# Controlling Metalworking Fluid Failure (Part 1)

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#### **1.Understanding Metalworking Fluid Failure**

- a. Water dilutable
- **b. Straight oils**
- 2. Corrective Actions
- 3. Summary

#### What Causes a Fluid to Fail?



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# Five Basic Failure Mechanisms

- 1. Attack by positively charged contaminants
- 2. Effects of negatively charged contaminants
- 3. Effects of extraneous oils (tramp oils)
- 4. Loss of pH
- 5. Effects from microorganisms (bacteria and fungus)

# **Less Common Failure Mechanisms**

- 1. High shear forces cavitation
- 2. High temperatures greater than 180°F
- 3. Oxidative reactions
- 4. Galvanic reactions
- 5. Evaporation of alkaline components amine loss
- 6. Evaporation of light oil fractions
- 7. Leaching of cobalt, zinc, lead and copper
- 8. Hydrolytic stability of bio-based esters
- 9. Selective additive stripping defoamers, oil-like components
- 10. Poor cold-water mixing
- 11. Freeze / thaw stability
- 12. Poor initial mixing
- 13. Poor grounding / Stray direct currents / Storage tank

# **Understanding MWF (Coolant) Failure**

#### If You Control the Mechanisms That Cause a Metalworking Fluid to Fail, You Will:

- 1. Have a Cleaner and Safer Working Environment
- 2. Have Less Waste to Dispose
- 3. Extend the Life of the Metalworking Fluid
- 4. Improve Tool Life and the Consistency of Your Metal Removal Processes
- 5. Reduce Your Overall Operating Cost

**Key Words: Failure Mechanisms** 









## **Can Failure Rates Be Modified?**



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#### **After 15-Weeks**







No Control	Some Control	Best Control	
	Biocide + Filter	Biocide + Filter + pH + RO water	

# Conclusion



Failure rates can be modified

# **Recycled MWF**



This fluid "looks good" but can you machine at optimum feed and speeds with it?

Is it still safe to the worker?

Or should this fluid be discarded?

## **Tool Life versus Time**



**Quaker** Houghton Turning SAE 8620 Steel Forward Together Coated Carbide Insert

## **Tool Life versus Time**



Why Fluids Fail

**Synthetic** 

#### **Three Basic Water Reducible MWF Formulations**

Emulsifiable OilOil + Anionic Soap + Rust Preventative +<br/>Coupling Agent + Biocide + Buffer

Oil + Synthetic Component + Anionic SoapSemi-Synthetic+ Coupling Agent + Rust Preventative +<br/>Buffer + Biocide

Synthetic Component + Fatty Acid + Anionic Wetting Agent + Rust Preventative + Buffer + Biocide

#### Why Fluids Fail

Highlighted areas Are negatively charged

## Three Basic Water Reducible MWF Formulations

Emulsifiable Oil (Soluble Oil) *Oil* + Anionic Soap + Rust Preventative + *Coupling Agent* + *Biocide* + *Buffer* 

**Semi-Synthetic** 

*Oil* + *Synthetic Component* + **Anionic Soap** + *Coupling Agent* + **Rust Preventative** + *Buffer* + *Biocide* 

**Synthetic** 

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#### Type of metal being machined

Most Destructive:	Cast or Ductile Iron Certain Grades of Aluminum Magnesium	Fe <sup>+++</sup> AI <sup>+++</sup> Mg <sup>++</sup>
Mildly Destructive:	AISI/SAE 1020, 4140, 8620 Brass Lead Copper	
Least Destructive:	Stainless Steel Ultra-Alloys Such as Incoloy	
Key Words:	Type of metal being cut	

#### **Typical Emulsified Oil MWF Schematic**



#### Typical Emulsified Oil MWF Schematic On the Road to Failure



# Basic Fluid Failure by Cation Attack Typical Emulsified Oil MWF Schematic



#### Cast Iron Grinding Experiment





Cast Iron Grinding Experiment



#### Iron Soaps Not Tramp Oil

Cast Iron Grinding Experiment

# Size and rate of metal being machined (in relation to volume of coolant)

Most Destructive:	Grinding, polishing, ball grinding
Mildly Destructive:	Sawing, CBN grinding, milling
Least Destructive:	Single point turning
Key Words:	Size and rate of chips cut; Volume of fluid surface area of metal removed / volume of fluid

#### Machining generates a lot of surface area

#### Grind 1 square foot of steel into 50micron cubes



# **Filtration Example - Cation Attack**

#### 15,000 Gallon System

- Copper alloy
- Wire Drawing copper
  - 1,000 Total suspended solids
  - 210 mg/L < 8 micron
  - 168 mg/L < 0.45 micron
  - 120 mg/L < 0.2 micron
- Over time metal particles built up linearly while surface area of dirt built up exponentially.
- Once coolant hit these dirt levels, failure occurred in 5 days.

#### Type of water entering the system

Most Destructive:	Hard water above 10 grain hardness (170 PPM) Low pH water (below 7.0)
Target:	Water purity less than 1 grain hardness pH of 7.0 or higher Less than 15 PPM total dissolved solids
Key Words:	Hard water, total dissolved solids, pH

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9-1-95	NA	<200,000	<200,000	<200,000	7Million
2-25-98	NA	358	369	270	NA
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What are Areas of Concern When Using This Water ?

# Water Report

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#### Significant Variation Between Water Sources

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**Nasty Anion** 

# Amount of water entering the system per day

Most Destructive:	10% or greater of system volume/day
Least Destructive:	5-7% of system volume/day
Mildly Destructive:	1-2% of system volume/day Loss must be by evaporation, not by carry out
Key Words:	Evaporation rate



Premium emulsified oil 5 % V/V 120 PPM Initial concentration



Premium emulsified oil 5 % V/V 600 PPM 5 concentration cycles



Premium emulsified oil 5 % V/V 1200 PPM 10 concentration cycles

#### Premium Emulsified Oil Effects of Evaporation and Water @ 120 PPM Hardness







Initial

# For This Reaction, It's Mostly About Plusses and Minuses



When the two groups come together MWF failure begins

#### Advantages and Disadvantages of Using Pure Water

- Easier mixing
- Smaller particle size
- Improved wetting and penetration
- Minimizes gummy residues
- Improved filtration

- Less carry-off
- Greater bacterial resistance
- Greater fungus resistance
- Reduced corrosion
- Less concentrate use
- Less mist
- Better overall stability

#### **Disadvantages of Using Pure Water**

- May lessen tool life on some operations
- Increases risk of generating foam



Soft water is OK for use in coolants

**True or False** 

Soft water is OK for use in C\coolants



## Hard Water $H_2O + CaCO_3$ True "Soft" Water $H_2O + Na_2CO_{3+}C\overline{I}$

Note: Two Sodium Ions for Every Calcium ion – TDS actually goes up

<u>Total Dissolved Solids = Sum of Cations plus Anions + Soluble organics</u>

Hey, where did the chloride ion come from???

**Traditional Water Softener** 



#### **Before and After Water Softening**

Tap Water with 0.25 mg/L Fe 220 mg/L as Ca One liter evaporated Tap Water after Softening 0.02 mg/L Fe 3 mg/L as Ca One liter evaporated



Rain Water or Air Conditioning Condensate is OK for Coolants

True or False

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While the rain water may be soft, when it hits the roof it is full of dirt and bacteria, fungus, algae.

Same for air conditioning coils.

#### **Water Basics**

Hard Water Expressed as:  $\begin{array}{ccc} Cation & Anion \\ Positive \\ Charge \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \end{array}$  $\begin{array}{ccc} Cation & Anion \\ Negative \\ Charge \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \end{array}$ 

#### Hardness, milligram equivalent $CaCO_3/L =$ = 2.496 \* (Ca, mg/L) + 4.118 \* (Mg, mg/L)

**Remember: For every Cation there is a corresponding Anion** 

#### **Failure Mechanisms**

#### **Battle of the Cations**

Cation	Symbol &	Hard	Metal	Waste
	Charge	Water	Machined	Water
				Treatment
Zinc	Zn <sup>++</sup>		X	
Calcium	Ca <sup>++</sup>	x		x
Magnesium	Mg <sup>++</sup>	x	x	x
Iron Ferrous	Fe <sup>++</sup>		x	x
Iron Ferric	Fe <sup>+++</sup>		X	x
Aluminum	AI <sup>+++</sup>		X	X
Titanium	Ti <sup>++++</sup>		X	

#### Failure Mechanism #2

#### **Those Nasty Anions**

Enemy # 1

CI
SO <sub>4</sub>
PO <sub>4</sub>
NO <sub>3.</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>
CO <sub>3</sub>

Corrosion

=

- Significant Food Source
- Significant Food Source
- Nutrient
- Nutrient

#### **Traditional Dual Bed DI System**



#### **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water System**

Up to 99.7 % + reduction in contaminants



30%

### **All Water Conditioning Systems Can Fail**

- 1. They can actually produce worse water than what you started with.
- 2. They can confuse you thinking you have treated water when you do not.
- 3. They can fail intermittently, and / or without warning
- 4. A word to the wise:
  - a. Never totally trust a water purification device
  - b. Check it out.

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True, but only for a while

• Absorbs carbon dioxide from the air and turns acid, as low as 5.5 pH

#### **Pure Water Storage Is Critical**





One water analysis is all I need to

make further decisions about my water concerns

True or False

#### Water Myth #4

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Most Water Sources Vary Considerably Seasonally Sometimes even hourly

Hint: Get as many water analyses as you can over the course of a year

#### **Know Your Terms**

Hard Water

Above 170 mg/L Total hardness **Soft Water** 

Below 10 mg/L Total Hardness Below 1 mg/L = "Dead Soft"

RO Water DI Water Deionized Water Demineralized Water Pure Water Sodium Softened Water

#### Controlling Metalworking Fluid Failure (Part 2)

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#### Failure Mechanism #3 Tramp Oil

# Type and amount of hydraulic and way oils entering the system

- Most Destructive: Certain premium hydraulic oils Those fluids known as both anti-wear and rust and oxidation types and emulsifying way oils
- Mildly Destructive: Rust and oxidation oils
- Least Destructive: Hydraulic and way oils *not* based on traditional organo-metallic phosphate chemistry (Ashless)
- Key Words: Zinc dialkyldithiophosphate, Anti-Wear, Rust and Oxidation, Emulsifying Way Oils



#### **Tramp Oil Failure Theories**

1. Sharing of the emulsifier – The HLB theory

a. Too much oil, not enough emulsifier

2. Reactivity of the ZDDP molecule

a. Sulfur and phosphorus availability. Bacterial nutrients

3. Dispersants and de-emulsifiers in hydraulic oil upset the HLB balance

If I add emulsifiers to the coolant mix, I will eliminate the effects of tramp oil contamination

• True or False

## If I add emulsifiers to the coolant mix, I will eliminate the <u>effects</u> of tramp oil contamination

False

- A. Not the proper way to make an emulsion
  - More likely to cause foam than to couple up the tramp oil.
- B. Wrong or mismatched viscosities
- C. What about the Sulfur and Phosphorus ?

A centrifuge will solve my tramp oil problems and not remove the original emulsion product

**True or False** 

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The oil phase of "tramp oil" is soluble to other oil-like products in the original MWF and will be removed together
## Failure Mechanism #4 Lack of pH Control

## Failure to Control pH

- Certain amines can evaporate, and pH will drop
- Can happen more in winter (low humidity) than summer months
- Dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> as carbonic acid will lower pH
- Certain microorganisms as they proliferate will release acids and thus lower pH
- There are acceptable operational ranges for traditional MWFs

## Failure Mechanism #4 Lack of pH Control

## pH Ranges For MWF Management





## Failure Mechanisms #5 Lack of Control of Microorganisms

# Failure to maintain an effective biological control program in your MWF

Controlled and proper use of:

- Antimicrobial Pesticides (i.e. biocides)
- **Too little may be worse than none at all.** 
  - Resistant strains
- If some is good, more is not better.
  - Worker irritation
- Key Words: Biocide, concentration control

## Fixing Dead Spots is Part of Your Biological Control Program



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Other times you have to pull trench covers to see the dead spots



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## **Ineffective Approach**



e.g. Burnt Paper Analogy

## **Effective Approach**



## **Focus on Failure Mechanisms**





## **Basic Corrective Actions**

These are intended to be basic methods that an average manufacturing facility can follow.

They are not intended to correct every problem that can occur.

## Counteracting Failure Mechanisms #1 Cation Attack from Metals

#### The Effects of the Type and Volume of Metal Fines Entering the System

#### Effective filtration

 Best: Filters that are full flow, with at least 30 micron rating –

**Polyester media not polypropylene** 

Ability remove tramp oil – if needed then use polypropylene

Choose a stable fluid

Key Point: All chemical reaction takes time Metal fines keep reacting

## Counteracting Failure Mechanisms #1Cation Attack from Metals Fix Dead Spots



## **Counteracting Failure Mechanisms #1 & 2**

## **Cation and Anion Attack From Water**

#### **The Effects of Hard Water**

- Use low hardness and low chloride water for makeup into your coolant systems
- Best: Reverse osmosis water
- Key Point: The reaction of hard water to de-stabilize a MWF occurs very rapidly (usually in seconds)

## Counteracting Failure Mechanism #3 Tramp Oil

## The Effects of Hydraulic Oil and Way Oils (Tramp Oils)

- Fix the leaks and install a <u>continuous</u> tramp oil separating oil system.
- Minimize the use of machine lubricants containing high amounts of de-emulsifiers and dispersants if you cannot fix the leaks.
  - Major Automotive OEM Approach

## Counteracting Failure Mechanism #3 Tramp Oil

Key point: The negative effects of de-emulsifiers and dispersants on cutting fluid emulsions will occur completely within 48 to 72 hours depending on:

- Type and amount of metal being machined
- Amount of tramp oil entering the system
- Basic stability of the coolant

## Counteracting Failure Mechanism #3 Tramp Oil

Zinc: Can cause grief with your environmental folks

Is likely in:

Hydraulic oil Way oil Spindle oil Galvanized pipe Buckets

## **Counteracting Failure Mechanism #4** Loss of pH

For pH Control

**Amino Methyl Propanol** 

**Primary or Tertiary Alkanolamines** 

Monoethanolamine, such as Triethanolamine, Monoisopropanolamine.





## Counteracting Failure Mechanism #5 Biological Degradation

**Controlling Microbial Activity** 

Selective use of antimicrobial pesticides (biocides), consult with the manufacturer or their representative.

Monitor microbe activity (use dip slides at a minimum).

If some biocide is good, more is *not* better. Focus on dead spots

## **Biological Dead Spots are Your Enemy**



## **Understanding When the Fluid Has Failed**

#### Select a Good MWF with:

- Reserve emulsifiers
- Reserve alkalinity
- Reserve corrosion inhibition
- Good biostability

#### Measure emulsion stability:

 Hold MWF in a clear glass container for 24 hours, then observe separation phases.

## **Basic Demonstration of MWF Stability**







After 24 hours

## **Know Your Concentration**

- Determine an effective method to measure MWF concentration for your metal removing operations.
- Good: Refractometer
- Better: Acid split (good for emulsion fluids) and tramp oil split, refractometer
- Best: Acid split, tramp oil split, refractometer, alkalinity titration, anionic titration \*, biocide titration \*.

\* Usually performed by MWF supplier or with special test kits.

## **Summary - Water Diluted**

MWF failure will happen..... eventually. MWF failure can be controlled to some extent.

No MWF will last indefinitely.

Poor control of a MWF can cost you money.

Over-extending the life of a MWF can cost you money as well with loss of tool life.

## **Summary – Water Diluted**

- 1. Filter fluids well Start at 30 micron
- 2. Use good water Low hardness and low chlorides
- 3. Remove tramp oil Continuously remove or change tramp oil type and fix leaks
- 4. Control pH Additives will be required over time
- **5.** Use antimicrobial pesticides (biocides) properly
- 6. Measure stability Jar test
- 7. Measure and control concentration regularly -Many methods

# Thank You!

