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#### GEAR LUBRICANTS, COMPOUNDED — SPECIFICATION

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#### **FOREWORD**

(Formal clauses will be added later)

This standard was originally published in 1963. It was revised in 1975 in the light of the then prevailing SAE viscosity classification, test methods, and the trade practices followed in the country. In the last revision, lubricants covered by this standard were equivalent to the service designation API-GL-2 as described in the API Publication 1560 'Lubricant service designations for automotive manual transmissions and axle, February 1976'.

This standard was originally intended for use in enclosed and semi-enclosed gears operating under such conditions of load, temperature and sliding viscosity for which straight mineral oils are not suitable. This was particularly suited for automotive type worm-gear axles. Recent changes in the design of Automotive axles have limited the use of such oils for automotive applications. However, its use in industrial applications is quite large. Taking this into consideration, the sectional committee responsible for the preparation of this standard felt that it should be revised to fall in line with ISO viscosity classification and also adopted in IS 9466: 2020 'Viscosity classification of industrial liquid lubricants' and include additional tests which experience has shown to be relevant for the operating conditions of the equipment. The third revision covered eleven grades of lubricants. These grades are approximately equivalent to well-known SAE/AGMA grades of lubricants classification as per details given below.

| I | Sl No.  | Viscosity Grades | Equivalent Grade |
|---|---------|------------------|------------------|
|   | Si IVO. | viscosity Grades | Equivalent Grade |

|       |         | SAE | AGMA |
|-------|---------|-----|------|
| (1)   | (2)     | (3) | (4)  |
| i)    | VG 32   | 75W | _    |
| ii)   | VG 46   |     | 1    |
| iii)  | VG 68   | 80W | 2    |
| iv)   | VG 100  |     | 3    |
| v)    | VG 150  |     | 4    |
| vi)   | VG 220  | 90  | 5    |
| vii)  | VG 320  |     | 6    |
| viii) | VG 460  | 140 | 7    |
| ix)   | VG 680  | 140 | 8    |
| x)    | VG 1000 |     | 8A   |
| xi)   | VG 1500 |     | 9    |

The fourth revision has been brought out to keep pace with the latest technological developments and international practices. In this revision, the following changes have been made:

- a) The composition requirement of the material has been modified; and
- b) New requirements added Four ball wear scar diameter, four ball weld load, and biodegradability (optional).

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2: 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)'. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

#### 1 SCOPE

- **1.1** This standard prescribes the requirements, methods of sampling and test for the gear lubricants intended for use in worm gear drives.
- **1.2** The lubricant shall conform to one of the eleven viscosity grades as distinguished by the prescribed viscosity limits given in Table 1.
- **1.3** These lubricants are primarily intended for use in enclosed and semi-enclosed worm gears operating under such conditions of load, temperature and sliding speed for which straight mineral oils are not adequate and EP (extreme pressure) type oils are not called for. These are, however, NOT SUITABLE for lubrication of hypoid gears. The lubricants covered by this standard are equivalent to the service designation API-GL-2.

#### **2 NORMATIVE REFERENCES**

The following Indian Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below:

| IS No.                               | Title   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| IS 1447 (Part 1) :                   | Methods of Sampling of Petroleum and its Products Part 1 Manual                         |
| 2021                                 | Sampling (second revision)  |
| IS 1448                              | Methods of test for petroleum and its products  |
| (Part 2): 2007 / ISO                 | Petroleum products and lubricants — Neutralization number -                             |
| 6619 :1988                           | potentiometric titration method (second revision)                                       |
| (Part 4/Sec 1): 2021                 | Determination of ash (fourth revision)  |
| (Part 8): 2012 / ISO                 | Determination of carbon residue — Ramsbottom method (second                             |
| 4262 : 1993                          | revision)   |
| (Part 10/Sec2):                      | Petroleum and related products from natural or synthetic sources                        |
| 2021/ISO 3016: 2019                  | Section 2 Determination of pour point (third revision)                                  |
| (Part 15): 2004 / ISO                | Petroleum products — Corrosiveness to copper strip test (third                          |
| 2160 : 1998                          | revision)   |
| (Part 22): 2019                      | Determination of asphaltenes (heptane insoluble) in crude petroleum                     |
|                                      | and petroleum products (third revision)   |
| (Part 25/Sec 1): 2018                | Transparent and opaque liquids section 1 Determination of                               |
| / ISO 3104                           | kinematic viscosity and calculation of dynamic viscosity (second revision)              |
| (Part 55/Sec 1): 2004                | Determination of saponification value of petroleum products ( <i>first revision</i> )   |
| (Part 56): 2013 /<br>ISO 2909 : 2002 | Calculation of viscosity index from kinematic viscosity (third revision)                |
| (Part 67): 2020                      | Determination of foaming characteristics of lubricating oils ( <i>second revision</i> ) |
| (Part 69): 2019 /                    | Determination of flash and fire points — Cleveland open cup method                      |
| ISO 2592:2017                        | (second revision)   |
| (Part 96): 2019                      | Petroleum products and lubricants — Petroleum oils and other fluids                     |
|                                      | — Determination of rust-preventing characteristics in the presence                      |
|                                      | of water (first revision)   |
| (Part 170): 2021 /                   | Determination of the extreme pressure and anti-wear properties                          |
| ISO 20623 : 2017                     | of lubricants — Four-ball method European conditions (first                             |
|                                      | revision)   |

#### 3 GRADES

Gear lubricants shall be of eleven grades primarily on the basis of kinematic viscosity, namely, VG 32, VG 46, VG 68, VG 100, VG 150, VG 220, VG 320, VG 460, VG 680, VG 1000 and VG 1500 as indicated in Table 1.

#### **4 REQUIREMENTS**

#### 4.1 General Requirements

**4.1.1** The material shall be formulated using mineral lubricating oil base stock [virgin or re-refined (*see* Note) or combination thereof] compounded with vegetable oil like rapeseed oil; triglyceride, ester or any other suitable bio-based fatty ingredient along with, if required, additives such as pour point depressants, rust inhibitor and defoamant necessary to meet the requirements of this standard.

NOTE - The incorporation of re-refined oils in the formulation should be declared by the supplier to the user along with the properties of base oil. The initial total acid number (TAN) value of the base oil shall not be more than 0.05 for guaranteeing proper re-refining. The re-refined base oil shall conform to appropriate parts of IS 18722.

- **4.1.2** The nature and percentage of the fatty ingredients used for compounding shall be declared by the supplier and approved by the purchaser.
- **4.1.3** The material shall be clear, homogeneous, free from water, suspended matter, dust, sediment or any allied extraneous impurities.

#### **4.2 Specific Requirements**

The material shall comply with the requirements prescribed in Table 1 when tested according to the relevant methods of test as given in col 14 of Table 1.

#### 5 PACKING AND MARKING

#### 5.1 Packing

Material shall be packed in suitable containers of appropriate size and strength as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.

#### 5.2 Marking

- **5.2.1** The containers shall be securely closed and marked with the following:
  - a) Indication of the source of manufacture;
  - b) Name and grade of the material;
  - c) Net mass/volume of material;
  - d) Recognized trade-mark, if any; and
  - e) Identification in code or batch number to enable the lot of consignment or manufacture to be traced back from records.

**5.2.2** All markings including batch number shall be made on the flat end when the material is packed in barrels.

#### 5.3 BIS Certification Marking

The product(s) conforming to the requirements of this standard may be certified as per the conformity assessment schemes under the provisions of the *Bureau of Indian Standards Act*, 2016 and the rules and regulations framed thereunder, and the products may be marked with the Standard Mark.

#### **6 SAMPLING AND CRITERIA FOR CONFORMITY**

- **6.1** Representative samples of material shall be drawn as prescribed in IS 1447 (Part 1).
- **6.2** Tests for determining all the characteristics given in Table 1 of the standard shall be conducted on the composite sample.
- **6.3** The lot shall be declared as conforming to the requirements of this standard, if all the test results on the composite sample satisfy the requirements of this standard.

# **Requirements for Gear Lubricants, Compounded**

(Clauses 1.2, 3, 4.2 and 6.2)

| Sl   | Characteristics        |         |         |         |       | Gra    | de Requir | rements |        |        |            |       |                    |
|------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|------------|-------|--------------------|
| No   |                        |         |         |         |       |        |           |         |        |        | Methods of |       |                    |
|      |                        | (       |         |         |       |        |           |         |        |        |            |       | Test               |
|      |                        | VG 32   | VG 46   | VG 68   | VG    | VG     | VG        | VG      | VG     | VG     | VG         | VG    |                    |
|      |                        |         |         |         | 100   | 150    | 220       | 320     | 460    | 680    | 1000       | 1500  |                    |
| (1)  | (2)                    | (3)     | (4)     | (5)     | (6)   | (7)    | (8)       | (9)     | (10)   | (11)   | (12)       | (13)  | (14)               |
| i)   | Kinematic              | 28.8 to | 41.4 to | 61.2 to | 90 to | 135 to | 198 to    | 288 to  | 414 to | 612 to | 900 to     | 1 350 | IS 1448 (Part      |
|      | viscosity, at 40       | 35.2    | 50.6    | 74.8    | 110   | 165    | 242       | 352     | 506    | 748    | 1 000      | to 1  | ,                  |
|      | °C, mm <sup>2</sup> /s | 33.2    | 30.6    | /4.8    | 110   | 103    | 242       | 332     | 300    | /48    | 1 000      | 650   | 25/Sec 1)          |
| ii)  | Viscosity index,       | 90      | 90      | 90      | 90    | 90     | 90        | 90      | 90     | 80     | 80         | 80    | IS 1448 (Part 56)  |
|      | Min                    | 90      | 90      | 90      | 90    | 90     | 90        | 90      | 90     | 80     | 80         | 00    | 15 1446 (1 art 50) |
| iii) | Flash point            |         |         |         |       |        |           |         |        |        |            |       |                    |
|      | (Cleveland open        | 160     | 180     | 180     | 200   | 200    | 200       | 230     | 230    | 230    | 250        | 250   | IS 1448 (Part 69)  |
|      | cup), °C, Min          |         |         |         |       |        |           |         |        |        |            |       |                    |
| iv)  | Acidity                |         |         |         |       |        |           |         | l      | l      |            | L     |                    |
|      | Organic, mg            | 0.25    | 0.25    | 0.25    | 0.25  | 0.25   | 0.25      | 0.25    | 0.25   | 0.25   | 0.25       | 0.25  |                    |
|      | KOH/g, Max             | 0.23    | 0.23    | 0.23    | 0.23  | 0.23   | 0.23      | 0.23    | 0.23   | 0.23   | 0.23       | 0.23  | IS 1448 (Part 2)   |
|      | Inorganic, mg          |         | 1       | 1       | 1     | •      | NT'1      | 1       | •      | •      |            |       | ]                  |
|      | KOH/g, Max             |         |         |         |       |        | Nil       |         |        |        |            |       |                    |

| v)    | Saponification    |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
|-------|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|--------------------|
|       | value, mg         | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20     | 10 - 20     | 10 - 20     | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20 | 10 - 20  | 10 - 20 | IS 1448 (Part 55)  |
|       | KOH/g of oil      |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
| vi)   | Pour point, °C,   |         |         |         |         | -3          |             |             |         |         | 0        |         | IS 1448 (Part      |
|       | Max               | •       |         |         |         | -s <u> </u> |             |             | -       | •       | _        | <b></b> | 10/Sec 2)          |
| vii)  | Ash, percent by   |         |         |         |         |             | _ 0.01      |             |         |         |          |         | IS 1448 (Part      |
|       | mass, Max         | -       | 0.01    |         |         |             |             |             |         |         | 4/Sec 1) |         |                    |
| viii) | Hard asphalt      |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
|       | (Asphaltene-      |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
|       | content),         | 0.01    | 0.01    | 0.01    | 0.01    | 0.01        | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.2     | 0       | 0.2      | 0.2     | IS 1448 (Part 22)  |
|       | percent by        |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
|       | mass, Max         |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
| ix)   | Carbon residue    |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
|       | Ramsbottom,       | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 2.0         | 2.0         | 2.0         | 2.0     | 2.0     | 3.5      | 3.5     | IS 1448 (Part 8)   |
|       | percent by        | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 1.0     | 2.0         | 2.0         | 2.0         | 2.0     | 2.0     | 3.3      | 3.3     | 15 1446 (Fait 6)   |
|       | mass, Max         |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
| x)    | Copper strip      |         |         |         |         |             | 1           | 1           |         | •       |          |         |                    |
|       | corrosion test at |         |         |         |         |             | 1           | _           |         |         |          |         | IS 1448 (Part 15)  |
|       | 100 °C for 3 h,   |         |         |         |         |             | 1           | _           |         |         |          |         | 15 1440 (1 ait 13) |
|       | Max               |         |         |         |         |             |             |             |         |         |          |         |                    |
| xi)   | Rust protection   | •       |         |         | No      | rust after  | r 24 h with | distilled v | water — |         |          | -       | IS 1448 (Part 96)  |

| xii)  | Foam                           |                                   |                           |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|       | tendency/stabili               |                                   |                           |
|       | ty, ml/ml, Max                 |                                   | IC 1449 (Doub 67)         |
|       | Sequence I                     | → 300/Nil →                       | IS 1448 (Part 67)         |
|       | Sequence II                    | ◆ 50/Nil →                        |                           |
|       | Sequence III                   | → 300/Nil →                       |                           |
| xiii) | Stability test at 0 °C         | and shall flow readily on tilting | Annex A                   |
| xiv)  | Four Ball Wear<br>Scar Dia     | ◆ To Report                       | IS 1448 (Part             |
| xv)   | Four Ball Weld<br>Load         | To Report                         | 170)                      |
| xvi)  | Biodegradabilit y <sup>a</sup> | To Report                         | OECD 301B /<br>ASTM D5864 |

#### ANNEX A

[Table 1, Sl No. (xiii)]

#### TEST METHOD FOR STABILITY

#### **A-1 PROCEDURE**

Heat the oil to 80 °C and allow to cool down to room temperature. Fill a test-tube 18 mm in diameter with the oil to a height of about 30 mm. Then seal or cork tightly and coat with a suitable wax to avoid moisture getting in. Expose the tube containing the oil to a temperature of 0 °C for 48 h. Immediately after the exposure, visually examine the oil for the requirements specified in Table 1.