



# High Performance Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Oils with RLI Patented Technology and PAO Blends

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# Overview

- Base Oil Evaluation (Vegetable Oils and PAOs)
- Physical Property Focus Areas: Oxidative Stability, Viscosity Index
- Physical Properties of Formulated Oils
- Field Trials (PARTA & Ford F-250)
- Historical use of Bio-Synthetic Oils in Transportation
- Summary





# **Base Oil Evaluation**

- Physical Properties
  - Viscosity, VI, Volatility, Pour Point
- Chemical Properties
  - Compatibility, Oxidative and Thermal stability
- Lubrication Properties
  - Lubricity, additive solubility
- Environmental Friendliness
  - Renewability,
    Biodegradability,
    Biobased
  - Cost

There is no one perfect basestock but the focus is in providing a balance of the desired and deleterious properties









# **Obtaining A Balance**

### <u>Characteristics of Vos</u> (Not Stabilized with RLI Patents)

- + Biobased
- Poor oxidative stability
- Poor hydrolytic stability
- Poor cold temperature pumpability
- + Additive Solubility
- Limited ability to formulate to many viscosities
- Environmentally Friendly, Biodegradable
- + Very high VI (>200)

## **Characteristics of PAOs**

- ± Some are Biodegradable
- + Excellent oxidative stability
- + Hydrolytically stable
- Excellent low temperature viscometrics and pour points
- + Wide range of viscosities
- Cost
- Limited availability





# **Physical Properties**

Base fluid	Viscosity 100 <i>°</i> C, cSt	Viscosity 40 °C, cSt	Viscosity Index	Noack Volatility	Biodegradable %
Soybean <sup>1</sup>	7.6	31	227	<1%	75-100
Sunflower <sup>1</sup>	7.7	31.6	226	<1%	75-100
<b>Corn</b> <sup>1</sup>	7.7	31.9	223	<1%	75-100
Rape seed oil <sup>1</sup>	9.1	40.3	217	<1%	75-100
High oleic sunflower <sup>2</sup>	8.8	39	210	<1%	70-100
PAO 4	3.9	16.9	123	12.5%	50-60
PAO 6	5.9	30.5	138	6.5%	20-28
Mineral oil <sup>2</sup>	4.37	22.7	98	23%	15

#### Biobased oils and PAOs provide High VI and reduced volatility

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 Although some unsaturation is required for low temperature fluidity, increased oleic content in VOs provides a site for oxidative attack



 PAOs are highly saturated highly branched hydrocarbons that can substantially increase the oxidative stability in blends





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### What is a Bio-Based Engine Oil?

 Currently, no definition for engine oils, but 2-cycle engine oils must have a minimum biobased content of 34% according to the final rule of 7 CFR Part 2902 (May 14, 2008)

## Bench Tests:

- Noack, MRV, TEOST, Pour Point, CCS
- Field Tests, (Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA) and Ford F-250):
  - Wear Metals
  - Viscosity monitoring

## Historical Experience

 Racing, Marine, Agricultural, Public Transportation and Industrial Engines





## Blending Bio-Synthetic SAE 15W-40 Motor Oils

	40% Biobased Content		CJ- 4
Test Description	Commercial	<b>Bio-Synthetic</b>	Limit
Viscosity, cSt @ 100°C	15.2	15.8	12.5-16.3
Viscosity, cSt @ 40°C	118	103	
Vscosity Index	134	155	
Flash Point (COC), °C	199	225	
Specific Gravity	0.879	0.89	
Pour Point, ℃	-30	-35	
MRV, cP @ -35°C		13000	25000
yield stress, Pa		<35	<35
CCS @ -20 °C, cP	6500	Max 7,000	Max 7,000



\*U.S Patents: 5,736,493, 5,863,872, 5,990,055, 6,383,992, 6,534,454, pending and other foreign patents



## Thermo-Oxidation Engine Oil Simulation Test (TEOST MHT) ASTM D7097-05

- The deposits are somewhat higher for the 0W oils, but the levels are well below the GF-4 Limit and the 15W-40 oil is on par with a leading commercial synthetic 5W-30.
- 40% of the base oil content is Biobased









#### **PARTA Buses**

PARTA (Portage Area Regional Transit Authority – Kent, OH) 72 Buses using 15W-40 for over 1 year Cummins Engine (# Oil Analyses): ISM (10), ISB (7), ISL (15) Detroit Diesel Engine (# Oil Analyses): 6V92 (20) & Series 50 (7) Bus length (#): 30ft (2), 35ft (5), 40ft (1)



Ford F-250 Turbo Diesel 7.3 liter 235 hp @ 2,700 rpm 500 lb-ft. @ 2,700 rpm Over 110 K miles on soy based engine oil







## **PARTA Field Trials**

- Ohio area year round service over 1 year with eight buses and 26 and 22 oil analyses for Bio-Synthetic and Commercial oil analyses, respectively.
- The engine oil analysis shows comparable levels of wear metals. The normal range and warning levels are superimposed.
- The soot level is also low for both oils.



The wear element aluminum reflects piston wear, iron reflects cylinder wear, copper and lead reflect bearing wear, and chromium reflects ring or cylinder liner wear. Silicon was also examined as this reflects the wear material that moves through the air filter and into the engine.



Oil Analysis provided by Titan Laboratories

#### Wear Metal Analysis for 15W40 Oils





- Ohio area year round service over 1 year with eight buses and 9 oil analyses for Bio-Synthetic and Commercial oil analyses.
- The engine oil analysis shows lower Fe and Pb levels for the Bio-Synthetic oil while all other wear metals show similar levels.
- The soot level is again low for both oils.



#### Wear Metal Analysis for 15W50 Oils









- F-250 field test had year round service with frequent start/stop cycles and both highway and city driving.
- The engine oil analysis shows low average Fe content with some marginal silicon levels at higher oil mileage.
- Iron wear metals would indicate cylinder wear if present

Oil Analysis provided by Predictive Maintenance Services, Inc.







Tin and Lead would indicate bearing wear. Both show levels well within the normal limit





## F-250 Field Trials Chromium & Aluminum Wear Data

Wear Metals: Chromium

#### Wear Metals: Aluminum



*Cr* wear would indicate liner wear and Al would represent piston wear. Both show levels well within the normal limit.







## F-250 Field Trials Viscosity Data

•The 100 °C kinematic viscosity shows a steady level well within the normal limit.

• Increases or decreases in oil viscosity could be due to oxidation or shearing if present.

### 100 ℃ Viscosity









PARTA is now using Bio-SHP High Performance Engine Oils and Bio-Power Diesel Fuel Conditioners. We are a complete Green Fleet.

"Bio-based solutions have replaced many of the additives lost with recent emission reductions in diesel fuel. Portage Area Regional Transit Authority is taking advantage of Renewable Lubricants, Inc.'s Outstanding Lubricant Performance."

### Why Bio-Based at PARTA?

- •Renewable, recyclable
- •Biodegradable
- •Fire Resistant
- •Energy Efficiency =Super High Viscosity Index
- •Excellent Lubricity







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## **Biobased Engine Oils Experience**

#### Used by Mark Thomas in 7 IHRA World Championships

- Same technology, 70% biobased content
- SAE 20W70 Engine Oil, SAE 75W140 Gear Oil & SAE 10 Transmission Fluid
- 3500 HP!

#### Marine Usage of 15W-40

NOAA won a DOE Leadership award for use of Biobased oils (Great Lakes & Monterrey Bay)

#### Agricultural Usage of Bio-Syn Engine Oils

- 380 Equipment & Vehicles at USDA Research facility at Beltsville, MD
- Used in all equipment since 2000

#### Audi RS4 Field Trials

STLE Presentation 2008 on wear metal and fuel dilution advantages with Bio-Synthetic engine oils

#### **Public Transportation**

- Five Rivers Metro Park Dayton, OH
- USDA APHIS (Agricultural and Plant Health Inspection Service - Idaho Falls, ID) in transportation equipment









# Summary

- High oleic biobased oils offer excellent starting points for biobased, biodegradable lubricants
- Deficiencies in the physical properties of biobased oils can be overcome by using RLI Patented Technology and PAOs to improve low temperature characteristics and oxidative stability
- Fully formulated RLI Bio-Synthetic lubricants have been demonstrated based on the combination of these base oils, which possess very good finished lubricant properties
- Wear metals from used oil analysis show improvements when using Bio-Synthetic Oils compared to commercial oils
- Fuel dilution is reduced for Bio-Synthetic oils in comparison to commercial oils

