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# Filter Tests



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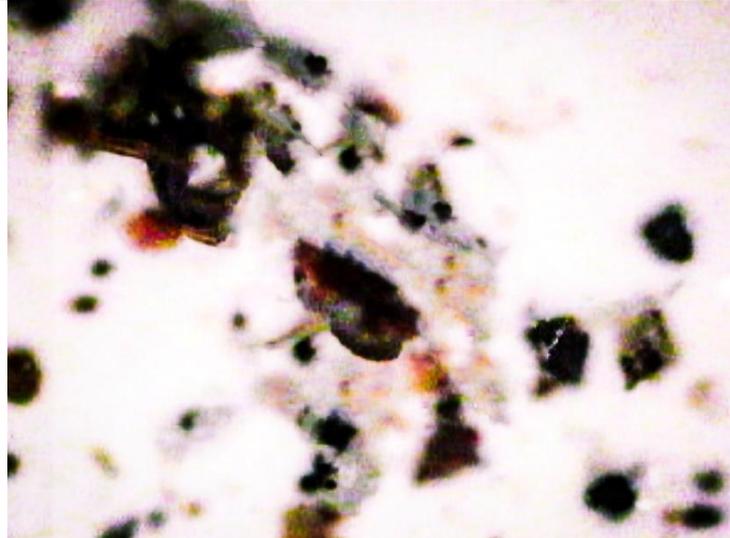
Filter submitted for analysis from a marine engine filtration system following a lube oil pump failure to determine the cause of failure. Client commented that engine had only recently been overhauled 3 weeks prior to failure and the lubricant was from a reputable supplier. An unused oil sample was provided from the IBC used to refill the system to establish if the oil in the filter was consistent with the oil in the machinery at time of failure.

Analysis included a mixture of organic spectral chemistry, elemental analysis and wet chemistry techniques to determine the nature of the material and failure mode.



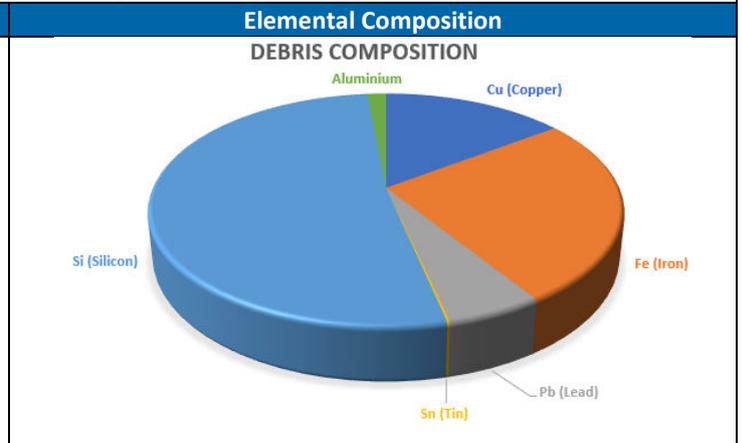
## Results Information

### Microscopic Findings



Each field view represents 1cm in size. The picture to the left shows significant ingress of sand particles, whilst the right picture shows a large long and curved cutting wear particle.

Particle Types	Trace				Heavy
	Trace	Few	Moderate	Heavy	
Corrosion	Trace				
Cutting Wear			Moderate		
Dark Metal Oxides	Trace				
Fatigue Chunks		Few			
Fibres	Trace				
Laminar Particles	Trace				
Non-ferrous (metallic)	Trace				
non-metallic (amorphous)		Few			
Non-metallic (crystalline)			Moderate		
Normal Rubbing	Trace				
Spheres	Trace				
Sliding Striated		Few			



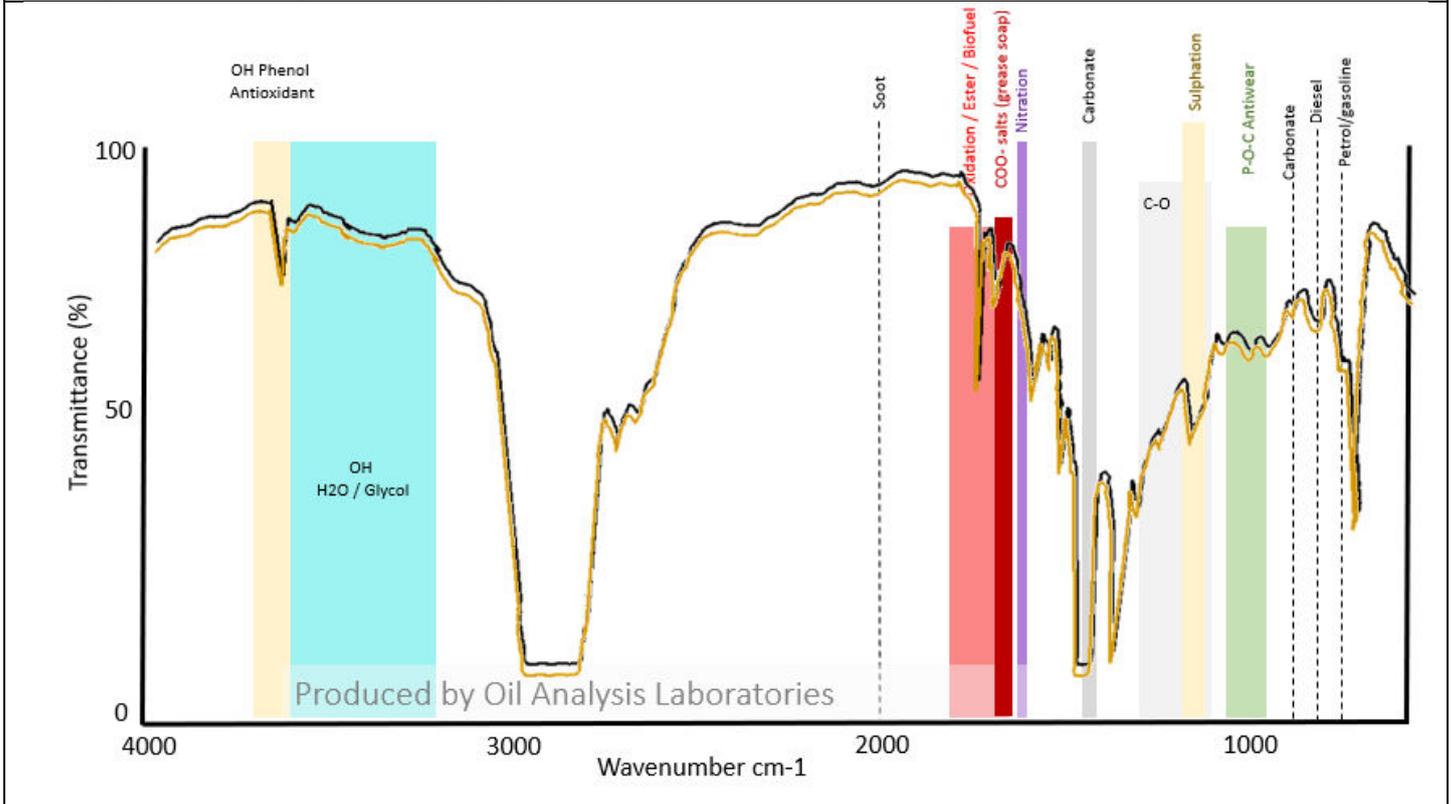
The particle composition shown on the left showed significant crystalline particles consistent with sand and the predominant wear type as cutting wear with sliding and fatigue particles. The elemental composition of the material was predominantly Silicon consistent with sand and copper, lead, tin and iron consistent with the pump material failure.

Comments are advisory only and data / comments are impaired by non-homogeneous samples and poor sampling techniques. On large systems where a small amount of material is submitted consider whether the sample is representative of the bulk of the system when determining the significance.

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## FTIR Findings

Comparison of new reference oil (yellow line) and used oil (black line) traces shows the two oils to be the same product. Both oils show significant remaining anti-oxidant suggesting the oil is in a near new condition.



### Summary & Conclusion

The findings show the failure mode has severe cutting wear, which is likely linked to the abrasive silicon based crystalline material observed. The Silicon source is most likely sand rather than cat fines or dirt because of the low Aluminium content detected. The Copper, Lead and Tin are consistent with bearing material and the iron is most likely additional material from the failure.

The submitted reference oil for comparison shows by FTIR they are the same product, which suggests the clients fear the oil may not have been changed during the overhaul or the incorrect oil was used is unfounded. The IBC sample showed very little evidence of sand ingress, suggesting the contamination did not occur prior to arrival.

Advise to prevent failures such as this in future, inspect machine for sources of ingress such as storage tank breathers. Also review lubricant handling procedures from the point of transferring the lubricant from the IBC.

It is noted the client mentioned on the telephone that the offline filtration was only reconnected 10 days ago, which would support the filter companies argument the damage could have been prevented had the material been removed sooner. The client may wish to investigate why there was this delay in refitting the unit and review the procedures related to this going forward.

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