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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: L-33-1 Surveillance Panel

SUBJECT: Clarification on reporting final, corrected rust merit value

L-33-1 Information Letter 16-1 neglected to include instruction on how to handle test results where adding the +0.6 merit correction factor produces a value greater than 10 merits. Section 12.4 of D7038 has been revised to include direction for such cases. Additional wording was also added to make clear that the correction factor is not to be applied to reference oil tests. The text of the revision is shown in the attachment. This change is effective immediately.

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Attachment

cc: ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gear/1331/procedure_and_ils/il16-2.pdf

Distribution: Email

(Revises Test Method D 7038-15 as modified by Information Letter 16-1)

Replace section 12.4 with the following:

12.4 By filling in values on the rating sheet and then applying the appropriate weighting values shown in Annex A9, a final deposit merit value is obtained. To maintain comparable test severity to the Dana Model 30 hardware, add 0.6 merits to the final deposit merit value when using AAM K2XX hardware for non-reference oil testing. In instances where this results in a merit value greater than 10, report the result as 10 merits. Note the presence, location, and amount of additional deposits, such as stain and sludge, or other, in the Remarks section on the rating sheet. Also note rust in non-rated areas in the Remarks section.