

CJC[®] Varnish Removal Unit

Remove varnish efficiently as preventive maintenance



Oil-Care Systems for lubrication and hydraulic systems

Filler material made of 100% renewable raw material

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The Problem

Oil degradation | clogged in-line filters | sticky layers on valves | Deposits on bearings | Malfunctions and downtimes

Varnish is a common problem in hydraulic and lubrication systems. The costs for production losses caused by varnish are often very high.

The pre-cursors of varnish, so-called soft contaminants, are created during the oil degradation process. The speed of the oil degradation process depends on oil type (base oil and additive package), load (operation temperature and pressure) and catalytical factors as e. g.:

- Oxidation
 thermal load
- Water
 Copper, iron and aluminium particles (component wear)

Soft contaminants are dissolved or suspended in the oil, depending on the solubility in the base oil, temperature and flow rate. Undissolved reaction products form agglomerations and lead to deposits within the system (varnish, sludge) especially on hot and cold spots, i. e. in stress zones, areas without flow and small passages as e. g.:

- Valves
 In-line filter
 Tubes
- Coolers
 Bearings
 Tank walls

The temperature dependency leads especially in oil systems with start-stop operation, i. e. temperatures < 40 °C over several hours or days, to increased precipitation of the dissolved compounds and thus to an even heavier deposit. Varnish is the description for resin- and varnish-like deposits, which forms a stable, sticky layer on metal surfaces to which particles adhere and create a sandpaper effect so that the wear rapidly increases.

To avoid the formation of varnish, both the suspended as well as the dissolved soft contaminants should be removed. Dissolved soft contaminants, typically at oil temperatures above 40 °C, cannot be removed by conventional mechanical or electrostatic filters.

Impact of varnish

- decreased machine reliability and unscheduled downtimes
- reduced service life of components
 increased maintenance
- Malfunctions of valves ► worse controllability ► Failures during the start
- changed geometry of the bearing ▶ increased wear ▶ higher temperatures
- efficiency-loss of the coolers ► higher oil temperatures ► oil degradation
- clogged in-line filters ▶ frequent filter replacements and higher oil temperatures ▶ oil degradation
- blocked oil pipelines/tubes and drilled holes
- Sealing problems
- Increase of viscosity and acid number ► lower lubricity, corrosion
- reduced service life of the oil ▶ regular system flushings and tank cleanings



Bearing-seat with varnish



Valve punger with varnish



Heat exchanger with varnish



In-line filter with varnish

The MPC-Test (Membrane Patch Colorimetry according to testing standard ASTM D7843)

The MPC-Test developed for turbine lubrication oil is also applicable for other lubrication oils and hydraulic oils. The higher the MPC value, the heavier the colour change on the membrane and the higher the potential of the oil to generate deposits like varnish and sludge. Information how to determine the MPC-index available on request.

0 - 10	11 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 45	46 - 50	51 - 55	56 - 60
NORMAL	MONITOR	CRITICAL ► NEED FOR ACTION				
Normal	Critical value is	Many soft	Extremely high	Formation of deposits	Deposits on bearings,	Deposits in the whole
oil degradation	achieved soon	contaminants,	amount of soft	and generation of	valves, in tanks, etc.	oil system
		formation of deposits	contaminants,	further particles due	well-advanced	
			formation of deposits	to abrasive sandpaper		
				effect		
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MPC value 2	MPC value 19	MPC value 35	MPC value 41	MPC value 49	MPC value 53	MPC value 60

The solution

high-efficient | reliable | easy to install | low-maintenance

The CJC[®] Varnish Removal Unit (VRU) removes soft contaminants - undissolved and dissolved with revolutionary high efficiency from the oil. The VRU is ideal for lubrication and hydraulic oils.

The cellulose fibres of the optimised CJC[®] Fine Filter Insert VRi have an immense polar attraction. Any additional load on the oil, energetically or chemically, which could have a harmful impact on dissolved additives, is avoided.

The warm oil is drawn from the lowest point of the tank and continuously conditioned and filtered in the VRU until the oil is, released from varnish, returned to the system tank.

The clean oil dissolves further varnish from the system components with which it comes into contact so that varnish is wholly removed from the entire system. Due to the combination of filtration type, filter material and installation principle, high oil cleanliness classes and extremely low MPC values are achieved efficiently and within the shortest time.

CJC[®] Varnish Removal Unit for oil care in the off-line circuit



suspended – are removed from the oil and the system components.

Water – dissolved and suspended – is absorbed by the CJC[®] Fine Filter

Solid particles are permanently retained between the cellulose fibres. The insert has a filtration degree of 3 µm with particle retention up to $1 \, \mu m$.

The specially developed CJC[®] Fine Filter Insert VRi, which is exclusively made of the natural material cellulose, can absorb and adsorb varnish as well as large amounts of

BEFORE filtration -WITHOUT CJC® VRU

AFTER filtration -WITH CJC[®] VRU



Turbine oil BEFORE



Turbine oil AFTER only a few weeks

Millipore-membrane MPC > 50





Millipore-membrane MPC < 10

Varnish-like deposits on metal surfaces clearly visible





Varnish-like deposits were removed from metal surfaces.

Varnish on in-line filter





No varnish on in-line filter

Best Practises

MPC value < 10 | no sticky valves | protect in-line filters | avoid malfunctions and downtimes



Lubrication oil

ALSTOM gas turbine type GT8C2 (56 MW) 30,000 Litres turbine lubrication oil Shell Turbo CC 46

- Varnish-like deposits (varnish) on valves and bearings led to limited controllability of the gas turbine, especially during the heating period.
- Due to the continuous oil care with CJC[®], an MPC value < 10 is permanently achieved.
- The flexible turbine start could be guaranteed again.
- Based on these convincing results two further Siemens steam turbines (oil volume: approx. 9,000 Litres) were equipped with CJC[®] Oil-Care Systems.







Visual check L: oil inlet CIC® VRU R: oil outlet CJC® VRU

MPC-patch BEFORE

MPC-patch AFTER CJC[®] Oil-Care

	MPC value BEFORE	MPC value after CJC [®] Oil-Care
Gas turbine GT8C2	54.9	3.8
Steam turbine T8435	59.2	9.9
Steam turbine T6192	32.8	7.8

Lubrication oil

MAN steam turbine Marc[®] 2 C10 7,000 Litres turbine lubrication oil Aral Kosmol TF46

• Heavy varnish formation on components and in the tank lead to increased maintenance costs:



- After the commissioning of the CJC[®] Oil-Care System, significant regeneration of the MPC value from 26.2 to 4.1
- The clean oil solves already deposited impurities.
- The results and the immense savings potential prompted the customer to equip the control hydraulics and two further steam turbines with the CJC[®] Oil-Care Systems.



Due to the excellent results, three further oil systems have already been retrofitted with CJC®!

Hydraulic oil

Water turbine, turbine governors 400 Litres hydraulic oil Aral Motanol HE 100

- Due to the continuous fine filtration and care of the oil within the CJC[®] Varnish Removal Unit, the MPC value dropped from 61.6 to 8.1 within the first three months.
- The cleanliness class of the oil could be improved from 22/19/13 to 15/14/10 according to ISO 4406 – the number of particles > 4 μ m were reduced by > 99 %.
- The independent laboratory confirmed that the oil can still be used. It corresponds to the cleanliness required by the manufacturers for the sensitive components.



BEFORE



MPC patch WITH CJC® Oil-Care

	BEFORE	AFTER approx, 3 months CJC [®] Oil-Care
MPC value *)	61,6	8,1
Particles > 4 μ m	3,803,793	31,132
Particles $> 6 \ \mu m$	366,940	8,248
Particles > 14 µm	5,375	939
ISO Code 4406 *)	22/19/13	15/14/10



Your advantages

No varnish-related, unscheduled breakdowns and downtimes | Preventive maintenance to avoid unnecessary costs



Higher Productivity

- increased reliability and availability
- improved process stability
- more flexible controllability of the control systems
- more efficient coolers and constant cooling performance

Less Maintenance

- longer lifetime for components and oil
- No varnish-related malfunctions at valves
- less wear and tear at bearings
- No blocked in-line filters ► fewer cartridge replacements
- No varnish and sludge in heat exchangers
- Avoid extensive tank cleanings and system flushings

Efficient Oil Care

- permanently low MPC-index < 10
- simultaneous removal of particles, water and varnish dissolved and suspended
- extremely high absorption and adsorption capacities
- shut down of the main oil system not necessary for filter insert replacement
- low-maintenance and no need for monitoring ► filter insert replacement at pressure signal

Protection of Environment and Resources

- as a result of the longer lifetime of oil and components the energy and resources consumption necessary for production and disposal of spare parts and operating material (new oil etc.) decrease
- Improvement of the carbon footprint by oil conditioning
- ► Thermal disposal of waste oil causes approx. 2.6 kg of the harmful greenhouse gas CO₂ per 1 litre
- Filter material consists to 100 % of renewable raw material Natural fibres produce O₂ during the period of growth
 - No additional impact on the environment during the disposal of the filter material
 - Easy disposal according to the (German) Waste Product Key 150202



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History

Founded in 1928 and located in Hamburg, we develop and manufacture CJC[®] Fine Filter Technology since 1951. With substantial know-how and in-house analysis and test facilities we are experts when it comes to the maintenance of oils and fuels.



Quality

Competent advice and individual solutions, even for the most difficult filtration problems of our customers – that is our daily claim. The certification of our company according to DIN EN ISO 9001:2015 provides us with assurance and motivation.

CJC[®] worldwide

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