Dodecene-based Synfluid[®] PAOs Volatility, Viscosity Index and CCS Advantages!

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Topics

- What are Dodecene-based PAOs?
 - Chevron Phillips Chemical's history of PAOs
 - Process for making dodecene-based PAOs
- Current Industry Challenges
 - Volatility, viscosity index, ČCS viscosity
 - Fuel economy
- Advantages of Dodecene-based PAOs
 - Feedstock availability
 - Trim stock for engine oils for volatility and CCS
 - VI support of energy efficiency and cleanliness
 - Base stock interchangeability



Chevron Phillips Chemical's History of PAOs



PAO Production Process $1-C_{10}^{=} \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst A}} C_{20}^{=} + C_{30}^{=} + C_{40}^{=} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{Catalyst B}}$

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Industry Challenges

Energy Efficiency Need

- Increased Corporate Average Fuel Economy limits (35.5 mpg today to a 2025 target of 54 mpg)
 - Lower HTHS = lower viscous drag
- EU CO_2 limits (2020/2021 target of 95 g CO_2 / km)
- ◆ Focus on lowering the viscosity of the engine oil (lower HTHS ≡ lower friction)
- Balance of wear (durability) and fuel economy



1: www.nhtsa.gov CAFE Fuel Economy Standards and Midterm Evaluation for Light-Duty Vehicles, MYs 2022-2025 2: http://ec.europa.eu/clima/documentation/transport/vehicles/cars/index_en.htm HTHS – High Temperature High Shear viscosity (ASTM D4683)



HTHS and CCS Trends from Group III, III+ and IV Base Stocks

- Low viscosity engine oils require a balance of properties including:
 - HTHS viscosity
 - Low Noack volatility
 - Low CCS @ -35°C
- Reducing the HTHS viscosity is a means to achieve improved fuel economy, maintaining a higher HTHS as the CCS viscosity decreases should provide a balance of fuel economy with wear and durability benefits



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Volatility and CCS Trends Derived from Group III, III+ and IV Base Stocks

- Low viscosity engine oils require a balance of properties including:
 - Low CCS viscosity
 - Low Noack volatility
- C12 based PAOs outperform traditional C10 based PAOs on these properties
- With better quality base oils there are inherent advantages:
 - Oxidative stability (oil life)
 - Higher VI (better cleanliness and faster lubrication to critical parts during startup)



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Synfluid[®] PAO 6 vs. Synfluid[®] PAO 5 & PAO 6 HVI

Property	Synfluid [®] PAO 5	Synfluid® PAO 6 HVI	Synfluid® PAO 6
Kinematic Viscosity, cSt @ 100°C	5.1	5.9	5.9
Kinematic Viscosity, cSt @ 40°C	24.6	29.1	30.5
Kinematic Viscosity, cSt @ -40°C	4844	7000	7674
CCS, cP @-35°C	3018	3571	3715
Viscosity Index	143	150	138
Pour Point, °C	-47	-44	-63
Flash Point (COC), °C	246	249	244
Fire Point (COC), °C	278	291	274
Volatility, Noack, wt %	5.5	4.9	6.6
Specific Gravity, 15.6°/15.6°C	0.8244	0.8256	0.8277
Total Acid Number	< 0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Bromine Index	<200	<200	<200
Odor	No Foreign Odor	No Foreign Odor	No foreign Odor
Appearance	Clear and Bright	Clear and Bright	Clear and Bright
Color, Pt-Co	0	0	0

 -40 °C Kinematic Viscosity, viscosity index, CCS & Noack Volatility are superior for PAO 6 HVI and PAO 5



Synfluid[®] PAO 8 vs. Synfluid[®] PAO 7 & PAO 8 HVI

Property	Synfluid [®] PAO 7	Synfluid® PAO 8 HVI	Synfluid® PAO 8
Kinematic Viscosity, cSt @ 100°C	7.0	7.9	7.8
Kinematic Viscosity, cSt @ 40°C	38.3	44.1	46.9
Kinematic Viscosity, cSt @ -40°C	10,543	-	-
CCS, cP @-35°C	4558	7022	8126
Viscosity Index	146	153	135
Pour Point, °C	-44	-37	-55
Flash Point (COC), °C	263	267	263
Fire Point (COC), °C	294	300	292
Volatility, Noack, wt %	3.6	3.3	3.6
Specific Gravity, 15.6°/15.6°C	0.8305	0.8328	0.8322
Total Acid Number	< 0.03	<0.03	<0.03
Bromine Index	<200	<200	<200
Odor	No Foreign Odor	No Foreign Odor	No foreign Odor
Appearance	Clear and Bright	Clear and Bright	Clear and Bright
Color, Pt-Co	0	0	0

• Viscosity Index & CCS are superior for PAO 8 HVI and PAO 7



Advantages of Dodecene-based PAOs

- Feedstock availability
 - An overwhelming majority of decene is used in PAO
 - Dodecene expands the available feed for PAO
- Product Properties
 - Trim stock for engine oils for volatility and CCS
 - VI support with energy efficiency and cleanliness

Base Stock Interchangeability

- Many have developed the ability to utilize Dodecene-based PAO in engine oil and other applications
- Test data development to allow for base stock interchangeability is continuing

NAO Product Distribution





Summary

Industry Challenges Driven by Energy Demands

- Places more stress on the oil
- Increases demand for high-quality base oils
- Key features of dodecene-based PAOs fit nicely with physical property needs (Noack, VI, CCS etc.)

Long History of Dodecene-based PAOs

- Chevron Phillips Chemical has been manufacturing these products for over 20 years — Base Oil Interchange remains a challenge but is being
- addressed
- Future expansions will likely include feedstock versatility



Thank You!

