

**Oilregeneration - positive Aspects on Transformeroils** 

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# Oil Regeneration - Positive Aspects on Transformer Oils

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## Transformer Oil Regeneration





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### TRANSFORMER OIL FUNCTIONS

 To provide dielectric strength of the transformer insulation system.

• To provide efficient cooling of transformer and arc quenching in tap changer

Protect from

• To protect the transformer core and coil assembly from chemicals reaction

• To prevent the build up of sludge in the transformer core & winding

• Oil is used as Diagnostic Tool to identify potential problems inside transformer.



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## OIL & PAPER **INSULATION DEGRADATION FACTORS**

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Heat

- Chemical reactions occur faster at higher temperatures
- Each 8 °C rise above design will cut the life of the paper in half

Oxygen

- The higher the oxygen content, the faster the reaction.
- 10 times transformer life at the same temperature if oxygen is < 300 ppm

Water

- . Doubling moisture content will cut transformer life by half
- Moisture content in insulation paper is hundreds of times greater than in the oil

Oil Oxidation

- Insulation paper has an affinity for acids, peroxides and other oxidation reactants
- Acid concentration of 0.1 mg KOH/gm will result in 35% reduction in tensile strength of insulation paper



## **EFFECTS OF OIL RE-GENERATION AND OIL CHANGING**

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#### **BOTH OIL CHANGE AND RE-GENERATION HAS BEEN PERFORMED ON** TWO IDENTICAL TRANSFORMER.

The acidity increases rapidly after an oil change. As early as a few months the acidity level can reach the same levels as before the oil change. This increase is caused by cross contamination from residual oil and sludge left in the tank core and in the winding insulation. This will contaminate the new oil. Almost all embedded and deposited ageing residue products remain in the transformer. This will cause the rapid ageing of the new oil.

Oil Change



Once the transformer oil has been regenerated, the acidity levels are approximately the same after six years of operation as when first regerated. According to our world wide experience the acidity and other aging parameters, have acceptable values many years after oil re-generation process.

Oil Re-Generation





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Price to buy new oil is higher than price to regenerate old oil + high production loss due to shutdown.

Additional costs associated with disposing of used oil and the associated handling risks and potential environmental contamination

20% of old oil will remain in the transformer with no removal of sludge

New oil requires vacuum drying and filling system with additive injection.

Does not remove existing corrosive sulfur and DBDS in the oil

Interruption to transformer operation. Vacuum filling is not safe for aged transformer winding. More economical than oil changing; system is paid back within one to two years

Small amount of new oil is required for makeup. About 2 to 5% of the transformer volume is required for transformer top up.

Regeneration removes sludge and cleans transformer internal components

One system provides oil regeneration, vacuum filling and additive injection

Removal/Reduction of corrosive sulfur & DBDS by selecting CST Option in existing oil

No interruption to transformer operation utilizing Filtervac's On-line treatment option



#### THE SOLUTION

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## Oil Regeneration



Initial color

After 1 pass After 2 pass

After 3 pass

After 4 pass

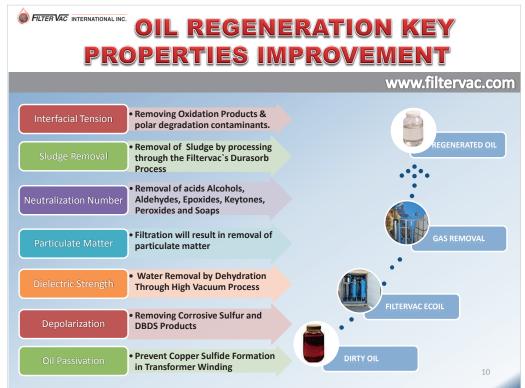
After 5 pass After 6 pass Final Color

#### THE NUMBER OF PASSES IS DEPENDENT ON

- INITIAL OIL QUALITY BEING REGENERATED
- SIZE OF ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER (QUANTITY OF OIL)
- CLAY AND FLOW RATE CAPACITY OF SYSTEM BEING USED TO REGENERATE
- TYPE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANUFACTURER OF EQUIPMENT USED TO REGENERATE









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When the oil shows unacceptable results for neutralization number "Acidity", interfacial tension, color, corrosive sulphur content and dissipation factor then the regeneration should be considered.

Since the aging of insulation is an irreversible process, it is important to reclaim at the right time before the degradation has gone too far











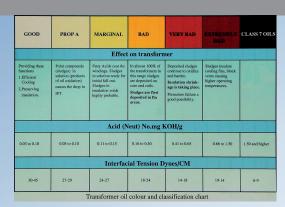
 Where perceptible sludge is detected reclaim oil

Sludge

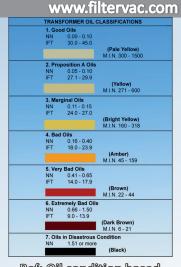
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## OIL COLOUR VS ACIDITY VS IFT



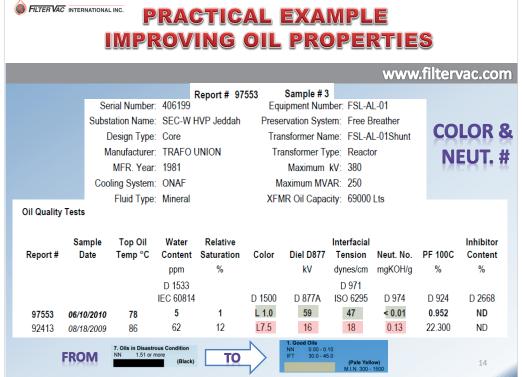
- New Oil is Visually Clear in colour
- Turbidity, sludge, carbon and free water have an effect on oil colour
- Acceptable oil will be clear and bright, free from and visible contamination



Ref: Oil condition based on ASTM D 1500 colour testing  $^{12}$ 

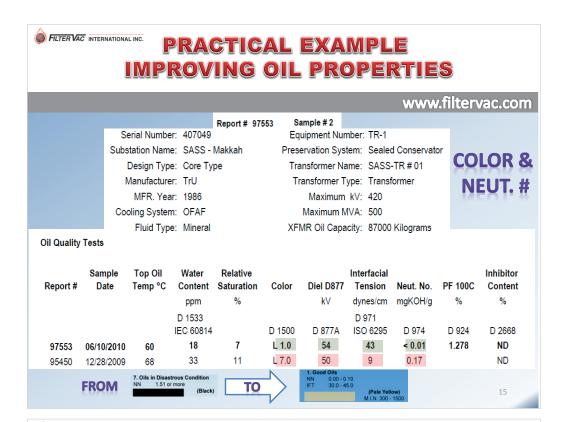








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#### FILTER VAC INTERNATIONAL INC. PRACTICAL EXAMPLE IMPROVING OIL PROPERTIES www.filtervac.com Sample # 1 Report # 97553 Serial Number: 407047 Equipment Number: TR-2 Substation Name: SASS - West Makkah Preservation System: Sealed Conservator COLOR & Design Type: Core Type Transformer Name: SASS-TR # 02 Transformer Type: Transformer Manufacturer: TrU **NEUT.** # MFR. Year: 1986 Maximum kV: 420 Cooling System: OFAF Maximum MVA: 500 Oil Quality Tests Fluid Type: Mineral XFMR Oil Capacity: 87000 Kilograms Top Oil Water Relative Inhibitor Sample Interfacial Report # Date Temp °C Content Saturation Color Diel D877 Tension Neut. No. PF 100C Content dynes/cm mgKOH/g % ppm kV % D 1533 D 971 IEC 60814 D 1500 D 877A ISO 6295 D 974 D 924 D 2668 **52 16 5** 80 21 5 66 30 10 60 47 < 0.01 L 1.0 0.159 ND 97553 05/08/2010 L 1.0 43 < 0.01 1.290 96068 02/24/2010 65 ND L 7.0 60 19 0.12 ND 95450 12/28/2009



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# SLUDGE FORMATION IN OIL AND TREATMENT BY REGENERATION

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Sludge Formation Experience shows that this sludge material settles not only on the transformer winding, but also over the core , radiator fins and & on insulating parts of the transformer.

Sludge is soluble in new or regenerated oil at temperatures greater than 70 °C. Rinsing of the winding with oil by cycling the oil through the oil purifier will result in the "desludging" of the transformer.

Following the first regeneration cycle, it is advisable to interrupt the cycle of oil. This allows sludge to settle at the bottom of the transformer rather than the windings.

Treatment by Regeneration

Recommended when there is a lack in preventive transformer maintenance.

Prevents oil sludge formation in the transformer.

Avoids rapid failure of the transformer insulating system and improves cooling effect in the oil during high load condition. Oil sludge prevents cooling.

Oil sludge that has already been deposited in the transformer core, Radiators & winding can be dissolved and removed by Regeneration process.



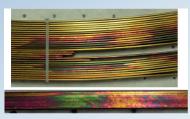
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#### **CORROSIVE SULPHUR**

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- **Elemental sulphur and thermally** unstable sulphur compounds in insulating oil cause corrosion of internal transformer components. In particular, metals such as copper and silver.
- Not formed in transformer's normal operational conditions
  - Known sources of contamination: poorly refined crude oil, addition of chemical compounds
  - Other Suspected sources: gaskets, water-based glues, copper and kraft paper







#### **SULPHUR COMPOUNDS**

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- Multiple Sources = Multiple Compounds
- Thiophens, Disulphides, Thio-ethers, Mercaptans, Sulphur

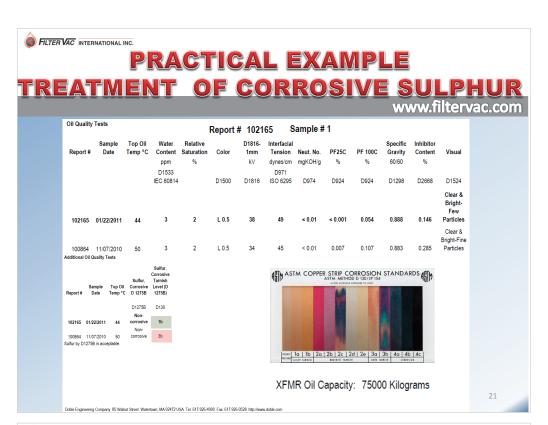
#### Increasing order of corrosion

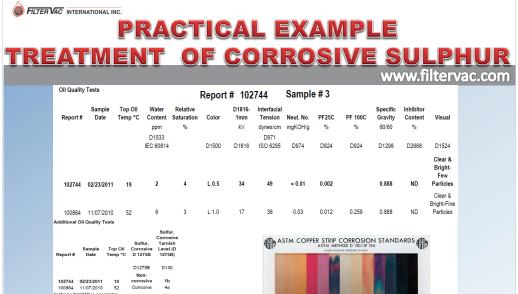
 Dibenzyl-Disulphide (DBDS) was identified experimentally to be a primary compound in corrosive sulphur related faults





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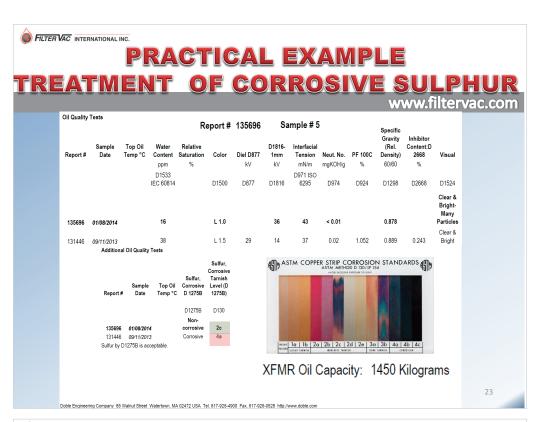




XFMR Oil Capacity: 78460 Liters



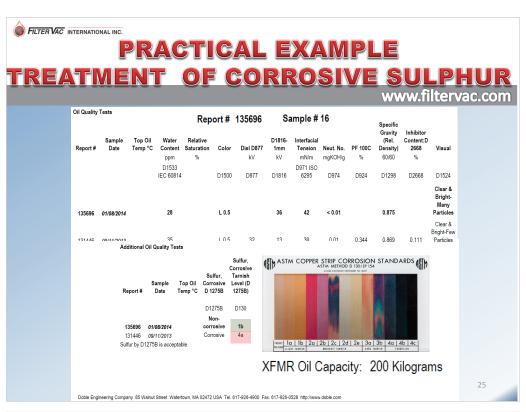
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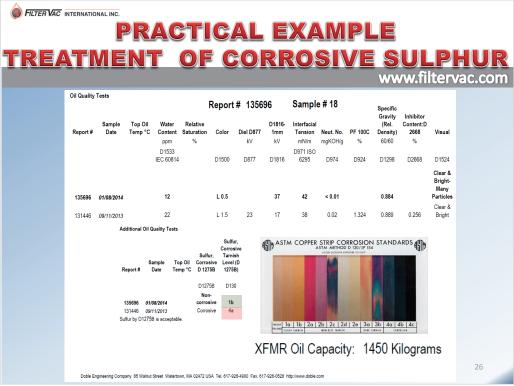


# PRACTICAL EXAMPLE TREATMENT OF CORROSIVE SULPHUR Www.filtervac.com Oil Quality Tests Report # 135696 Sample # 9 Sample Top Oil Water Relative D1816 Interfacial (Rel. Content.D)

Report #	Sample Date	Top Oil Temp °C	Water Content ppm	Relative Saturation %	Color	Diel D877	D1816- 1mm kV	Interfacial Tension mN/m	Neut. No. mgKOH/g	PF 100C %	Gravity (Rel. Density)	Inhibitor Content:D 2668 %	Visual
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Oil Analysis of Regeneration by Fullers Earth treatment process 400kV Transformer, National Grid Company, UK

Test	Before Process	After Regeneration	After 1 Year Operation	After 2 Years Operation
Moisture ppm	23	8	10	11
Acidity mg KOH/gm	0.20	<0.01	0.01	0.02
Dielectric kV	35	76	71	69
Sludge content %	0.02	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Resistivity at 90°C	2.5	226	184	160
Dielectric Dissipation Factor (DDF) at 90°C	0.095	0.005	0.006	0.009
Oxidation Stability Total Acid mg KOH/g sludge% by mass	0.48 2.29	0.16 1.23	0.18 1.30	0.19 1.32
Viscosity at 40°C	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6
Interfacial Tension	25	40	38	36
Corrosive Sulphur	Positive	negative	negative	negative
Phosphorus ppm	11	ND	ND	ND

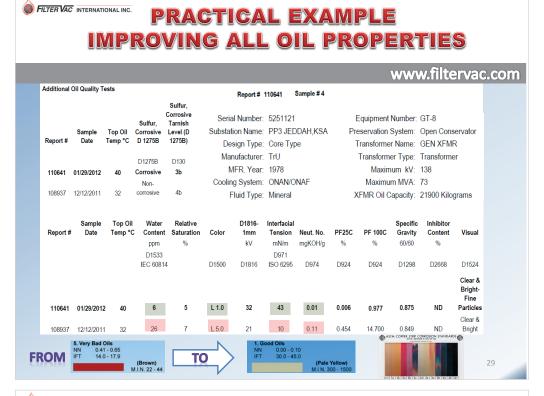
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No	T8est Parameter	ASTM Test	Unit	Before Regeneration (Dirty Oil)	After Regeneration (Cleaned Oil)	IEEE limits
1	Colour	D-1500	L	>7.0	0.5	Max. 2.0
2	Corrosive Sulphur	D-1275		Corrosive	Non-Corrosive	
3	Breakdown Voltage (2mm Gap)	D-877 Part B	KV	15	> 40	Min. 30
4	Gas content	D-3612	%	15	0.1	
5	Interfacial Tension	D-971	Dynes/cm	10	40 -50	Min. 30
6	Neutralization Number	D-974e	mgKOH/g	0.8	0.01	Max. 0.05
7	Water Content	D-1533	ppm	100	> 10	Max. 20



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#### **ADVANTAGES OF OIL REGENRATION**

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Extension of the transformer service life and increase reliability of transformers operation



Significant financial savings compared to oil replacement, including handling and disposal costs. Economically independent of the current price of new oil



No problems with transport and disposal of the used transformer oil. No operational loss caused by transformer shutdown (Online process)



In contrast to an oil replacement the transformer internal components and insulation are also cleaned.



Improves the quality of insulating oil to that of new oil.



Sustainable improvement in the condition of the insulation.



