

Optimisation of Lubricants by Nano Metal Powder

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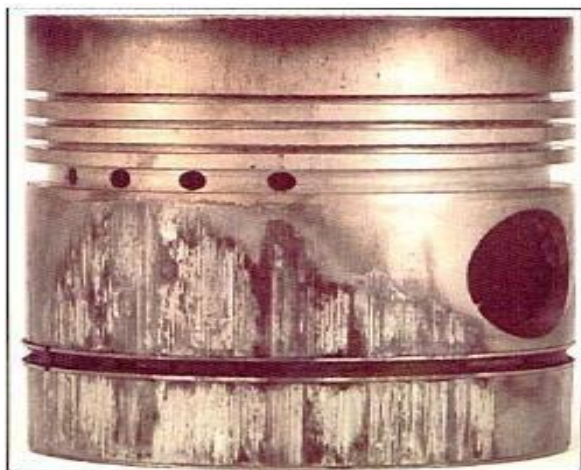
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Abstract: Lubricants play a vital role in machine performance, machine life, reducing wear and friction and preventing component from failure. Poor performance of lubricant can cause significant energy and material losses. To improve the lubricating properties of bearing oil, nanoparticles can be added in bearing oils. In this research Aluminium Oxide (Al_2O_3) nanoparticles were added into the SN-500 base oil and tribological properties were examined. The concentrations of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles prepared in SN-500 base oil are 0.1 wt. %, 0.5 wt. %, 0.75 wt. % and 1 wt. %. The trials of friction and wear were carried out on a pin on disc tribotester, with varying the concentration of nanoparticle and by varying load (10N, 30N & 50N). The obtained results were compared between Al_2O_3 nano oil and SN-500 base oil. The results showed that 0.5wt% for Al_2O_3 nano fluid concentration was an optimum concentration for wear. For the friction reduction test, when Al_2O_3 nanoparticles were added into a base oil, the coefficient of friction reduced by 19%, 35% & 52% at 0.5 wt.% concentration as compared to oil without nanoparticles.

Keywords: Nano metal powder, wear, friction, lubricants

I.INTRODUCTION:

Large Global Demand For Lubricants, Frequent engine oils replacement. Higher-cost and lower-performing additives ,**Wear Failure in Piston due to Lack of Lubrication, Oil Starvation, Abrasion**



Scores, pits, and scratches



This research work is done to analyse the tribological behaviour

of Al_2O_3 nanoparticles as additives in SN-500 base oil .Compare wear results with standard base oil with & without nanoparticles.Determining the appropriate concentration of nano particle for minimum wear.To test the specimens on pin-on-disc tribometer to check wear.Future scope is to reduce friction and wear. Stricter lubrication requirement. Withstanding high temperatures and extreme pressure (EP).Improve the tribological properties of the base lubricant oil by adding Al_2O_3 nanoparticles.

II.LITERATURE SURVEY :

Y.Y. Wu examined tribological properties of lubricating oils an API-SF engine oil and base oil with CuO , Al_2O_3 and Nano-Diamond nanoparticles used as additives.

D.X. Peng discussed on Tribological properties of diamond and CuO nano particles added in liquid paraffin.By the experimental study they were used SEM to observe optimal concentration of wear scar diameter minimizes up to for Diamond is 0.2–0.5wt% and that of CuO nano particles is 0.1–1wt% resp.So finally both nano particles as additives in liquid paraffin at a tiny concentration have better anti-wear and anti-friction properties than the pure paraffin oil.

Ming Zhan examined the tribological properties of blank PAO and PAO containing $CaCO_3$ nanoparticles.The results showed that $CaCO_3$ nano particles can dramatically improve the load carrying capacity, as well as the anti-wear and friction-reduction properties of SN-500 base oil.

Total frictional losses in I.C. engine =13-17%, Direct friction losses .Pumping loss.Blow losses.Valve throttling losses.**Due to** Stroke to bore ratio. Cylinder size and number of cylinders. Compression ratio .Engine speed . engine load. Cooling water temperature, oil viscosity.

Number of piston rings. Al_2O_3 used because of Good lubrication ,Thermal conductivity property, Thermal conductivity property Stabilization of nanoparticles, Oleic Acid as a surfactant,The weight of 500ml SN-500 Sample = 432 gram. Add 0.432 gm (1 wt%) al_2O_3 nanoparticles into 50ml Oleic acid.

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Mix 0.432 gram nano powder into oleic acid. Keep it on Magnetic stirrer for 20 min. Taking SN-500 Base oil with 450ml Quantity. Mix Oleic Acid into Base Oil .Magnetic Stirrer for 45 min



Experimentation:Disk mounted on Motor .Pin mounted between holder socket. Sample oil spread on disk. One test taken for 10 minute time period. Also Speed of disk was constant at 1000 rpm. Sliding speed – 5 m/s. Data acquisition system. Changing different samples and different loads i.e. 10N and 50N respectively. In order to confirm the repeatability of



experimental data, the friction coefficient was measured in triplicate using the pin on disk tribotester under 10N, 30N and 50N load conditions at 10 minute with concentration of particles constant for respective tests. The friction coefficients of SN-500 base oil without nanoparticles are displayed .A similar trend for different experimental results, and a maximum standard deviation of 0.198, 0.120 and 0.100 with respect to 10N, 30N and 50N load conditions among all sets of test data.

Observation	0.5% Percentage of Al ₂ O ₃ nano particles by weight		
	10N	30N	50N
Load applied	10N	30N	50N
Coeff. of Friction	0.097	0.094	0.09
Wear (microns)	7	9	18
Wear in microns in Base oil only	11	26	38

Table 1 : Results

Conclusion: As a lubricant, friction-reduction properties of base oil can be enhanced by the addition of Al₂O₃ nanoparticles to particular concentration. Dispersing nanoparticles inside base oil, due to the base oil's high viscosity, is a very difficult work. The nanoparticles modified by oleic acid exhibited good dispensability and stability in base oil. The deposition of nanoparticles on the worn rubbing surface can decrease the shearing stress, and hence reduce friction and wear. Adhesion between the contact surfaces was reduced with the presence of nanoparticles. Rolling ability of nanoparticles could significantly restrict the increase in the friction force, especially under higher loading conditions. As a result especially, wear between components remains reduced.0.5wt% for Al₂O₃ nano fluid concentration was an optimum concentration for wear. The wear in microns of SN-500 base oil without nanoparticles are 10 μ, 26 μ and 38 μ with respect to load conditions 10N, 30N and 50N respectively among all sets of test data. The anti-wear property at 0.5 wt. % Al₂O₃ concentration of the base oil sample drastically improved the wear reduction at 10N, 30N and 50N loading conditions and the values are 7μ, 9 μ and 18 respectively. For the friction reduction test, when Al₂O₃ nanoparticles were added into base oil, the coefficient of friction reduced by 19%, 35% & 52% at 1wt% concentration as compared to SN-500 base oil without nanoparticles.

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