial, because of the number of waives, but none of the panel members indicated that there were potential negatives at the Subcommittee vote, so Rich indicated he would continue with an information letter through normal channels.

A listing of Motions and Action items recorded during the meeting is included as attachment 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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# Sequence VG/VH Surveillance Panel

June 03, 2015 08:00 CDT San Antonio, TX

Call-in Number: 888-272-5498 Participant Passcode: 1938246

# **Agenda**

- 1) Attendance.
- 2) Chairman's comments.
- 3) Approval of minutes from panel call May 5<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- 4) TMC report (REG).
- 5) Assessment of future VG usage rates in 2015 and 2016.
- 6) Sequence VG Fuel Update (Haltermann).
  - When is the fuel projected to run out? Number of tests remaining.
- 7) Review of VG Parts Inventories.
  - a) Current VG parts inventory. Number of remaining tests.
  - b) Discussion and motion to allow use of aftermarket intake and exhaust valves.
  - b) Motion(s) for parts and procedure modifications (attached)
  - b) Pistons and rings availability and options
- 8) Review of New Sequence VH Test Data (All).
- 9) Plan of action for sustaining the VG. (All)
- 10) Old Business.
- 11) New Business.
- 12) Review Scope and Objectives.
- 13) Next Meeting
- 14) Meeting Adjourned

Attachment 3

# Status of Sequence VH Test

- Recent VH tests with latest hardware and new fuel batch showed mild sludge results.
- Investigating procedure changes and VG/VH operating differences in attempts to increase severity.
- Fuel supplier may blend small batch of more severe fuel for testing.
- Announced at 5/14/2015 AOAP/PCEOCP meeting that VH test development was basically starting over!

# Next Steps in VH Test Development

- Continue testing at SwRI and IAR on final hardware with new fuel batch (DA0120NX10).
  - Objective is to correlate with VG
  - Investigating hardware changes (piston rings, oil separator, Zeus calibration) to increase test severity
  - Modified new fuel batch blended if more severity is needed
- Complete fuel approval Matrix testing on new or modified new fuel batch.
- Get Afton, Ashland and Lubrizol up and running.
- Run prove out testing at all 5 labs on final hardware.
  - All final hardware at labs except piston rings
- Secure AOAP/PCEOCP approval to begin Precision Matrix.
- Precision Matrix should take about 2 months without any invalid tests.
- Unlikely to complete Precision Matrix by end of 2015.

# Plan to Keep GF-6 on Track if Precision Matrix Not Completed by End of 2015

- Extend life of VG test into 2017.
- Run VG tests during technology demonstration period.
- Continue VG for 1 year after tech demo period is over.
- Bring in VH 6 months before VG hardware runs out.
- VH still needed as VG parts will not last throughout life of GF-6.
- Other steps to accomplish:
  - Evaluate un-plated piston for VG
  - Determine availability of less critical parts
  - Find source for equivalent oil separator

# Plans for Sequence V Fuels

- Should run out of existing fuel batch (AK2821NX10) using existing VG hardware.
- Run new fuel batch (DA0121NX10) approval matrix on the VG with updated hardware, un-plated pistons, and next batch of rings.
- Plan to start new fuel batch approval matrix by October 2015.

# Sequence V Surveillance Panel June 3, 2015 8:00am – 12:00pm Southwest Research Institute San Antonio, TX

# Motions and Action Items As Recorded at the Meeting by Al Lopez

- 1. Action Item SWRI to ship Zeus and harness to Afton and Lubrizol. One each for stand set-up. Final programing in progress.
- 2. Ask Cunningham and Bishop if used VG blocks are still available.
- 3. Solicit fabrication of VG oil separators.
- 4. Check on use of crank main bearings. Ron to check prints. Labs to check fit of VH bearings in VG block.
- 5. Ford to flow aftermarket fuel injectors. Goal to replace OEM injectors. Experiment with cleaning failed injectors. SWRI
- 6. Formulate action plan for introduction of unplated pistons in the fuel matrix. VH Task Force
- 7. OHT to supply flywheel part number. Jason Bowden.
- 8. Lubrizol to provide a procedure for ultrasonic cleaning of VG parts.
- 9. Begin measurement of valve seat recession and tip height. Ron and Cole to draft a procedure.

# Motion

Accept the following list of parts to the Sequence VG Test procedure:

Proposed - Cole Hudson

Second – Al Lopez

6 Approve

0 Opposed

6 Wave

### **Motion Carries**

### Table A5.1, Item #23 Intake Valve (without a reference)

SB International #01698

E&E Machine and Parts 1602 S Flores St San Antonio, TX 78204

## Table A5.1, Item #24 Exhaust Valve (without a reference)

SB International #01699

E&E Machine and Parts 1602 S Flores St San Antonio, TX 78204

### Table A5.3, Item #10 Water Pump (will be brought in with a reference)

Motorcraft PW470

# Table A5.6, Item #6 Engine Wire Harness (will be brought in with a reference)

FT-93 Ford Harness, 4.6 less EM connectors

Ron Francis Wiring 200Keystone Road, Suite #1 Chester PA 19013 800.292.1940

Motion: Accept the following procedural modification to the Sequence VG Test procedure.

Proposed: Cole Hudson Second: Al Lopez

### **Section 7.8.4** Block Preparations

Allow the use of additional cleaning processes, specifically the use of ultrasonic cleaners in pre-honing cleaning.

For 10 Against 0 Waive 2

**Motion Carries**