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**Lubricants, industrial oils and  
related products (Class L) — Family D  
(compressors) —**

Part 1:

**Specifications of categories DAA and  
DAB (lubricants for reciprocating and  
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## Introduction

Lubricants for compressors are used in various compressor designs. The lubricants for these applications can vary in composition, from straight mineral oils to more complex blends, based on mineral oils, synthetic oils (e.g. poly  $\alpha$ -olefins, esters, poly-glycols), and additives. The additives most currently used are antioxidants, rust and copper corrosion inhibitors. They can be supplemented by detergents and dispersing additives to improving the cleanliness of the hottest parts of the compressors, e.g. the inlet and the exhaust valves in reciprocating compressors.

These lubricants are also able to lubricate the mechanical parts of the compressors (crankshaft and connecting rods bearings, crossheads, rolling bearings).

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# Lubricants, industrial oils and related products (Class L) — Family D (compressors) —

## Part 1: Specifications of categories DAA and DAB (lubricants for reciprocating and drip feed rotary air compressors)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements for mineral or synthetic based lubricants intended for use in reciprocating and drip feed rotary air compressors (vane compressors) with the compression chamber(s)/cylinders lubricated by direct lubricant injection.

NOTE This document can be read in conjunction with ISO 6743-3<sup>[1]</sup>.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2160, *Petroleum products — Corrosiveness to copper — Copper strip test*

ISO 2592, *Petroleum and related products — Determination of flash and fire points — Cleveland open cup method*

ISO 2719, *Determination of flash point — Pensky-Martens closed cup method*

ISO 2909, *Petroleum products — Calculation of viscosity index from kinematic viscosity*

ISO 3016, *Petroleum and related products from natural or synthetic sources — Determination of pour point*

ISO 3104, *Petroleum products — Transparent and opaque liquids — Determination of kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity*

ISO 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3448, *Industrial liquid lubricants — ISO viscosity classification*

ISO 3675, *Crude petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Laboratory determination of density — Hydrometer method*

ISO 3987, *Petroleum products — Determination of sulfated ash in lubricating oils and additives*

ISO 4259 (all parts), *Petroleum and related products — Precision of measurement methods and results*

ISO 6245, *Petroleum products — Determination of ash*

ISO 6247, *Petroleum products — Determination of foaming characteristics of lubricating oils*

ISO 6296, *Petroleum products — Determination of water — Potentiometric Karl Fischer titration method*

ISO 6614, *Petroleum products — Determination of water separability of petroleum oils and synthetic fluids*

ISO 6615, *Petroleum products — Determination of carbon residue — Conradson method*

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ISO 6617, *Petroleum-based lubricating oils — Aging characteristics — Determination of change in Conradson carbon residue after oxidation*

ISO 6618, *Petroleum products and lubricants — Determination of acid or base number — Colour-indicator titration method*

ISO 6619, *Petroleum products and lubricants — Neutralization number — Potentiometric titration method*

ISO 7120, *Petroleum products and lubricants — Petroleum oils and other fluids — Determination of rust-preventing characteristics in the presence of water*

ISO 12185, *Crude petroleum and petroleum products — Determination of density — Oscillating U-tube method*

ISO 12937, *Petroleum products — Determination of water — Coulometric Karl Fischer titration method*

ISO 20764, *Petroleum and related products — Preparation of a test portion of high-boiling liquids for the determination of water content — Nitrogen purge method*

ASTM D1160, *Standard Test Method for Distillation of Petroleum Products at Reduced Pressure*

DIN 51352-2, *Testing of lubricants; determination of ageing characteristics of lubricating oils; Conradson carbon residue after ageing by passing air through the lubricating oil in the presence of iron(III) oxide*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Sampling

Sampling of compressor oils for the purpose of this document, unless otherwise specified, shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant procedure described in ISO 3170. The sample shall be evaluated on a representative portion. Any drum, barrel, tanker compartment or any type of container delivered to the end user may be sampled and analysed at the discretion of the purchaser.

### 5 Requirements

Compressor oil samples, when tested under the prescribed methods, shall be in accordance with the limits set out in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#).

The aspect of the delivered oil shall be clear and bright and free of any visible particulate matter, under visible light at ambient temperature.

Most of the test methods specified in [Tables 1](#) and [2](#) contain a precision statement. In cases of dispute, the procedure described in the ISO 4259 series shall apply.

NOTE 1 Some equipment manufacturers or customers can have additional requirements covering e.g. characteristics such as elastomer and materials compatibility, anti-wear behaviour, detergent properties.

NOTE 2 These lubricants can also be used to lubricate the other mechanical parts of the compressors (crankshaft and connecting rod bearings, crossheads, rolling bearings). They might be also able to fulfil the required properties.



## 6 Specifications

### 6.1 Specifications for ISO-L-DAA air compressor oils

These lubricants are refined mineral oils with suitable oxidation and corrosion inhibitors; they can also contain some additional detergent additives to improve the cleanliness of the exhaust valve systems in reciprocating compressors. They are intended to lubricate reciprocating and rotary air compressors operating within the parameters of a normal duty cycle as defined in ISO 6743-3<sup>[1]</sup>.

These lubricants shall be in accordance with the specifications given in [Table 1](#).

### 6.2 Specifications for ISO-L-DAB air compressor oils

These lubricants are either refined mineral oils, part-synthetic or synthetic oils with suitable oxidation and corrosion inhibitors; they may also contain some additional detergent additives to improve the cleanliness of the exhaust valve systems in reciprocating compressors. They are intended to lubricate reciprocating and rotary air compressors operating within the parameters of a severe duty cycle as defined in ISO 6743-3<sup>[1]</sup>.

These lubricants shall be in accordance with the specifications given in [Table 2](#).

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