Outline

- Types of Large Engines
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    - And Inland Marine
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- What Makes Them Different?
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  - Applications
- Lubrication Requirements
  - Comparison with Other Engine Oils
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Large engine applications

- **Making Money!**
  - Ships and Trains
    - Value of freight can be tens of millions of dollars
  - Natural Gas Compression
    - Approximately $20,000 – $100,000 / day / engine
    - Value of natural gas sold through pipeline
  - Power Generation (Electricity)
    - Difference between electricity price and fuel cost
Large engines – common concerns

- Safety
- Emissions
  - Necessary to stay in business
  - Target of increasing legislative pressure
- Reliability
  - Generate revenue
  - Minimize down-time
  - Lives could depend on it
- Durability
  - Minimize maintenance costs
  - Extend **Time Between Overhaul and Oil Drain Interval**
  - Lengthen profitable life of asset
- Fuel Economy
  - Reduce cost

Specific limits not reviewed here

Large engine oils – common systems

- No 'Categories' or formal industry rules
  - Although most circumstances follow similar procedures
- Performance is demonstrated by field test
  - Under actual operating conditions
  - No special modifications to increase or decrease severity
  - Typical procedure
    - Sign contracts and warranties
    - Install pre-measured parts
    - Run for required duration (typically one year)
    - Oil analysis and engine operation monitoring
    - Remove, measure, and rate parts
- Some engine manufacturers have formal approvals
  - Additional conditions
- Every customer may want their own demonstration
  - Even for the same formulation
Gas engine designs

- Engines operating with gaseous fuel
  - This is what makes them different!
- Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE)
  - Sizes range from ~100 to ~10,000 HorsePower (75 – 7500 kW)
- Two- or four-stroke cycle
  - 2-T: Older, larger, medium-speed engines
  - 4-T: Newer, smaller, high-speed engines
- Spark ignited
  - Or ignited with a small injection of diesel fuel (dual-fuel)
- May or may not have exhaust catalysts
  - If so, phosphorus in lubricants is limited
Gas engine fuels

- Natural Gas = Methane (CH₄)
  - Pipeline Gas (sales gas, sweet gas) has few contaminants
  - Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) at about 200 atm.
  - Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) at about -162°C (-260°F)
- Field Gas (sour gas) has more contaminants
  - Sulfur, water, carbon dioxide, etc.
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) = propane and butane
- Gases from Recycling
  - Decomposition of organic material → methane
  - Roughly ½ methane and ½ carbon dioxide
  - Significant contaminants: sulfur, chlorine, silicon, etc.
  - Exact composition varies

Gas engine manufacturers

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$300,000 – $1,000,000+

Natural gas engine problems

- Unique combustion chemistry
  - Gaseous fuel = fully mixed flame
  - High combustion temperatures (exhaust ~590°C vs. ~470°C diesel)
- High oil oxidation and nitration
- Corrosion
  - Oxidation acids
  - Sulfur and other contaminants in sour gases
- Deposits
  - Varnish (high temperature deposits)
  - Siloxanes (silicon compounds) from landfill gas
- Water formation
  - Higher than liquid hydrocarbon fuel
- No valve lubrication from liquid hydrocarbon fuel
  - Rely on ash from burned engine oil to lubricate valves
  - Valve recession or valve guttering or valve torching ➔
Valve recession

Valve recession measurement

Normal Valve and Seat

Recessed Valve and Seat

- Eventually, valve doesn’t open properly
  - Loss of power
  - Pre-mature engine overhaul
  - High maintenance costs
- Need to lubricate valve contact with engine oil ash

Valve guttering and torching

Valve is lubricated by thin film of ash from lubricant

Excessive deposits prevent valve from fully closing

Exhaust gas burns through valve

- Guttering: Beginning (or a little bit)
- Torching: Completely through
Gas engine oils

- Segmentation by Ash (Sulphated $\text{ASH} = \text{SASH}$)
  - Ashless $< 0.1$ SASH  Older 2-stroke
  - Low ash 0.1 – 0.5 SASH ($\rightarrow 0.6$) Most common
  - Medium ash 0.5 – 1.0 SASH High sulfur gas / some OEM’s
  - High ash $> 1.0$ SASH Very high sulfur gas

- Catalyst Compatible
  - $< 300$ ppm phosphorus

- Viscosity Grades
  - SAE 40 Most common
  - SAE 30 Low temperature operation
  - SAE 15W-40 Buses, trucks, shuttles, on-highway

Comparison of engine oils

- Gas Engine Oils are lower in ash and phosphorus
  - For deposit control and catalyst compatibility
What’s new and exciting

- Increasing use of natural gas
  - New reservoirs
  - Lower cost
  - Better emissions
- Increased interest in gaseous fuels for transportation
  - Fleets with fixed re-fueling points
    - Taxis, buses, local trucking, locomotives
  - Larger infrastructure projects considered
- Higher power density
  - New engine materials and increased pressures & temperatures
- More engine manufacturers getting involved
  - Different designs being introduced
  - Lubrication requirements not always known
- Emissions regulations steady for now
  - But certainly will be targeted in future

Railroad engine oils (and inland marine)
Railroad summary

- “Railroad” includes inland marine, power generation, etc.
  - Anything using engines from ‘railroad’ engine manufacturers
- Large Diesel Engines (~1500 → 4400 → 6000 Hp) (1100 – 4500 kW)
- Emissions (“Tier”) and engine designs lag 9 – 14 years behind on-highway
- Two Significant Manufacturers
  - Electro-Motive Diesel (EMD) – bought by Caterpillar in 2011
    - Mostly 2-stroke – older designs used silver bearings (not anymore)
  - General Electric (GE)
    - 4-stroke

▸ Engine Oils Must be Zinc-Free for Backwards Compatibility with silver bearings
  - Otherwise, similar types of additives to on-highway diesel engine oils
  - Oil quality referenced as “Generation” (currently Gen 5, 6, or 7)
    - “Generation” matched to fuel sulfur and engine design
- Engine oils must be approved by OEM (additive company arranges)
  - ‘Full’ approval by field test
  - Base Oil Interchange Guidelines (BOIG) by bench tests

Typical railroad engine parameters

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$1,000,000 – $2,500,000
Railroad “Generations” and timing

- Almost any “Generation” can be used with any fuel in any “Tier” engine
  - But there will be trade-offs
  - Certain combinations make more sense, based on operational results

What’s new and exciting

- Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) required in many regions (USA since 2012)
  - Reduces need for lubricant Base Number
- Latest emissions reduction effective 2015
  - Reductions in NOx and Particulates
- New engine designs introduced with added emissions technologies
  - Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR)
  - Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOC) and Diesel Particulate Filters (DPF)
  - Miller Cycle (valve timing) and combustion optimization
  - Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) not used
- Generation 7 engine oil specification issued by industry body (2016)
  - More compatible with EGR systems
  - While controlling ash for DOC and DPF
- Alternative technologies being considered
  - Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
  - ‘Gen-sets’ – multiple small engines in place of one large engine
Marine engine oils

Marine engines

• Marine Engine Designs
  ➔ Trunk Piston Engines
    • Four-stroke
      – Medium speed 300 – 700 rpm ~3500 – 22,000 Hp
      ➔ Trunk Piston Engine Oil (TPEO) for high sulfur residual fuels
      ➔ Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) for low sulfur distillate fuels
  ➔ Crosshead Engines
    • Two-stroke
      – Slow speed 60 – 100 rpm ~12,000 – 110,000 Hp
      ➔ Marine Diesel Cylinder Lubricant (MDCL) for upper part of engine
      ➔ System Oil for lower part of engine

• Marine Lubricant Filter Systems
  ➔ Centrifugal Purifiers

• Marine Fuels
  ➔ Distillate
  ➔ Residual

• Marine Engine Lubrication Requirements
Marine engine design features

Typical marine diesel engines

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$15,000,000 – $30,000,000
Centrifugal purifier

- Used oil introduced
  - Oil, Dirt, Sludge
  - Water
- Purifier spins
  - Centrifugal force
- Separation by Density
  - Lowest density = Oil
    - Removed as liquid
  - Medium density = Water
    - Removed as liquid
  - Highest density = Sludge
    - Accumulates as solid
    - Periodically "shoots" to remove
    - Older units must be cleaned
- Requires lube oil to have good water-handling properties

Marine fuels

- Distillate Fuel
  - Also called Marine Diesel Oil (MDO) or Marine Gas Oil (MGO)
  - Similar to on-highway diesel fuel
    - A little higher viscosity
    - A little more sulfur
- Residual Fuel
  - Also called Heavy Fuel, Bunker Fuel, No. 6 Diesel, IF 700, etc.
  - The remains after all valuable products are removed
    - Hydrocarbon – can be burned for cheap energy
  - Heavier than bright stock
    - A little lighter than asphalt
  - High sulfur content
    - 3.5 – 4.5 %
    - High asphaltene content
    - Gets into TPEO and System Oil via blow-by
Requirements for crosshead engines

• MDCL
  
  **Performance**
  – Neutralize sulfur acids from fuel combustion
  – Ring and liner wear control (corrosive wear)
  – Control piston deposits
  – Control liner lacquer (varnish)
  
  **Formulation**
  – High base number
  – High viscosity
  – Good ‘spreadability’
  – Thermal and oxidation resistance

• System Oil
  – Thermal and oxidation resistance
  – Asphaltene compatibility

Requirements for trunk piston engines

• Everything a Heavy-Duty Diesel Oil Does!
  – In a more severe environment

• Plus:

  • Neutralize Sulfur Acids from Fuel Combustion
    – High base number
  
  • Fuel Compatibility
    – Disperse residual fuel and its combustion products
    – ‘Asphaltene-Handling’
  
  • Water-Handling
    – Good demulsibility (water-shedding)
    – Additive retention in centrifugal purifier
## Typical marine oils

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## What’s new and exciting

- **Emissions**
  - Emission Control Areas (ECAs) exist and expanding
  - Use of multiple fuels
    - Low Sulfur for emission compliance in ECAs
    - High Sulfur for reduced cost outside ECAs
  - Need for multiple lubricants?
    - Still in debate
    - Data being gathered
  - Sulfur will be joined by other regulated species – \( \text{NO}_x \), PM, and smoke
- **Fuel Economy**
  - “Slow Steaming” – reduced speed increases FE
  - Engines not designed for low loads
  - Lubrication problems experienced
- **Changing Lubricant Components**
  - Group II base stocks – difficult to disperse asphaltenes
Large engine lubricants (LEL)

- LELs have special requirements, based on:
  - Fuel
  - Engine design
  - Type of service
- Gas Engine Oils require
  - Limited sulfated ash and phosphorus
  - High oxidation and nitration stability
  - Deposit control
- Railroad and Inland Marine Oils require
  - Zinc-free
  - OEM approval letters
- Marine oils require
  - High Base Number
  - Asphaltene-handling
  - Water-handling
- LELs are approved through field performance