SKF Grease Test Kit TKGT 1

Portable grease analysis kit for use in the field

Lubricant analysis is a vital part of a predictive maintenance strategy. However, until now, this has been almost completely related with oils, despite the fact that around 80% of bearings are lubricated with grease.

Tribology knowledge and years of research have allowed SKF to develop a complete methodology to assess greases condition directly in the field.



The SKF Grease Test Kit TKGT 1 has been designed to properly apply this methodology. By using it, three different tests can be performed: consistency (patent applied for), oil bleeding properties and contamination. This allows the user to have a good understanding of the grease condition and take decisions directly in the field. The SKF TKGT 1 includes guidelines for properly interpreting the results of the tests.

For fresh greases SKF TKGT 1 can help to establish the remaining shelf life of the grease, as well as assesing the consistency of the quality level among different production batches. When testing used greases, the results will help the user to evaluate such things as: the suitability of the tested grease for the application, the accuracy of relubrication intervals, and the possible sources when contamination occurs.

Features and benefits

Main benefits of grease analysis are:

- Grease relubrication intervals can be adjusted according to real conditions
- Grease quality can be evaluated to detect possible unacceptable deviations from batch to batch
- Greases performance can be assessed, allowing verification of the suitability of a certain grease for a specific application.
- Helps in the prevention of damage due to underperforming lubricant greases
- More information can be provided for root cause analyses

Main benefits of TKGT 1 are:

- Portable kit, designed to be used directly in the field
- No special training required to perform the tests
- No harmful chemicals required
- The methodology included with the kit brings SKF lubrication knowledge to the customer in order to properly understand the results of every test.
- Small sample size required.
 Just 0,5 grams of grease are needed to perform all the tests.
- Quick assessment tool allowing taking decisions directly in the field.





Technical data

Designation	TKGT 1		
Parts	Components	Quantity	Specifications
Sampling tools	Sampling syringe Sampling tube Permanent marker Sampling containers Gloves	1 1 1 10 10 pairs	Polypropylene PTFE, length approx. 1m Black 35 ml polyethylene Grease resistant nitrile (synthetic rubber), powder free, size XL, colour blue
	Disposable spatulas 250mm stainless steel spatula 150mm stainless steel spatula Scissors	1 1 1 1	Set of 25 Stainless steel Stainless steel Stainless steel
Consistency test (Patent applied for)	Housing Weight Mask Glass plates	1 1 1 4	Aluminium Stainless steel Plexiglas
Oil bleeding test	USB heater USB/220/110V adaptor Paper pack Ruler	1 1 1 1	2.5 W - 5 V. Universal (EU, US, UK, Australia) to USB Contains 50 sheets Aluminium graduated 0.5 mm
Contamination test	Pocket microscope AAA batteries	1 2	60 - 100x with light AAA
Carrying case	CD Carrying case	1	Contains instructions for use, report template, and consistency test scale Dimensions: 463 × 373 × 108 mm (18.2 × 14.7 × 4.25 in)

Consistency







Oil bleeding characteristics







Contamination evaluation







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