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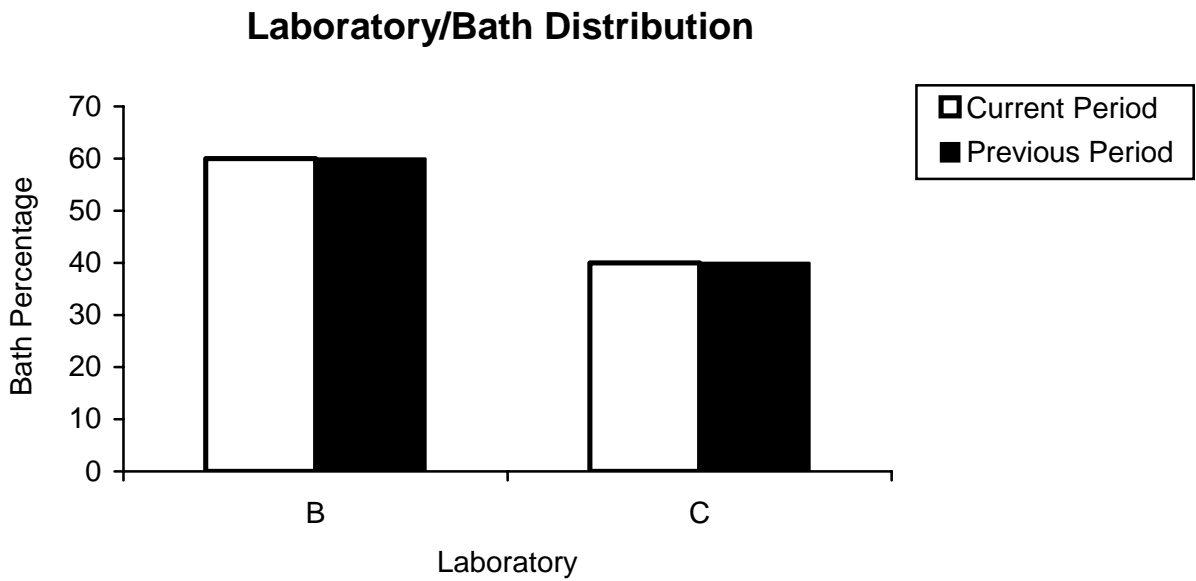
SUBJECT: OSCT Reference Test Status from October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

A total of 67 OSCT reference oil results from two laboratories were reported during the period October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007.

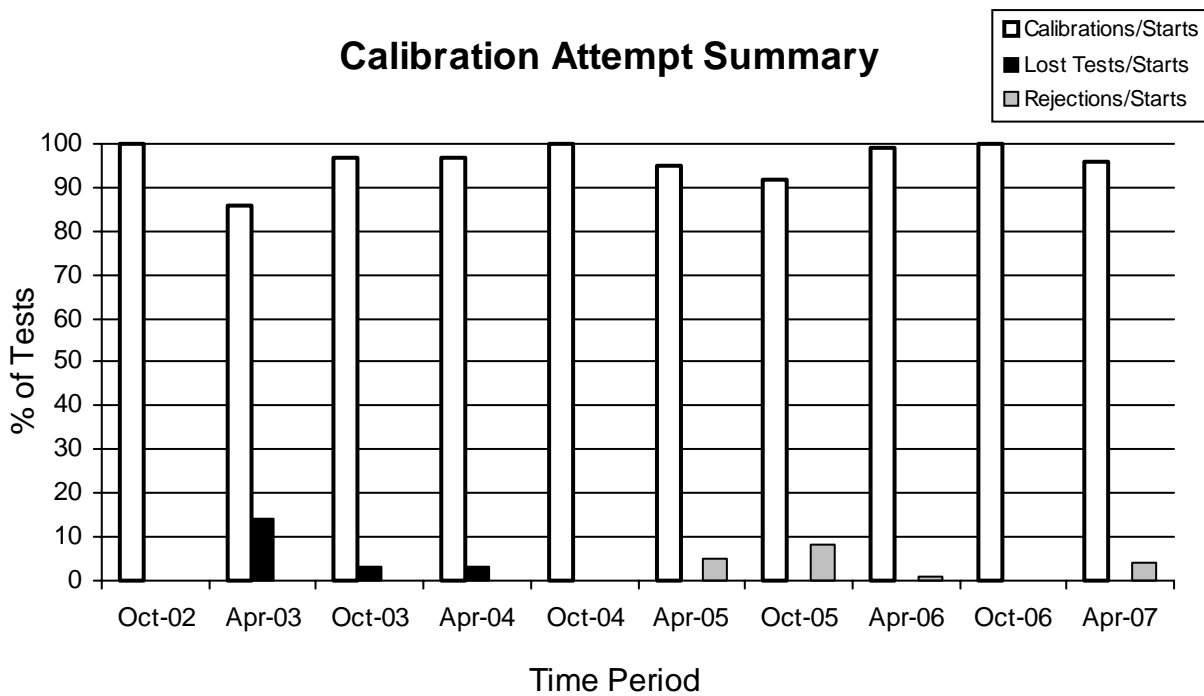
The following table summarizes the status of the reference oil test results reported to the TMC this report period:

Elastomer Type		TMC Validity	No. of Test Oil Results
Fluoroelastomer	Operationally and Statistically Acceptable	AC	16
	Statistically Unacceptable	OC	0
	Operationally Invalid	LC	0
	Aborted	XC	0
	Information Only	NN	0
	Elastomer Batch Approval	AG	4
Polyacrylate	Operationally and Statistically Acceptable	AC	14
	Statistically Unacceptable	OC	1
	Operationally Invalid	LC	0
	Aborted	XC	0
	Information Only	NN	0
	Elastomer Batch Approval	AG	4
Nitrile	Operationally and Statistically Acceptable	AC	15
	Statistically Unacceptable	OC	1
	Operationally Invalid	LC	0
	Aborted	XC	0
	Information Only	NN	0
	Elastomer Batch Approval	AG	12
	TOTAL		67

The following chart shows the laboratory bath distribution for data reported during this report period:



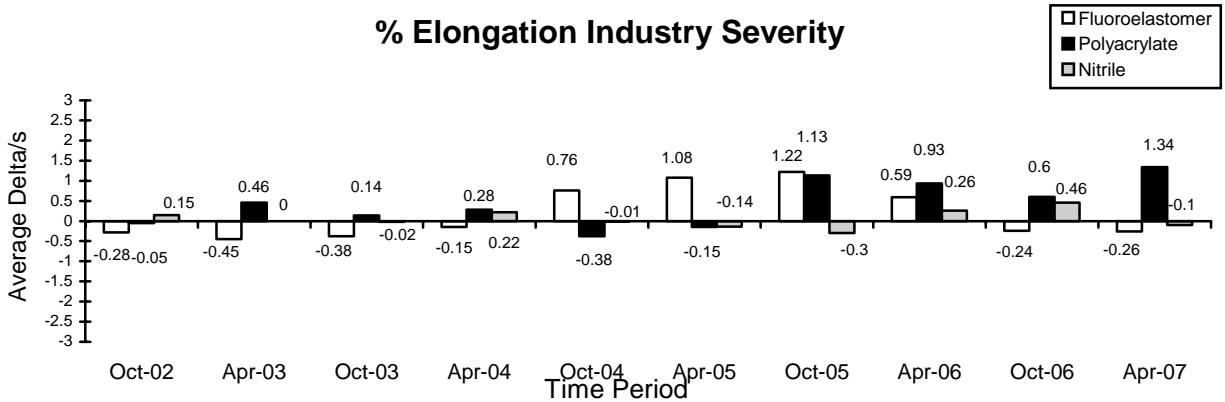
Attempted calibration tests are depicted graphically below by report period:



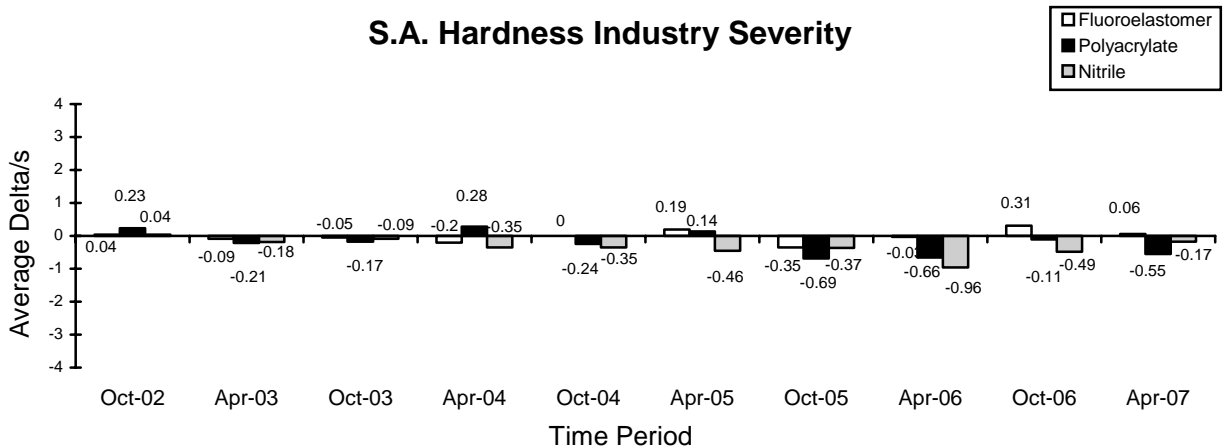
The calibration per start rate has decreased, the lost test per start rate remained the same, and the rejected per start rate has increased when compared to the last report period.

INDUSTRY TEST SEVERITY

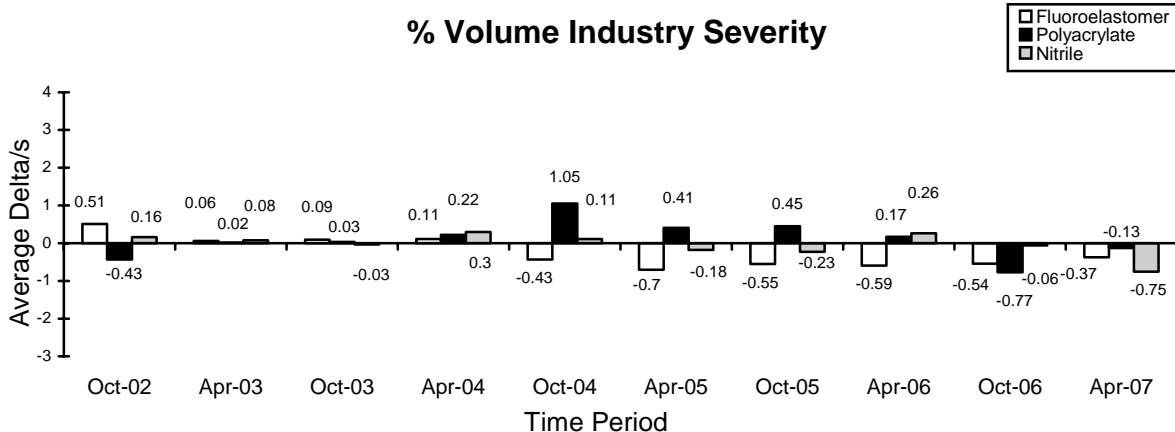
Percent elongation industry mean delta/s bar charts for the last ten report periods, for each elastomer material are shown below. Percent elongation for fluoroelastomer and nitrile materials trended severe for this report period. Percent elongation for polyacrylate trended mild this report period



S.A. hardness industry mean delta/s bar charts for the last ten report periods, for each elastomer material are shown below. S.A. hardness for polyacrylate and nitrile materials trended severe for this report period. S.A. hardness for fluoroelastomer trended mild this report period

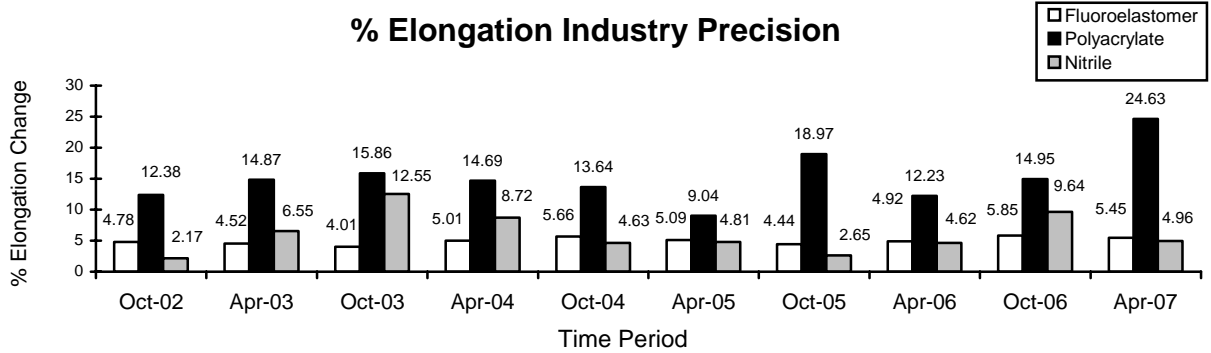


Percent volume industry mean delta/s bar charts for the last ten report periods, for each elastomer material are shown below. Percent volume for the polyacrylate, fluoroelastomer and nitrile materials trended severe of target for this report period.

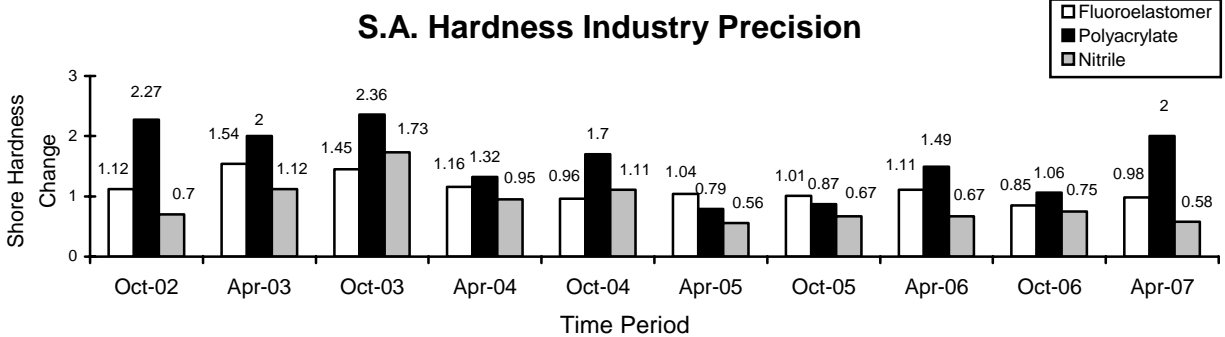


INDUSTRY TEST PRECISION

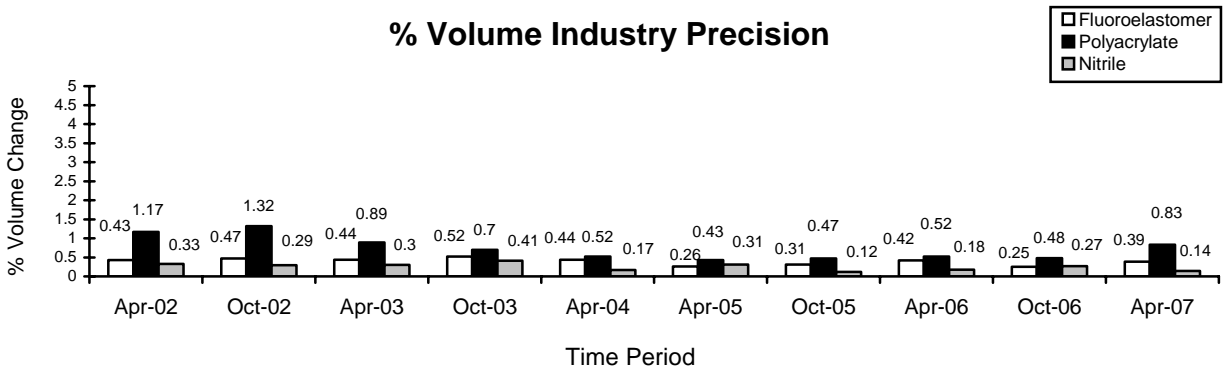
Percent elongation industry precision estimates for elastomer material, for the last ten report periods are shown below. Precision for the polyacrylate elastomer has degraded with respect to the previous period. Precision for the nitrile elastomer has improved with respect to the previous period and precision for the fluoroelastomer elastomer remained about the same with respect to the previous period. Precision for all three elastomers compares well with historical levels.



Shore hardness industry precision estimates for elastomer material, for the last ten report periods are shown below. Precision for the polyacrylate and fluoroelastomer elastomers have degraded with respect to the previous period. Precision for the nitrile elastomer has improved with respect to the previous period. Precision for all three elastomers compares well with respect to historical levels.



Percent volume industry precision estimates for elastomer materials, for the last ten report periods are shown below. Precision for polyacrylate and fluoroelastomer elastomers has degraded slightly with respect to the previous period. Precision for nitrile elastomers has improved slightly with respect to the previous period. Precision for all three elastomers compares well with respect to historical levels.



INDUSTRY CONTROL CHARTS

Figures 1 through 3 are industry control charts for elongation change, shore hardness change, and percent volume change, respectively. Figures 4 through 6 are industry control charts of the last 120 test results for elongation change, shore hardness change, and percent volume change, respectively. Severity and precision EWMA charts for shore hardness change were in control this period. Percent volume change triggered seven EWMA severity alarms (five warning and two action) and no precision EWMA alarms. These alarms were due to three test results over -2.00 standard deviations severe. The severe alarms do not appear to be related to any one lab, bath, oil, elastomer, or elastomer batch. Elongation change triggered six EWMA precision alarms (three warning and three action) and one severity EWMA warning alarm. The alarms do not appear to be related to any one lab, bath, oil, elastomer, or elastomer batch.

REFERENCE OILS

The following table quantifies each reference oil by the number of reference oil containers remaining at the TMC and each laboratory. Each reference oil container has 750 ml (0.2 gallons) of oil.

LAB	160-1	161-1	162	168
B	4	6	0	5
C	4	7	1	5
TMC	625	185	0	230

INFORMATION LETTERS

There were no information letters issued during this report period.

TMC LAB VISITS

There was one lab visit conducted this report period with no discrepancies noted.

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Attachments

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<ftp://ftp.astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/gear/osct/semiannualreports/osct-04-2007.pdf>

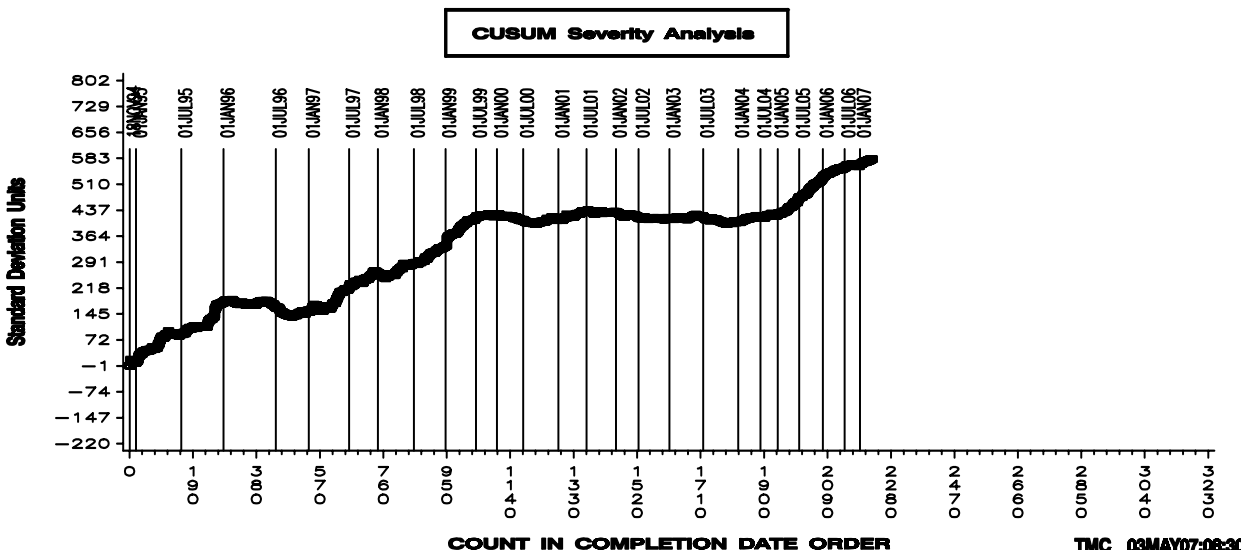
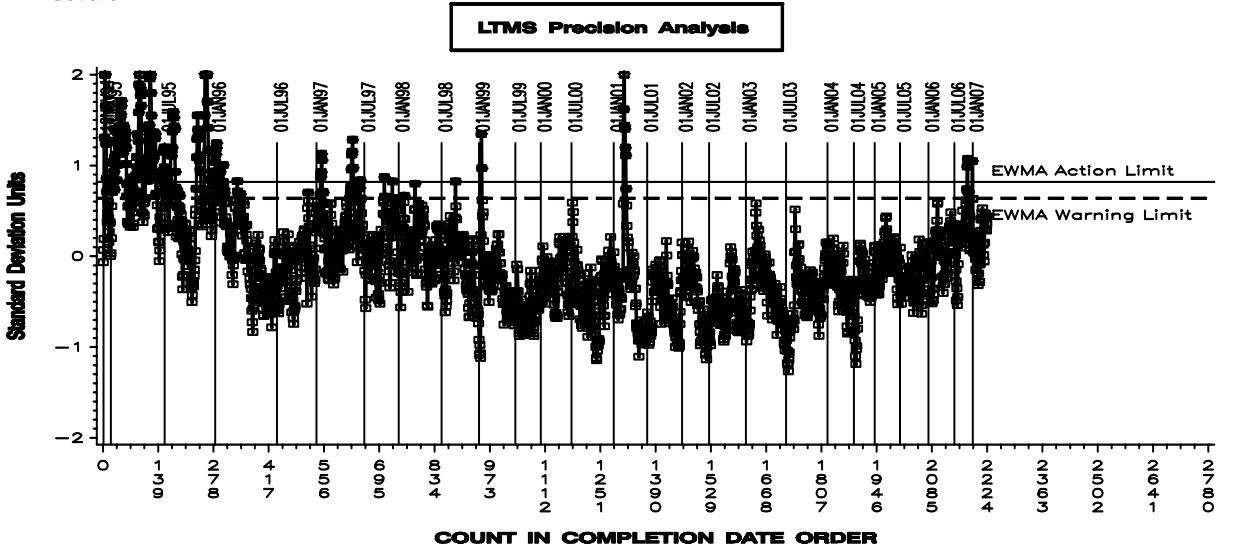
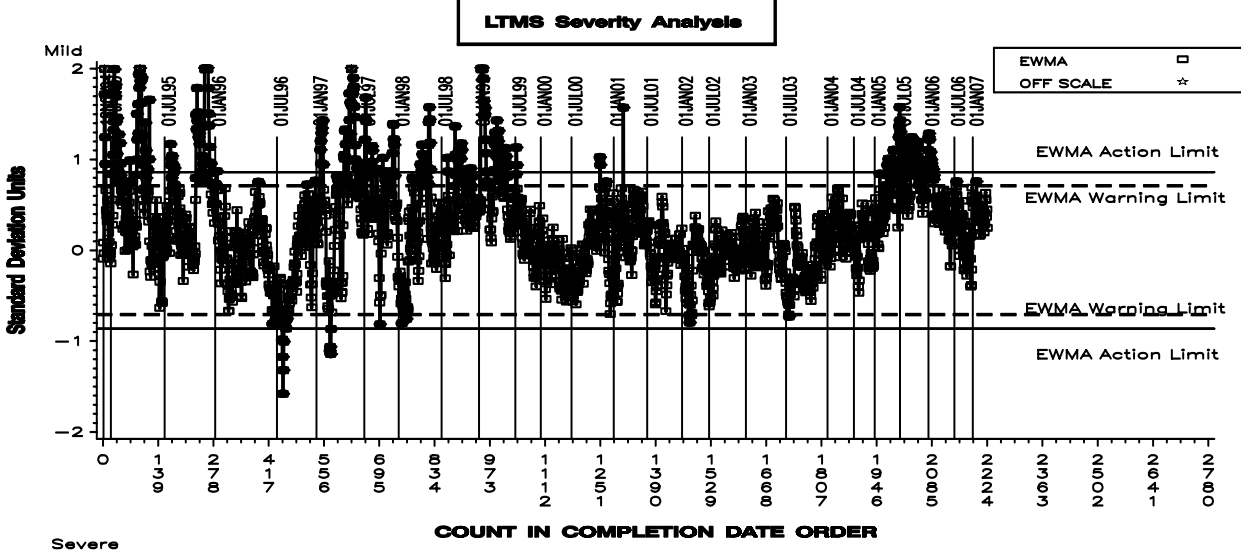
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Table 1

Effective Date	OSCT Timeline	
	Topic	IL#
19961001	Test Report Forms and Data Dictionary	96-1
19970324	Elastomer Requirements For Testing a Non-reference Oil	97-1
19970701	Specimen Cleaning Procedure	97-2
19971201	Revised Test Report Forms and Data Dictionary	97-3
19980504	Seal Elastomer Shelf Life	98-1
19980504	Revised Reference Oil and Non-reference Oil Requirements	98-1
19980504	Addition of Calibration Requirements for Hardness Durometer, Balance, and Tension Testing Machine	98-1
19980817	Revised Test Report Forms and Data Dictionary	98-1
20050815	Updated Test Precision	05-1
20050815	Rounding Test Results Using ASTM E 29	05-1
20051102	Initial and Final Volume Measurements	05-2
20060327	Addition of a Calibration Procedure for the Tension Testing Machine	06-1
20060327	New Reference Oil Testing Section	06-1
20060327	Editorial Changes	06-1
20060331	Specimen Spacer Width Revision	06-2

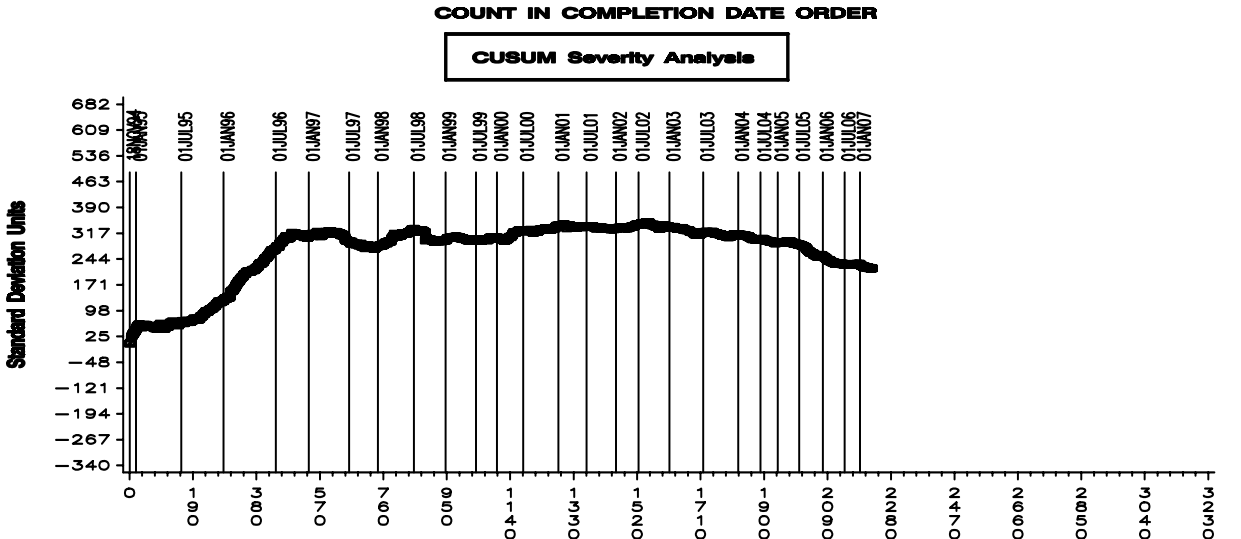
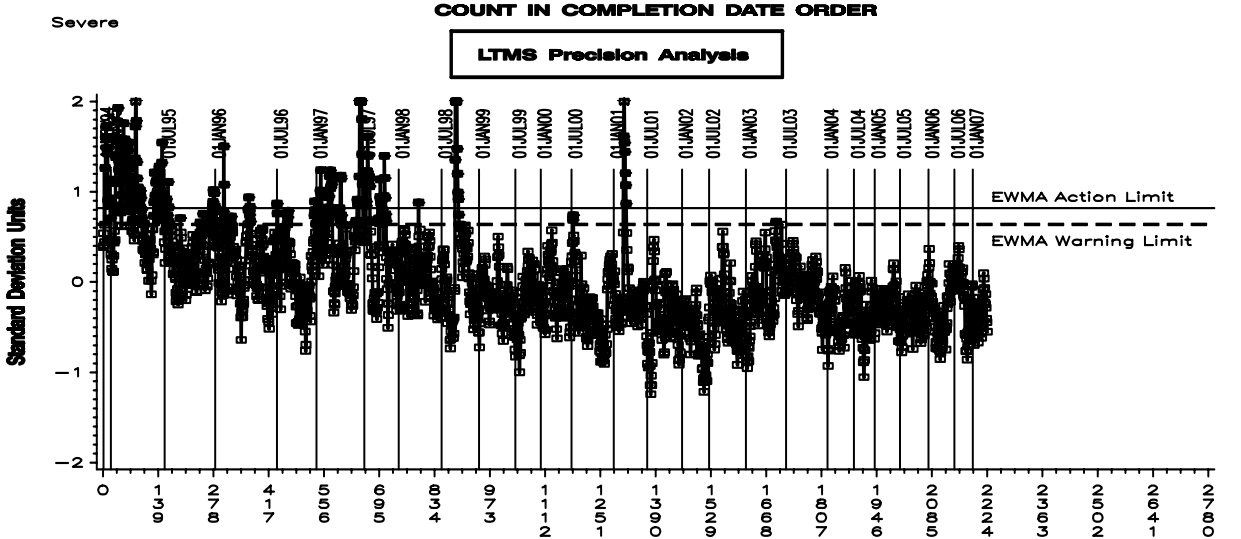
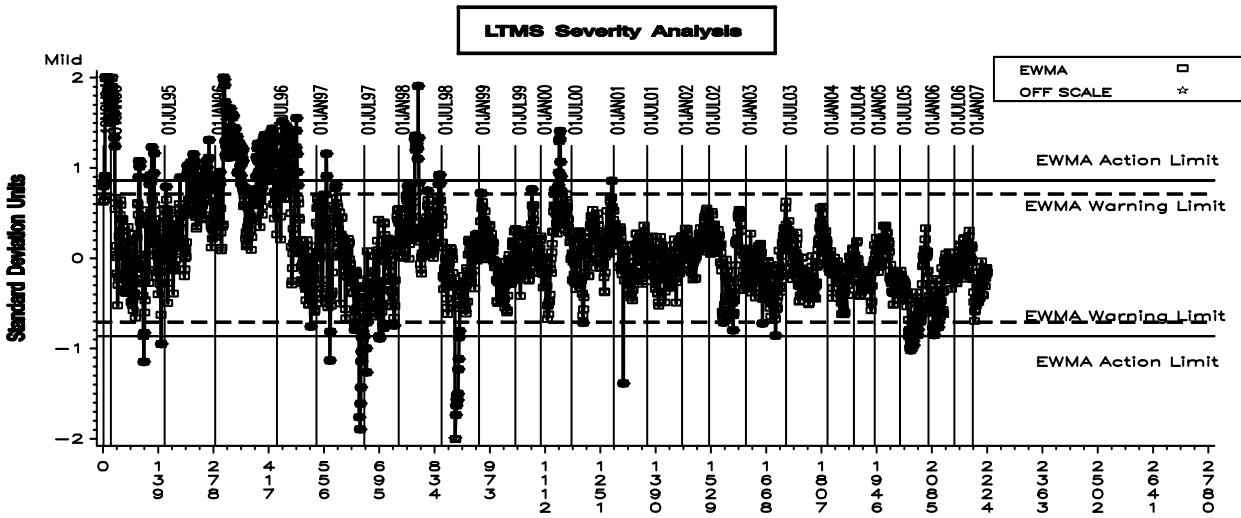
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REFERENCE ELONGATION CHANGE AVERAGE



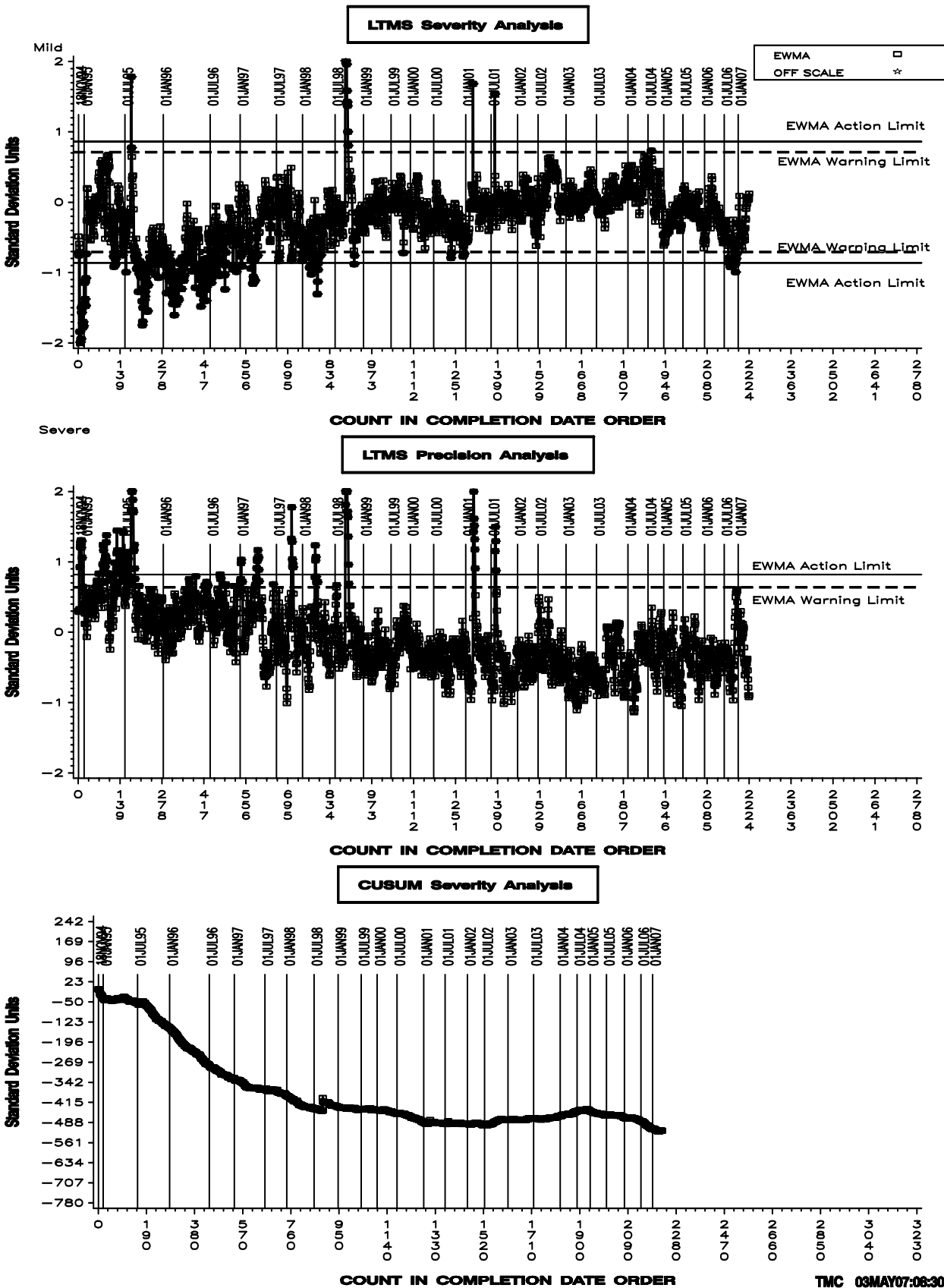
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REFERENCE SHORE A HARDNESS CHANGE AVERAGE



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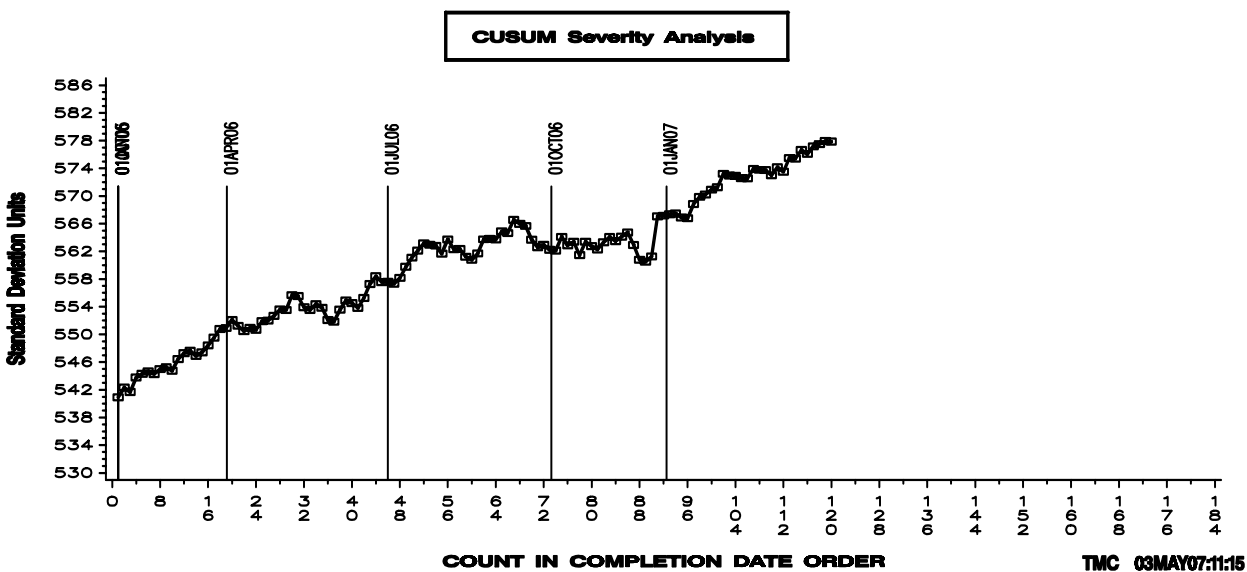
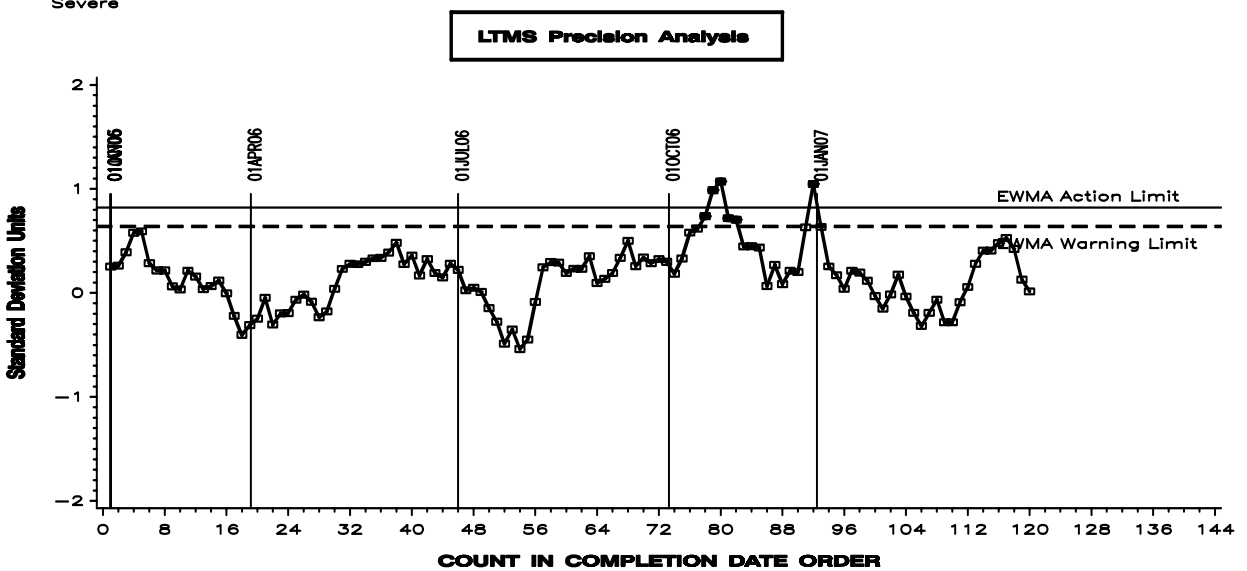
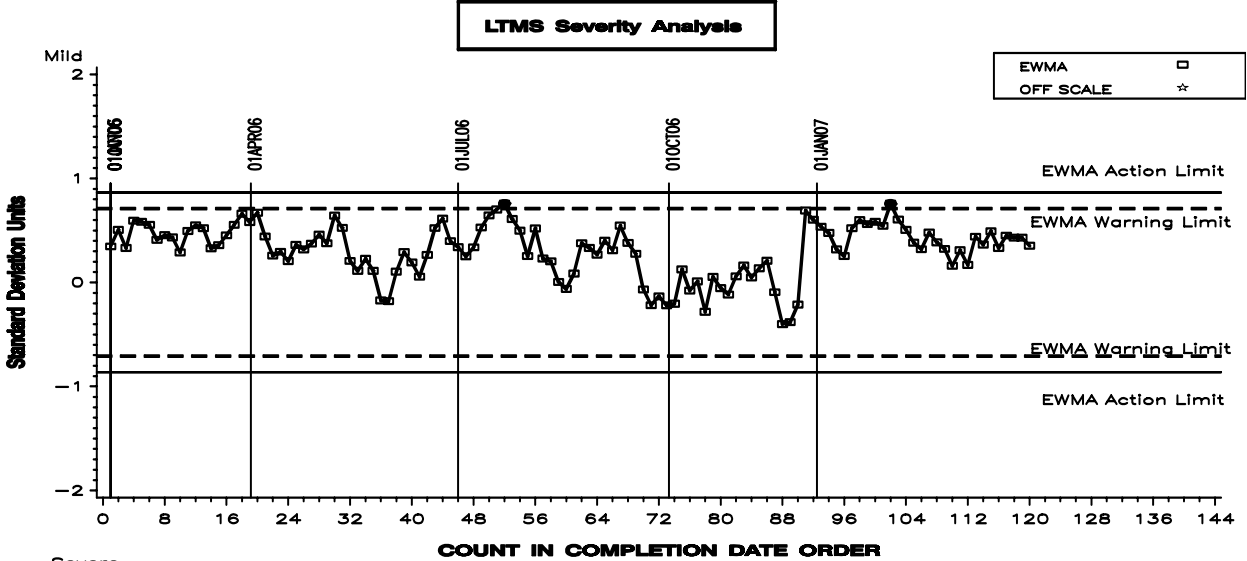
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Last 120 Test Results

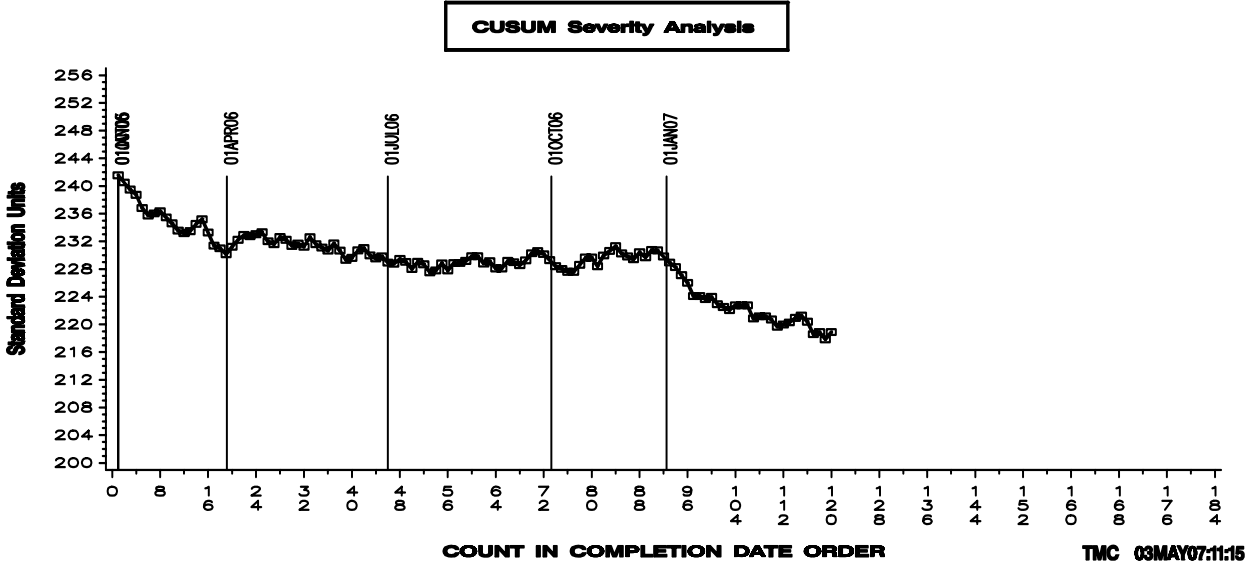
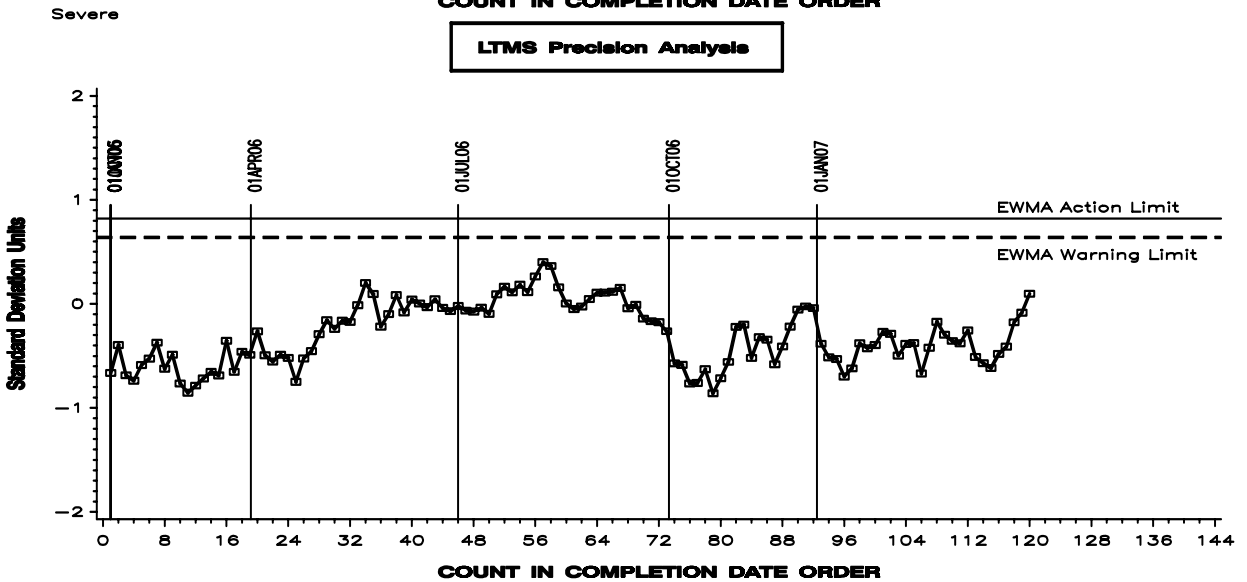
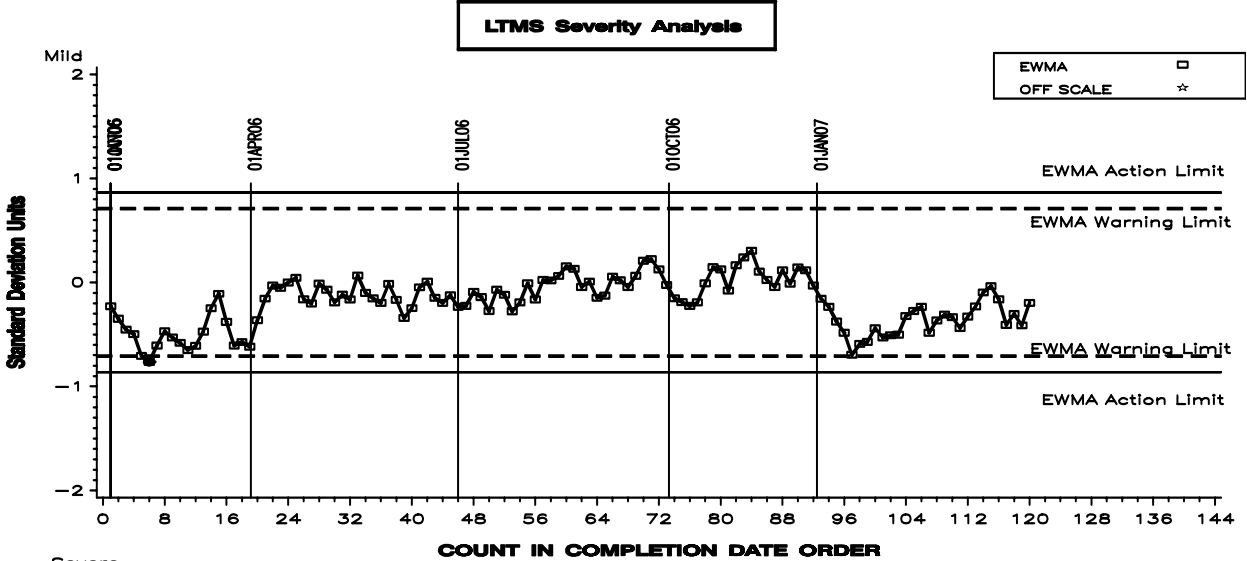
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Last 120 Test Results

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