



# Oil Analysis Report Glossary

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- Glycol** Anti-freeze contaminant. Always detrimental to oil quality.
- Water** Contaminant. Coolant leak or condensation.
- Fuel** Contaminant. Fuel leak, excessive idling, or incomplete combustion.
- Viscosity** Measure of resistance to flow. Used to determine oil grade. See below.
- Solids** Contaminant. Reflects oxidation and nitration. High levels may indicate combustion problems or overextended drain intervals.

SAE Engine Oil Grade @ 100 °C	Min cSt	Max cSt		SAE Gear Oil Grade @ 100°C	Min cSt	Max cSt
20	5.6	< 9.3		90	13.5	< 24.0
30	9.3	< 12.5		140	24.0	< 41.0
40	12.5	< 16.3		250	41.0	No. Req.
50	16.3	< 21.9				
60	21.9	< 26.1				

ISO Viscosity Grade @ 40 °C	Min cSt	Max cSt		ISO Viscosity Grade @ 40°C	Min cSt	Max cSt
21	.982	.42		68 (AGMA 2)	61.2	74.8
32	.88	3.52		100 (AGMA 3)	90.0	110
54	.145	.06		150 (AGMA 4)	135	165
76	.127	.48		220 (AGMA 5)	198	242
10	9.00	11.0		320 (AGMA 6)	288	352
15	13.5	16.5		460 (AGMA 7)	414	506
22	19.8	24.2		680 (AGMA 8)	612	748
32	28.8	35.2		1000 (AGMA 8A)	900	1100
46 (AGMA 1)	41.4	50.6		1500	1350	1650

## OIL DEGRADATION

- Soot** Contaminant. By-product of combustion or blowby. High levels may indicate combustion problems or overextended drain intervals.
- Oxidation** Causes increased viscosity and acid formation.
- Nitration** Causes sludge and varnish formation. Up to 100% allowed.
- TBN** Total Base Number. Reported on engine oil.
- TAN** Total Acid Number. Reported on non-engine oils. Increases with use.

## SOURCE OF ELEMENTS

- Iron (Fe)** Wear metal. Iron or steel components or rust.
- Chromium (Cr)** Wear metal, coolant additive. Chrome and alloys.
- Lead (Pb)** Wear metal. Additive in gear oils and gasoline. Alloyed with copper, tin or aluminum in plain bearings and bushings.
- Copper (Cu)** Wear metal or additive. Alloyed with lead, tin or aluminum in bushings. Leachate from gaskets/sealant or coolers.
- Tin (Sn)** Wear metal. Alloyed with lead, copper, or aluminum.
- Aluminum (Al)** Wear metal. May be alone or in alloys.
- Nickel (Ni)** Wear metal. Used in steel alloys.
- Silver (Ag)** Wear metal. Bearings in EMD diesel engines.
- Manganese (Mn)** Wear metal or gasoline additive. Used in steel alloys.
- Silicon (Si)** Contaminant. Dirt particle, anti-foam additive, or leachate from gaskets/sealant compounds.
- Boron (B)** Contaminant. Additive in engine coolant or oil. Compare to level in used oil.
- Sodium (Na)** Contaminant. Additive in engine coolant or oil. Compare to level in unused oil.
- Magnesium (Mg)** Dispersant/Detergent oil additive. Wear metal in steel alloys.
- Calcium (Ca)** Dispersant/Detergent oil additive. May indicate water contamination.
- Barium (Ba)** Diesel fuel additive.
- Phosphorus (P)** Anti-wear oil additive.
- Zinc (Zn)** Anti-wear oil additive.
- Molybdenum (Mo)** Wear metal or oil additive. Compare to level in unused oil.
- Titanium (Ti)** Wear metal in steel alloys.
- Vanadium (V)** Wear metal in steel alloys.
- Cadmium (Cd)** Wear metal in steel alloys. Engine coolant additive.

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