

Test Monitoring Center

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MEMORANDUM:	09-018
DATE:	April 15, 2009
TO:	Andrew Ritchie, Chairman, Sequence VG Surveillance Panel
FROM:	Richard E. Grundza
SUBJECT:	Sequence VG Reference Test Status from October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

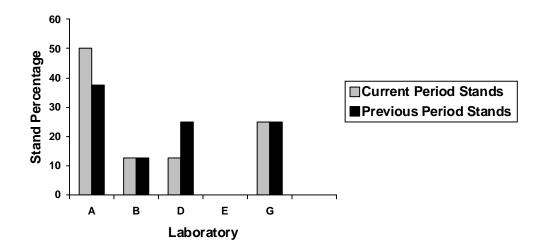
The following is a summary of Sequence VG reference tests that were completed during the period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

Lab/Stand Distribution

	Reporting Data	Calibrated as of 3/31/09
Number of Laboratories	4	3
Number of Stands	9	7

The following chart shows the laboratory/stand distribution:

Laboratory/Stand Distribution

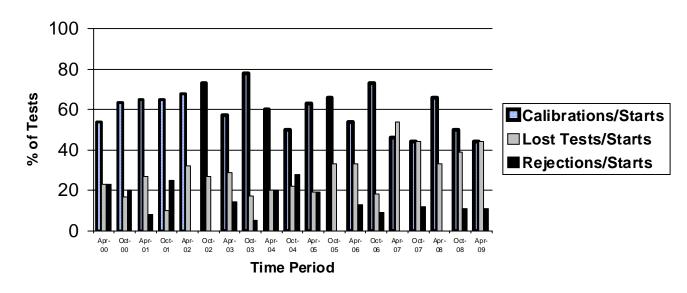


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	TMC Validity Codes	No. of Tests
Operationally and Statistically Acceptable	AC	8
Operationally Invalid, Lab Judgment	LC	7
Operationally Valid, Statistically Unacceptable	OC	2
Aborted	XC	1
Total		18

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

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



Calibration Attempt Summary

The calibration per start rate has decreased with respect to the previous period. The lost test per start rate has increased with respect to the previous period. The rejected test per start rate has not changed when compared to the previous period. All rates compare well with historical rates.

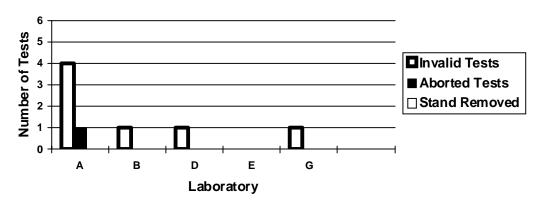
There were no LTMS deviations written during this report period. A total of seven LTMS deviations have been written to date.

Two tests were found to be statistically unacceptable this period. One test failed for severe AES and the second test failed severe on RAC and sounded lab and stand EWMA warning alarms for APV.

The following table lists the reasons for operationally invalid and aborted tests this period.

Reason	Number of Tests
Rocker arm cover flow calibration error	1
Rocker arm cover flow and manifold absolute pressure calibration offset	1
Low oil pressure	1
Faulty wiring harness	1
Dyno cradle bearings bad	1
Oil additions exceeded 400 grams	1
Load calibration error	1
Cam position sensor failure	1

Aborted and operationally invalid tests by laboratory are summarized with the following chart:



Lost Test Distribution

Severity and Precision

Below is a summary of the average delta/s values, pooled standard deviation, and average delta in reported units for tests reported during this period.

<u>Variable</u>	Pooled s All Oils	<u>Mean</u> Delta/s	Based on	<u>Delta in</u> <u>Reported</u> <u>Units</u>
RAC	0.36	-0.22	8.0	0.08
AES	0.34	-0.90	7.8	0.31
APV	0.25	0.50	7.5	0.12
AEV	0.07	0.66	8.9	0.05
OSCR	0.70	0.65	20	11.1

The mean Δ /s for this period shows AES (-0.90), RAC (-0.22), and OSCR (0.65) were severe. AEV (0.66) and APV (0.50) were mild for the period. Figures 1 through 5 are current industry severity and precision EWMA control charts and plots of summations Δ /s for AES, RAC, AEV, APV, and OSCR. Memo 09-018 Page 4

Industry control charts for AES show that severity in control for the period. The precision chart began the period in action alarm and continued in warning or action alarm for most of the period, until the precision alarm cleared at the end of the period. The industry summation Δ /s plot for AES shows a severe trend for the period.

The industry control charts for RAC severity began the period in warning alarm, but cleared after four tests. Industry precision was in control for the period, with the exception of the last test in the period, which sounded a warning alarm. The precision alarm appears to have been caused by one result which was -2.83 Δ /s from target. The industry summation Δ /s plot for RAC shows severity on or near target for most of the period.

With the exception of two results, the industry control chart for AEV severity has been in warning or action alarm the entire period. Precision was in control for the period. The summation Δ /s plot for AEV trended mild for the first half of the period, but appears to be on or near target for the rest of the period.

Like the AEV control charts, APV severity has been in warning or action alarm for most of the period. APV precision has been in control for the period. The summation Δ /s plot for APV trending mild for the first half of the period, but trending severe with the last four tests.

OSCR severity and Precision were in control for the period. The summation Δ /s plot for OSCR shows OSCR trending severe for the period.

Figures 6 and 7 chart the pooled precision estimates for all monitored parameters, by ASTM report period. Figure 6 shows precision for AES has improved and RAC and OSCR precision has changed little with respect to the previous period. Figure 7 illustrates that precision for AEV has improved slightly and APV precision has degraded slightly with respect to the previous period. Precision for all parameters compares well with historical rates.

The following table compares the standard deviation used in the LTMS for severity adjustment calculations, which is a pooled estimate of precision based on oils 1009, 1006, and 1007, with the current pooled precision of the oils 1006, 1007, and 1009.

Parameter	Severity Adjustment Standard Deviation (n = 120)	Pooled Standard Deviation, Oils 1006, 1007 and 1009
		(n = 9)
AES	0.45	0.34
RAC	0.25	0.36
AEV	0.10	0.07
APV	0.20	0.25
OSCR	0.79	0.70

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Fuels and Reference Oils

Reference oil quantities available at the laboratories and TMC as well as estimated life of these oils, are tabulated below.

Oil	TMC Inventory, in gallons	TMC Inventory, in tests	Laboratory Inventory, in tests	Estimated life
925-3	73	24	5	3 years
1006	41	13	2	< 1 year
1006-2	4,161	1387	7	3+ years
1007	303	101	4	3+ years
1009	585	195	6	3+ years

Note: Oils 1006, 1006-2, 1007 and 1009 are used across multiple test areas, TMC inventory represents total amount of that oil on hand.

Information Letters

No information letters were issued this period.

QI Deviations

There were no QI deviations reviewed by the Test Monitoring Center for this report period.

Lab Visits

No lab visits were conducted this period.

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Attachments

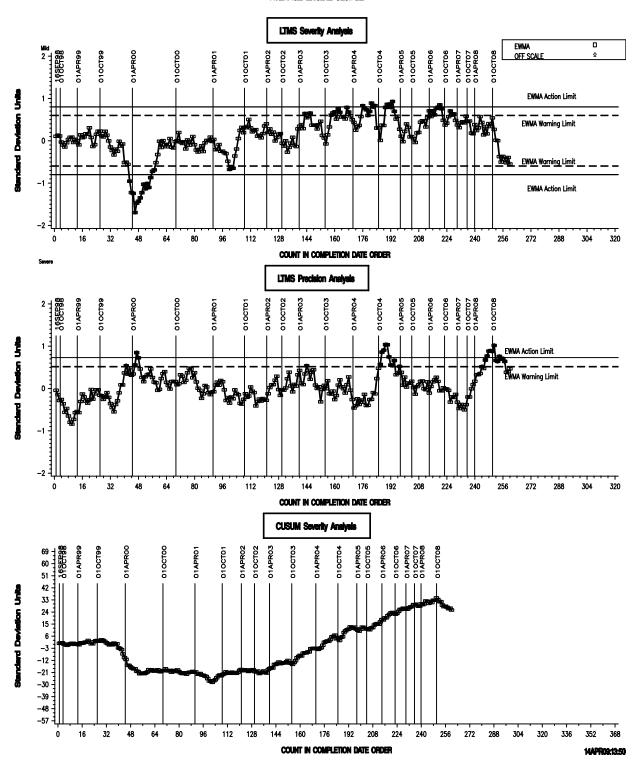
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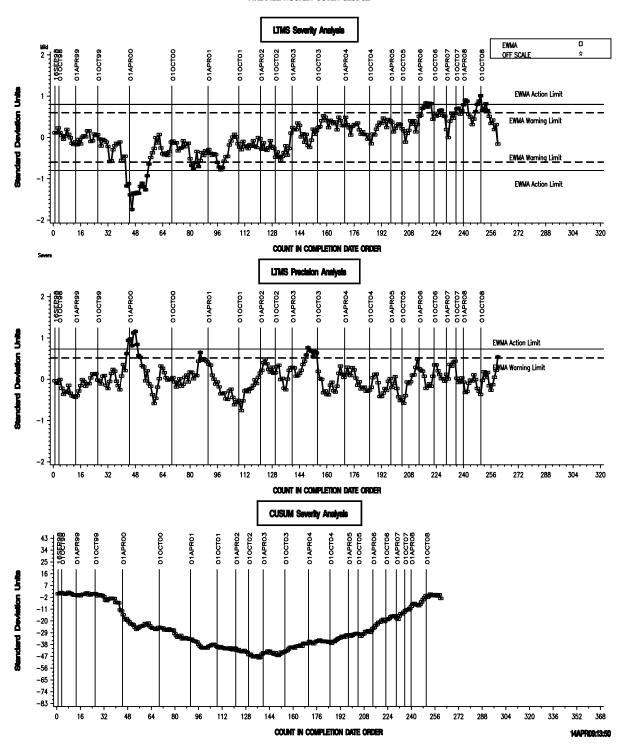
Listing of Tables and Figures Included as Part of This Report to the Sequence VG Surveillance Panel Figures 1 through 5 are the Industry control charts for AES, RAC, AEV, APV and OSCR. Figures 6 and 7 compare pooled precision estimates from this report period with previous periods. Figure 8 is the Industry Timeline.

Figure 1

AVERAGE ENGINE SLUDGE

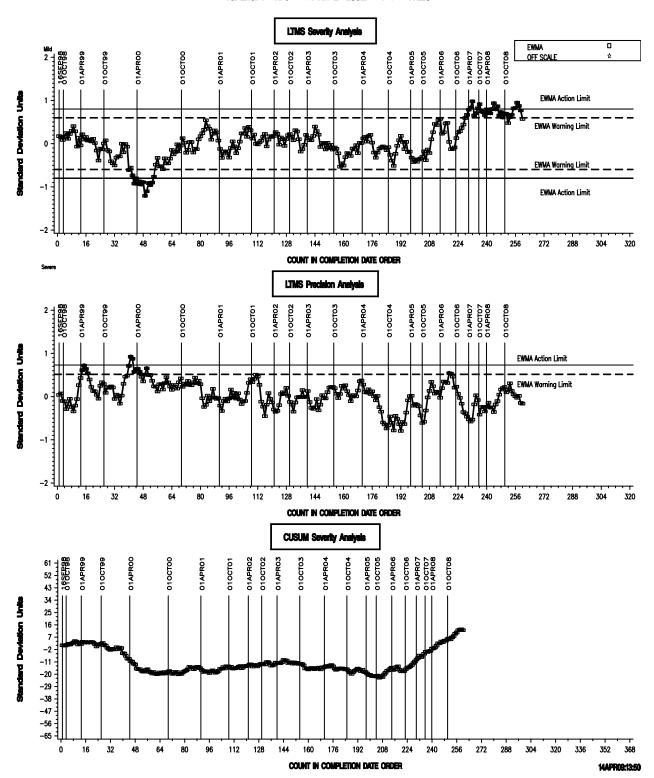


AVERAGE ROCKER COVER SLUDGE

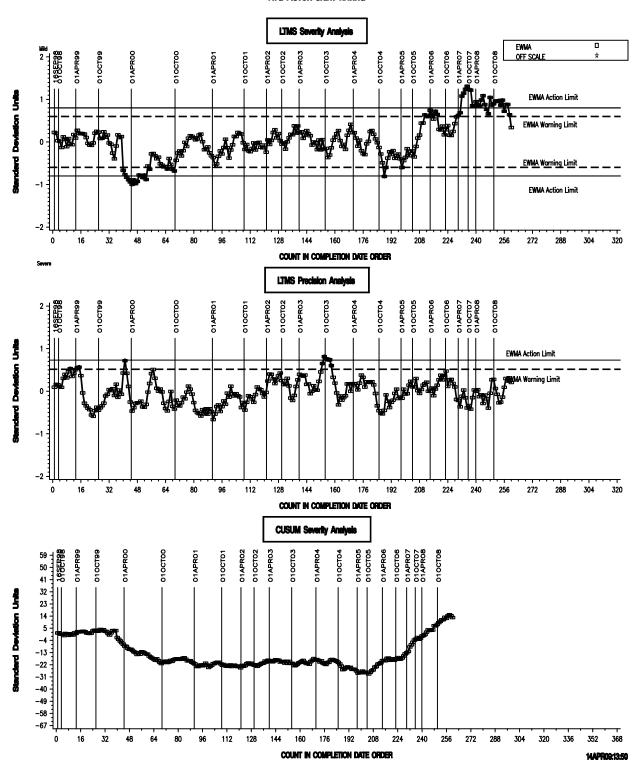


SEQUENCE VG INDUSTRY OPERATIONALLY VALID DATA

AVG. ENG. VARN. 3-PART FINAL RESULT APV + BAFFLES

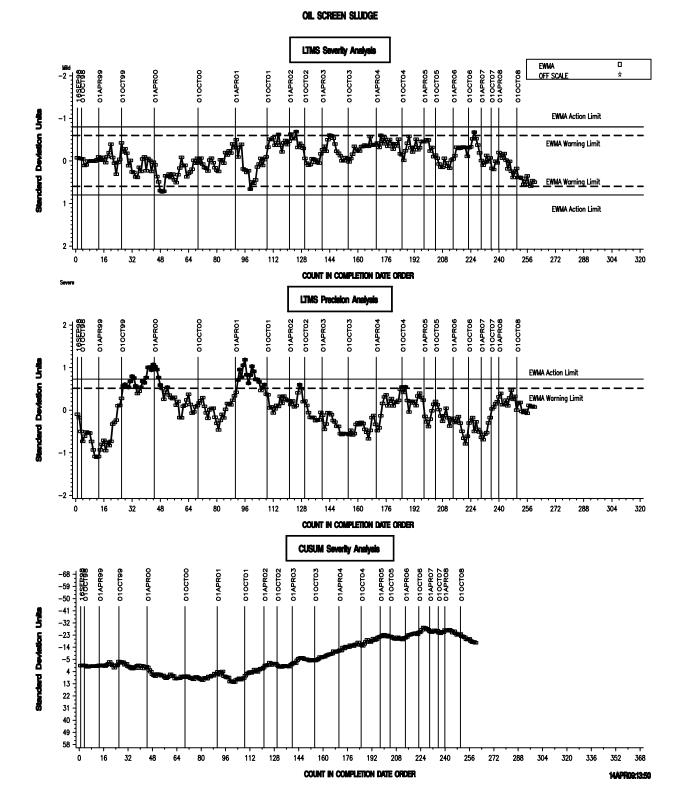


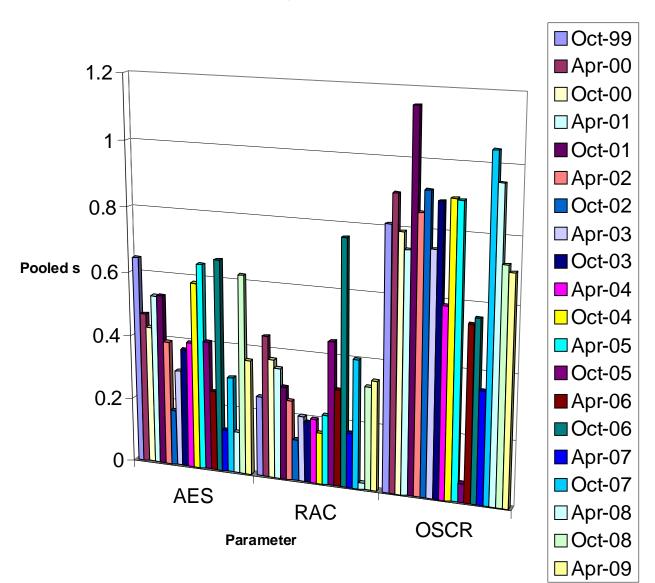




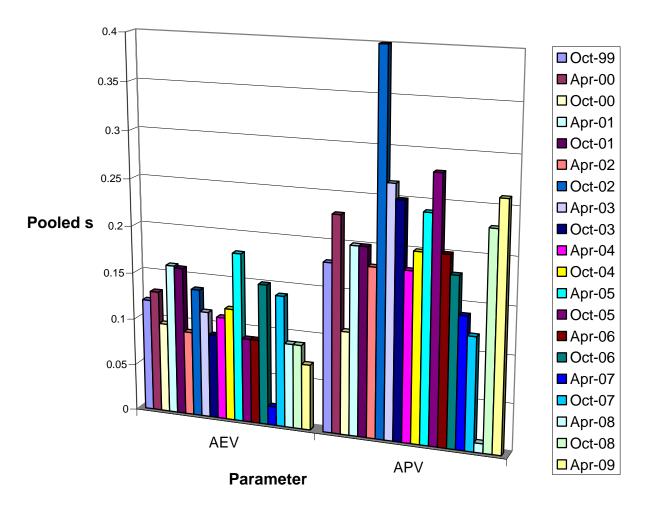
AVG PISTON SKIRT RATING







Comparison of Pooled Precision Estimates By ASTM Report Period



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Date	Item Changed	
19980901	Matrix testing begins	
19990211	Sequence VG Test approved, matrix stands charted and calibrated where applicable	
19990503	Information Letter 99-1 issued, adding ring weight loss, bore wear and pin wear measurements; as well as other procedural changes	99-1
19990615	Numerous procedure updates as identified in Information Letter 99-2	99-2
19990830	In conjunction with approval of VG fuel batch 996416, new test targets were published for oils 1006 and 1007	
19990830	Batch 996416 was approved for qualified testing at 8/13/99 Surveillance Panel meeting	
19991025	Revised Exhaust Backpressure limits for stages I and II to 102 and 106 kPa, respectively	99-3
19991025	Deleted rating of Underside of Block sludge and revised report forms and data dictionary accordingly	99-3
19991025	Added Section 11 to document stand referencing requirements	99-3
19991025	Added Section 16 and Annex A14, which give precision and bias statements	99-3
19991025	Updated listing of kit parts given in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 and Annex A5	99-3
19991025	Revised the type of oil filter and screen size, Sections 7.4.9 and 8.3.2.2 and A3.8 changed to reflect this	99-3
19991115	Update reference oil targets for oils 1006 and 1007 (n=10), also revised severity adjustment standard deviation	
20000215	Revised Exhaust Backpressure Limits for stages I and II to 104 and 107 kPa, respectively	00-1
20000215	Deleted varnish ratings for cam baffles, oil pan, timing chain cover and rear seal housing	00-1
20000215	Revised Form 8 to not allow value to be entered for oil added at cycle 54 and deleted form 7	00-1
20000802	Added Oil Ring Clogging Rating, changed follower pin wear measurement from all 8 cylinders to cylinder 8 only.	00-2
20000802	Changed bore wear measurements from all cylinders to cylinders 1 and 8.	00-2
20000802	Changed from ring weight loss to ring gap increase on cylinders 1 & 8.	00-2
20000802	Added transformation for oil screen clogging. Deleted photos for cam baffles, timing chain cover rear seal housing varnish.	00-2
20000802	Report forms and Data dictionary changes, version 20000713	00-2
20001101	Revised Section 13.4.1 Report forms and Data dictionary changes, version 20000831	00-3
20010115	Changed analysis method for water in fuel	01-1
	Deleted 7.1.1, Changed D1744 to D6304. Clarified procedures for bore wear, follower pin wear, oil screen clogging and top ring gap increase.	01-1
20010115	Revised stage III rocker cover inlet temp ramp.	01-1
20010115	Deleted ring groove chamfer measurement. Revised dipstick calibration. Revised temperature and pressure calibration frequency, changed dipstick calibration procedure, dropped stage I blowby measurement. Dropped 0.5% O ₂ calibration gas.	01-1
20010115	Modified fuel injector flow requirements and deleted Appendix X2.	01-1
20010320	Information Letter written to incorporate information letters not incorporated into Test Method D6593	01-2
20010320	Dropped requirement to measure Benzene in fuel, defined a process for consensus rating and no longer requires analysis of used oil for TBN, vis@100 °C and pentane insolubles	01-3
20011114	Dropped NOx measurements, monitor Power QI, addressed rating changes recommended by Light Duty Rating Task Force and allowed adjustments to	02-1

	blowby flow rates during 1 st 48 hours of the test	
20020301	Replaced, CO, CO ₂ and O ₂ measurements with Lambda	02-2
20020408	Revised references to CRC manuals 12 and 14 to manual 20	02-3
20020515	Allowed use of power supply for EEC and Lambda sensors, revised	02-4
	calibration frequency for Lambda sensor and dropped requirement to	
	measure bore wear Dropped rating of RAC covers for varnish and added	
	Cam baffle varnish ratings	
20020809	Initial targets (n=3) for reference oil 1009	
20021023	Initial targets (n=5) for reference oil 1009	
20021025	Removed remedial statements and made other editorial changes	02-5
20030128	Target Update (n=10) for reference oil 1006-2	
20030327	Removed requirement to include photographs in final report	03-1
20030410	Deleted exhaust gas values for stages I and II	03-2
20030515	Target Update (n=10) for reference oil 1009	
20030905	Corrected Section 16.1.2.1 and revised Section A7.1 to include ACC	03-3
	Conformance Statement. Procedure changes to address processes necessary	
	to use Romeo Engines for calibrated testing Replaced Aliphatic Naphtha	
	with ASTM D235 Type II, Class C solvent	
20040105	Target Update (n=20) for reference oil 1006-2	
20040109	Increased last non reference oil start date from 171 to 180 days Editorial	04-1
	changes to precision statements	
20040207	Target Update (n=20) for reference oil 1009	
20040513	Revised U & L values for MAP and EBP Allowed removal of piston	04-2
	staining	
20040701	Revised section 12.1.5 to allow ring gap adjustments during 1st 48 hours of	04-3
	test	
20041103	Target Update (n=30) for reference oil 1006-2 Target Update (n=30) for	
	reference oil 1009 Target Update (n=22) for reference oil 925-3	
20041214	Revised section 7.1.1 to require degreasing solvent that meets requirements	04-4
	of D235 for Aromatics, color and flash point and require a Certificate of	
	analysis for each batch	
20050101	Revised standard deviation for severity adjustment calculation for all	
	parameters	
20050601	Deleted ring gap increase and follower pin wear, clarified Oil screen rating,	05-1
20050510	updated precision statement, added limits for lost test data, editorial changes	05.0
20050719	Approved fuel batch TA1921LS15, with correction factors for AES, RAC,	05-2
20050525	AEV and APV	05.0
20050726	Changed fuel batch designation from TA1921LS15 to TF2221LS20	05-3
20051209	Allowed use of an alternate AFR measuring device	05-4
20051209	Added tolerance to location of AFR measuring device sensor	05-4
20051209	Required raters to attend Rating Workshop on an annual basis	05-4
20060616	Allowed camshafts to be run for 4 tests	06-1
20061107	Changes to rater calibration requirements	06-2
20071212	Updated Industry Correction Factors	07-1
20071212	Revised name for Rating Workshop	07-1
20080213	Revised cam baffle cleaning technique	08-1
20080213	Additional throttle body	08-1
20080305	Closed loop AFR control	08-2
20080515	Added ring gap increase and follower pin wear measurements	08-3