

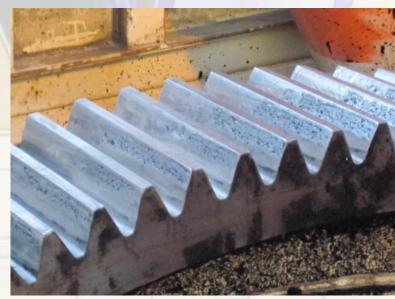
PETROTAC EP PREMIUM 30B ON SHOVEL HOIST RING GEARS

A mine in Chile was facing several problems on their shovel hoist gears. The mine was using a low viscosity grease type product with a very high welding force which was in accordance with OEM requirements.

Different types of damage was appearing on the hoist gear surfaces at varying periods of operating hours. The OEM average gear life is 25,000 working hours.



Shovel #8



Shovel #10



Shovel #8



Shovel # 10



Date: June 2012

Operating hours: 10,000 hours

Status: Pitting over 100% of

teeth, 32 broken Teeth

Date: August 2012

Operating hours: 3,000 hours

Status: Pitting over 100% Teeth



TEST CONDITION AND GOAL

The shovel OEM released a new technical advisory document for OGL lubricants. Our Petrotac EP Premium 30B shovel lubricant fully complied with this technical advisory document.

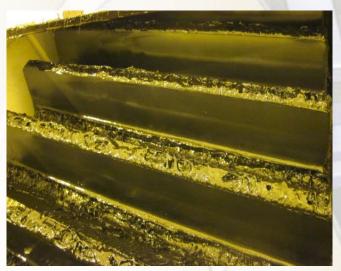
The mine has a valid contract with the lubricant supplier. The contract includes lubricant filling and automatic lubrication systems services. Because of this contract the user can't replace the lubricant for the complete shovel however due to the prevailing problems it allows it to change it for the Hoist circuit.

The mine asked to test our lubricant only on the Hoist Gear circuit on a new shovel the mine was erecting. The requirement was we should surpass the actual average life of ring gears which was 12,000 working hours. At this average life the ring gears were replaced due to the bad conditions already shown.

The test started at the new shovel # 11 on June 2012.



FIRST INSPECTIONS 2012





300 operating hours





July 2012, 500 operating hours





April 2013, 4,470 operating hours



Nov 2013, 7,600 operating hours





FINAL INSPECTION: April 2014, 12,000+ operating hours



Final test results

- Shovel # 11 surpassed the targeted 12,000 operating hours without any surface damage.
- Timer setting was: cycle of 8 minutes Injectors 100 % open
- The mine was satisfied with our performance and switched the Hoist Gear Iubricant to our Petrotac Premium 30B on the remaining shovels.

Update

In December 2015 Shovel #11 surpassed 22,000 working hours without any Surface damage.

Petrotac EP Premium 30B continues to protect this very important shovel component.