

Results outside the normal range are highlighted red

Results with borderline values are highlighted yellow

Results within the normal range are highlighted green

## Oil Analysis Report - Explained

**Name:** The name of the customer  
**Unit ID:** The ID of the equipment sampled  
**Sample Type:** The type of equipment the sample was taken from  
**Condition:** The overall condition of the sample

### Sample Information

<b>Sample ID #:</b>	ID Number from the sample bottle. Each SPEEDiagnostix sample kit features a unique ID number that provides traceability for each sample.
<b>Sample Date:</b>	The date the sample was taken. Knowing when samples were taken is very important in the trend analysis process.
<b>Oil Brand:</b>	The brand of the oil used. This information can be used to compare the used oil results to the specifications of the new oil (if available).
<b>Viscosity Grade:</b>	The viscosity grade of the oil. The results of the lab viscosity test is compared to the new oil viscosity to gauge the health of the oil.
<b>Mileage:</b>	The number of miles on the oil. This is critical information in the evaluation and calculation of the wear rate.

### Oil Health

### Test Descriptions

<b>Viscosity @ 100C:</b>	Viscosity measurement to check whether or not the oil is still in the correct viscosity range. A change in viscosity means a change in oil health.
<b>Oxidation Value:</b>	Oxidation is the chemical breakdown of the oil. The higher the number, the greater the oxidation, which means greater oil degradation.
<b>Fuel Dilution:</b>	Fuel dilution lowers the viscosity of the oil and indicates tune up or fuel delivery problems. POSITIVE indicates abnormal fuel dilution levels.
<b>Water:</b>	The presence of water in the oil indicates a problem. Water can come from a coolant leak or from extended low temperature operation.
<b>Glycol:</b>	POSITIVE indicates glycol contamination, which typically comes from a coolant leak. Glycol will destroy the lubricating properties of the oil.
<b>Potassium:</b>	Potassium can also indicate coolant contamination, which typically comes from a blown head gasket. Potassium levels under 10 are normal.
<b>Silicon:</b>	Silicon can come from the anti-foam additive in the oil, airborne dust entering the engine, silicone sealants, or piston and Alusil bore wear.
<b>Additives (ppm):</b>	Different types of oil will contain various additives, so the individual additive types and levels will vary according to application.
Calcium	is a detergent additive that keeps parts clean, prevents rust and neutralizes acids. It is typically found in motor oils and transmission fluids.
Sodium	is also a detergent additive that keeps parts clean and neutralizes acids. It is found in some motor oils.
Magnesium	is also a detergent additive that keeps parts clean and neutralizes acids. It is found in some motor oils and transmission fluids.
Phosphorus	is an anti-wear additive, and it typically comes from ZDDP. Phosphorus is a key anti-wear additive, and it is limited in API licensed oils.
Zinc	is an anti-wear additive and anti-oxidant, and it also comes from ZDDP. Combined with Phosphorus, Zinc is a key anti-wear additive in motor oils.
Molybdenum	is a multi-functional additive. Molybdenum provides anti-wear protection, reduces friction and inhibits oxidation.
Boron	reduces friction and reduces wear. Boron is typically used in combination with Molybdenum and ZDDP.

### Equipment Health

### Test Descriptions

<b>Wear Trend:</b>	<b>Wear Metals (ppm):</b>	The parts per million (ppm) of metals in the oil from worn parts in the engine, transmission, gear box, etc....
	Iron	is the main element in steel and cast iron, so the presence of iron in the used oil indicates wear of cast iron and steel parts. Rust increases Iron levels.
	Chromium	is an alloy combined with iron to make steel, so the presence of Chromium in the oil indicates wear of steel parts.
	Copper	is an alloy combined with tin to make bronze, which is a common material used to make bushings. Also, copper is used to make Babbitt bearings.
	Tin	is an alloy combined with copper to make bronze, which is a common material used to make bushings. Also, tin is used to make Babbitt bearings.
	Lead	is an alloy in Babbitt bearings, which are commonly used in automotive engines. Lead is also an anti-knock compound that is found in leaded fuels.
	Aluminum	is the main element in most pistons, and some engines utilize aluminum cylinder bores. So, the presence of Aluminum indicates piston and bore wear.
	Manganese	is an alloy used in Manganese Bronze, which is a high strength bronze often used in valve guides. It is also found in Octane boosters.
	Titanium	is a lightweight metal that is sometimes used in racing engines to make parts such as valve spring retainers. Also, Titanium is an additive in some oils.
	Vanadium	is an alloy combined with iron to make steel, so the presence of Vanadium in the oil indicates wear of steel parts such as crankshafts or gears.
	<b>Total Metals:</b>	The total of all wear metals in parts per million (ppm) from the sample. This is helpful in determining the overall wear rate.
	<b>Wear / 1,000 miles:</b>	This is the wear rate, and it is a calculation of the total wear metals divided by the number of miles on the oil to yield the rate of wear per 1,000 miles

### Comments / Recommendations

\*\*\* Wear Trend: Statistical analysis of the trend in wear rates for each wear metal over the history of samples taken from this piece of equipment. The wear trend can help detect problems before the wear levels ever reach caution or warning levels. Taking used oil samples on a regular basis is important because wear trend analysis is a powerful tool for extending the life of equipment.

Check sampling method & Re-sample immediately.	Warning
Re-sample at normal drain interval - Check trend analysis.	Caution
No action required - Results are normal.	Good

## Oil Analysis Report - Steps To Take

If your report comes back with either a yellow "Caution" or a red "Warning" condition, it can be alarming, especially if the equipment seems to be operating normally. Don't panic, we are here to help. This page provides the steps to take if your report displays a "Caution" or "Warning" condition.

Because of the serious nature of these decisions, it is important to be 100% certain that the data and sample submitted are accurate and representative. The first step is to review the data submitted with the sample. Please ensure the correct information was submitted. The second step is to review the method used to take the sample. An improperly taken sample can cause a false "Caution" or "Warning" condition, so review the recommended sample collection method provided at <https://www.speediagnostix.com/taking-a-sample>. Once the sample information and sampling method have been verified, the action required for any "Caution" level condition is to re-sample at the normal drain interval. This provides a conservative opportunity to check the trend analysis. A "Caution" level condition means the results are within acceptable levels, but on the high side of the acceptable range. For a "Caution" level, no other steps need to be taken.

A "Warning" level means the results are beyond acceptable, which means the equipment sampled is at risk. The list of test results and recommended actions below provides the correct steps to take if your report comes back with red "Warning" conditions on one or more individual tests. Besides following the recommended steps below, take another sample as soon as possible to determine the trend analysis. Two samples that both indicate

Oil Health	Recommended Action
<b>Viscosity @ 100C:</b>	Make sure the viscosity listed on the sample submission form is the same as the viscosity installed in the equipment. Once verified, a low viscosity reading is typically due to fuel dilution. Check the injectors/carburetor to ensure proper function and air/fuel ratio. It is good practice to periodically use a fuel injector/carburetor cleaning additive to prevent excess fuel dilution from dirty injectors. A high viscosity reading is due to oxidation.
<b>Oxidation Value:</b>	A high oxidation reading means the oil is past its useful life or it contains Ester base oils. If the oil is not Ester based, then reduce the drain interval. If the oil is Ester based, please submit a sample of the unused oil to establish the oxidation baseline for your oil.
<b>Fuel Dilution:</b>	As stated above, check the injectors or carburetor. Dirty injectors or gummed-up carburetors can cause fuel dilution problems.
<b>Water:</b>	Check the coolant system for leaks. Blown head gaskets and damaged bores can introduce water into the oiling system. Also, frequently starting an engine during storage without bringing the engine fully up to operating temperature can cause a build up of water from condensation. As a result, avoid starting the engine unless it is going to run long enough to get up to a normal operating temperature (typically 20 minutes).
<b>Glycol:</b>	Glycol comes from Anti-Freeze contamination, so glycol indicates a coolant leak. Accordingly, check the cooling system for leaks.
<b>Potassium:</b>	Potassium typically comes from anti-freeze, so check for coolant system leaks and make sure any funnels used to fill the equipment were not used to fill the radiator. Cross contamination of automotive chemicals does happen by accident, and it can be the cause of "Caution" level conditions.
<b>Silicon:</b>	Silicon typically comes from airborne dust, so check the air filter and/or breathers on the equipment. High levels of silicon can also come from seals and sealants, so replacing or installing new parts can cause the silicon levels to spike. Continued sampling will reveal if the silicon came from sealants or from dust and dirt contamination. Good filters with proper fit greatly reduce silicon contamination.
Equipment Health	Recommended Action
<b>Wear Metals (ppm):</b>	<b>Any red "Warning" level wear metal results should be taken seriously. Recommended actions and investigations should be handled promptly.</b>
Iron	Typically indicates cylinder bore and/or valvetrain wear. Check leak down and valve lash.
Chromium	Typically indicates piston ring wear. Check leak down. Chromium can also come from steel alloys, so check valve lash.
Copper	Typically indicates bearing, bushing or distributor gear wear. Check filter for wear debris.
Tin	Typically indicates bearing wear. If copper, tin and lead are all high, bearing damage has likely occurred. Check filter for wear debris.
Lead	Typically indicates bearing wear. If only lead is high, check fuel to see if leaded fuel or AV gas has used.
Aluminum	Typically indicates piston wear and even cylinder bore wear in aluminum bore engines (Alusil and Nikasil). High tin and aluminum levels together can indicate bi-metal aluminum bearing wear.
Manganese	Typically indicates indicate valve guide wear. Check for play between the valve stem and valve guide. Also, very high levels of manganese indicates the use of MMT based octane booster.
Titanium	Typically indicates valve spring retainer wear. Other parts such as connecting rods, wrist pins and valves can also be made from titanium. Check valve lash. Because titanium can also be an oil additive, sample unused oil to check for the presence of titanium as an oil additive in the fresh oil.
Vanadium	Typically indicates wear of steel parts such as crankshafts or timing chains and gears. Check filter for debris.
<b>Total Metals:</b>	Indicates the overall wear metals in the sample. A red "Warning" level on this and other individual wear metals indicates a higher level of severity. Inspect the equipment before continued use of the equipment to prevent catastrophic damage.
<b>Wear / 1,000 miles:</b>	A red "Warning" level indicates an elevated wear rate. Check the sampling procedure and the recorded mileage or hours on the sample to ensure the sample was taken properly and the actual mileage or hours were recorded on the sample submission form.
Wear Trend	
A red "Warning" level indicates a significant shift in the results compared to previous samples. Resample as soon as possible to determine if the abnormal result is an anomaly or indication of a change in equipment health.	