

# Introducing ATC Document 118

## Lubricant Additives: Use and Benefits



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## Purpose

- Introduction to ATC; organisation and objectives
- Explains the contribution lubricant additives make to industry, consumers and the environment

## Scope

- Automotive engine oil additives
- Europe (EU-28)

## Target audience

- Regulators, Educators, Employers
- Anyone interested in our industry

## Availability

- Online <https://www.atc-europe.org/>
- Hardcopies

Sister document (Document 113) also Available covering Fuel Additives



# ATC Member Companies



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# Lubricant Additive Industry Profile in 2016



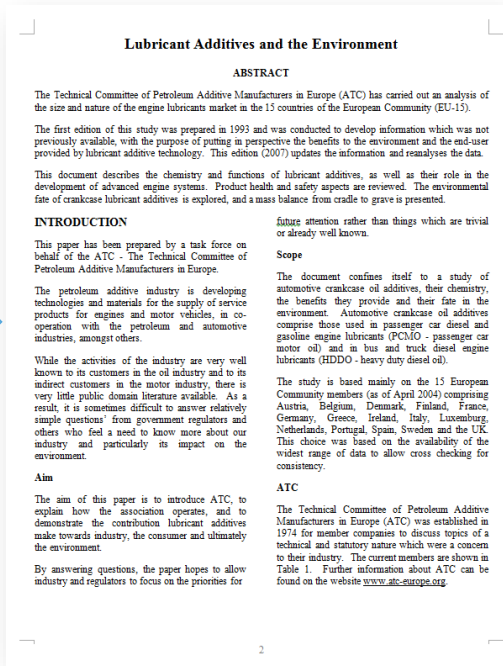
- World-wide the industry spends about €600 million/annum on research and development, of which €240 million is spent in Europe (EU-28).
- World-wide the industry has a turnover of about €11,700 million of which the European market is about €3,600 million.
- The industry employs directly about 3,800 people in Europe and about 12,000 globally.
- The industry operates more than 35 research and development establishments and manufacturing sites in Europe, and more than 100 globally.
- The petroleum additive industry in Europe is a major exporter.



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### History of Additive Development

Early 1930s to current developments

### Chemistry of Lubricant Additives

Chemical description of main additive classes; e.g. dispersants, detergents, anti-oxidants, anti-wear components and friction modifiers

### Health, Safety and the Environment

Chemical Regulations (REACH) and additive contribution to exhaust emission reduction; Disposal and re-refining of used oil

### Benefits of Lubricant Additives

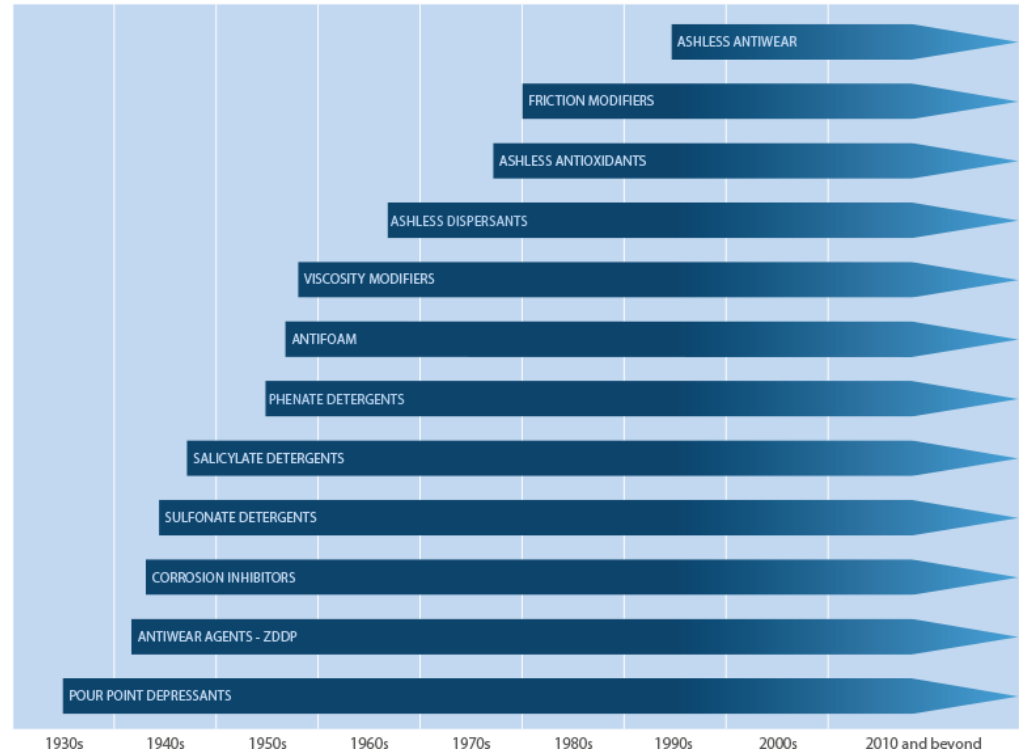
Additive contribution to fuel economy and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction; Lubrication engineering for durability and engine protection



# History of Additive Development

## Early 1930s to Current

- Additive development is a key activity of ATC members and is driven by new lubricant specifications, to meet higher engine oil performance for new engine designs and increasing fuel economy demands.
- Recent innovations do focus on ashless additives and friction modifiers.





- Document 118 describes each of the major classes of additive chemistry.

Additive Class	Function & Mode of Operation
<b>Detergents</b>	Detergents are surface active. Deposit precursors are trapped within the detergent micelle keeping them in solution.
<b>Dispersants</b>	Prevent larger particle agglomeration and hence oil thickening. Effective at stabilising soot produced by diesel engines.
<b>Antiwear</b>	Prevent wear of metal surfaces by reduction of friction during boundary lubrication by forming low shear films on metal surfaces. ZDDPs are by far the most effective antiwear agents.
<b>Anti oxidants / Anti corrosion</b>	Prevent oil thickening and build up of corrosive acids by disrupting the chain propagation steps of the oxidative reaction, acting as either peroxide decomposers or free radical traps.
<b>Antifoam</b>	Prevent foaming by reducing surface tension of air bubbles causing them to rupture.
<b>Friction Modifiers</b>	Reduce power loss by forming films between metal surfaces during boundary lubrication.
<b>Pour Point Depressants</b>	Reduces the lowest temperature at which an oil will pour or flow when cooled. Inhibit the formation of interlocking wax crystal networks.
<b>Viscosity Modifiers</b>	High molecular weight polymers which increase oil viscosity at higher temperature, allowing acceptable engine operation over a much wider temperature range

Figure 8. Overbased Detergent

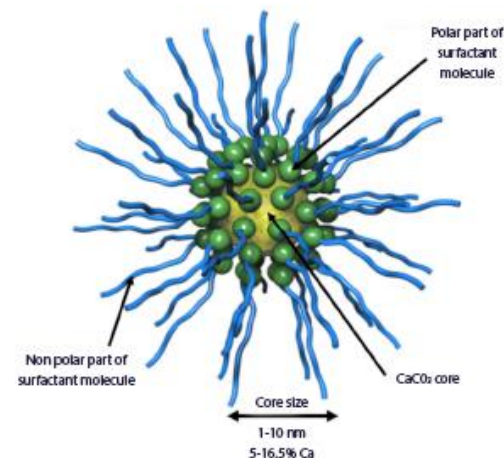
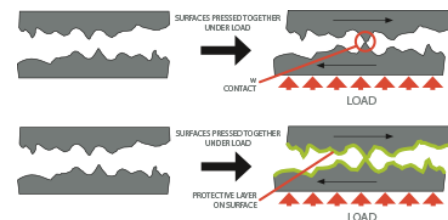
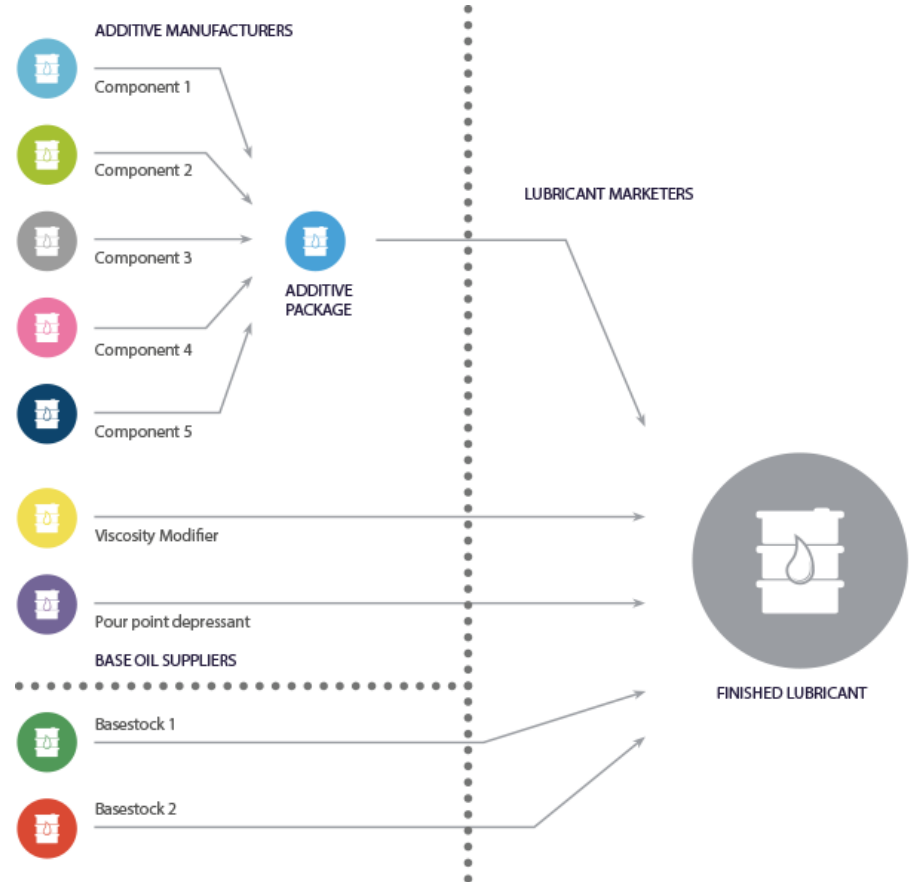


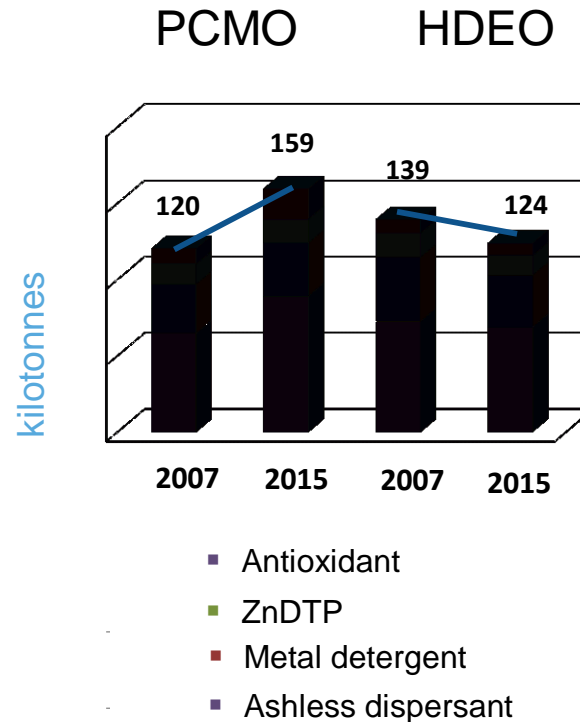
Figure 17. Illustration of Boundary Lubrication



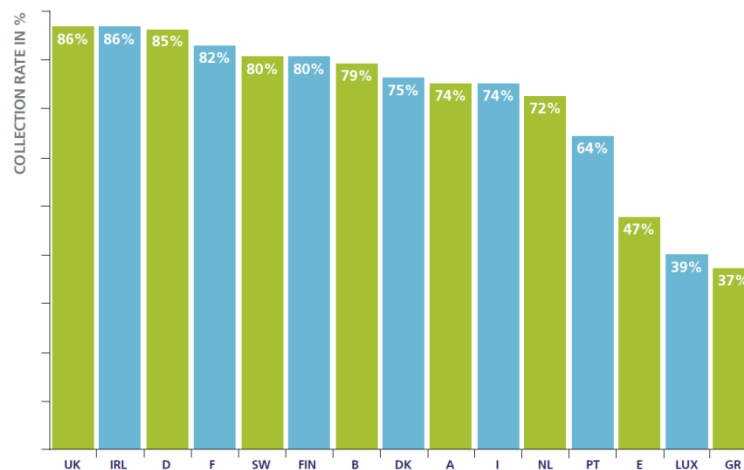
- Performance additive packages are complex mixtures of individual components.
- Formulation expertise is required to ensure synergistic and adversarial effects are balanced.
- Document 118 presents an update of typical formulations for both PCMO and HDEO lubricants.
  - Update member survey
  - Weighted averages
  - Major component categories
  - Constituent additive components



- A study was conducted providing insights to current formulation and market trends. The document presents rationale for those trends including
  - Market size; i.e. EU-15 expansion to EU-28
  - Changes in formulation strategies due to emission legislation
  - Growth in lower viscosity lubricants
  - Extended oil drain intervals
  - Use of alternative fuels
- EU-28 sales of major additive classes show growth in PCMO, in particular for dispersants and antioxidants.



- This update of Document 118 includes a brief summary of the work done by the ATC / ATIEL REACH Working Group in the HSE section covering
  - Generic Exposure Scenarios
  - Specific Environmental Release Categories
- Impact of environmental legislation on lubricant formulation.
  - Formulating without hazardous chemistries, e.g. Chlorine, Barium
  - Reduction of Sulphur, Phosphorus and Ash
- Engine oil consumption and disposal.
  - Collection rate varies by country
- Re-refining and re-use of engine oils
  - Re-refined base oils can be classified as API Group I, II or III.



Collection rate (%) by country

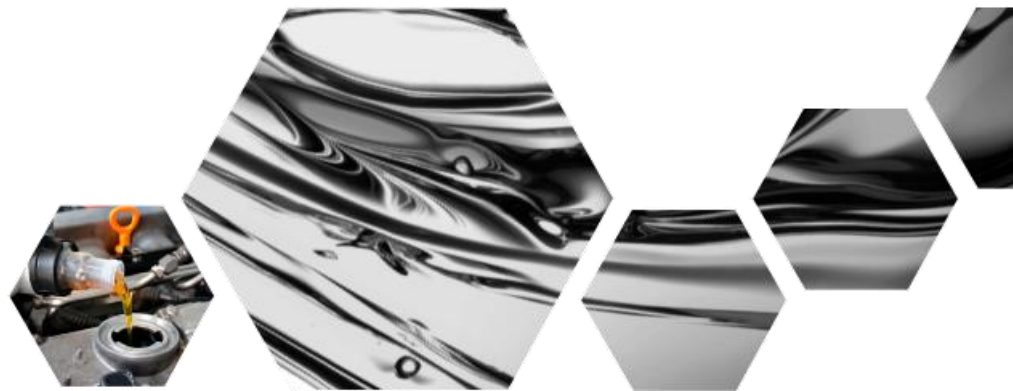
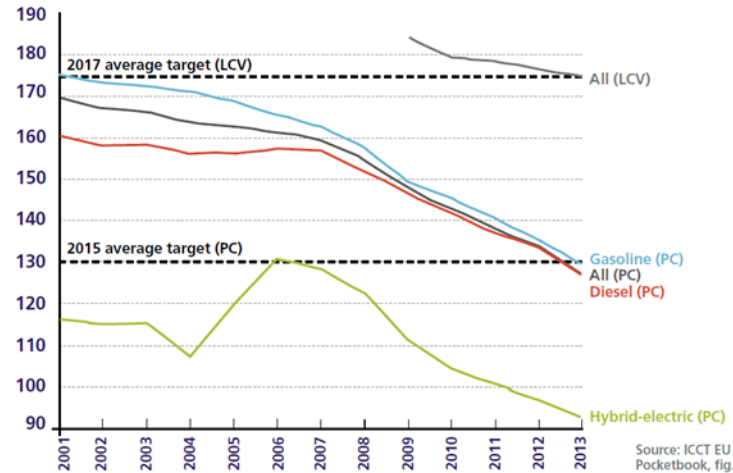


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# Benefits of Lubricant Additives

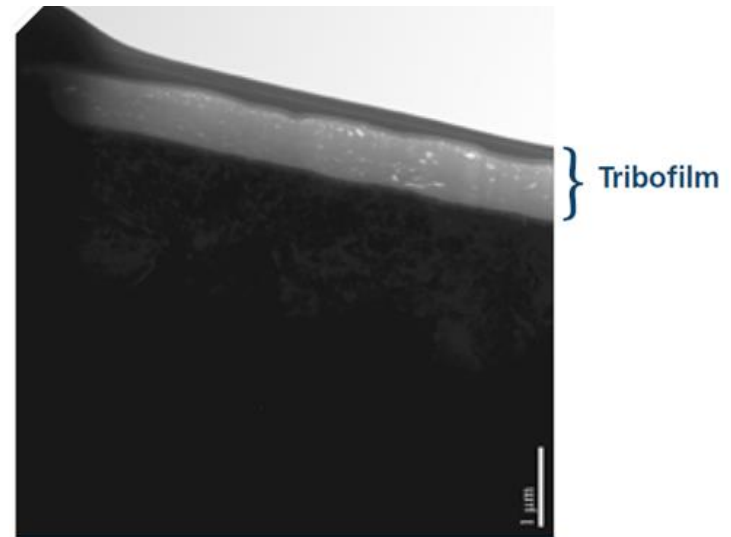
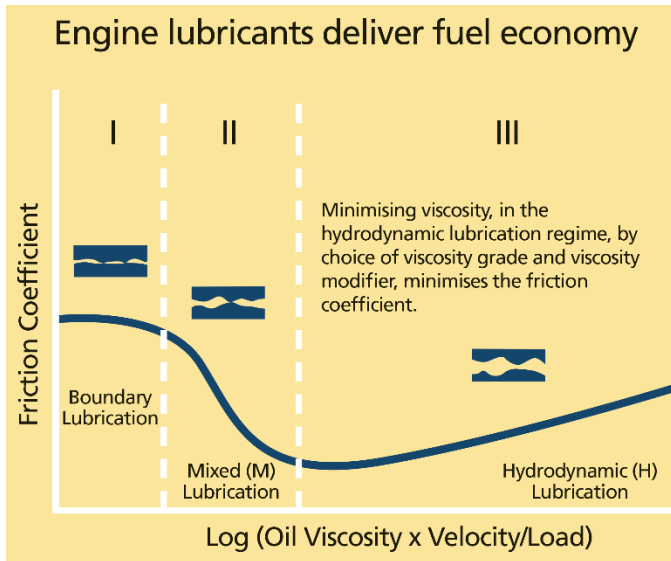
- Significantly enhanced section on the benefits of lubricant additives included in this update of the document covering
  - CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and fuel economy
  - Durability and protection
  - Compatibility with alternative fuels
  - Additives as engine design components
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction** – EU Exhaust Emission Regulations including penalties for non-compliance are in place. Lubricants with innovative additive technology can reduce engine friction to improve fuel economy performance.

Average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km)



# Benefits of Lubricant Additives

- **Fuel Economy** – Reducing energy loss due to friction in the engine is key to improving the fuel economy performance of vehicles; this has driven the trend towards lower viscosity oils.
- **Durability and Protection** – Increasing power output at higher-load engines combined with longer drain intervals requires additive technology to protect and form anti-wear layers on surfaces.



ZDDP tribofilm on metal test piece



# Benefits of Lubricant Additives

- **Bio-Fuel compatibility** – Biofuel dilution in engine oils requires additive technology which prevent viscosity increase and sludge formation.
- **Lubrication Engineering** – Lubricant additives are now considered as lubrication engineering design components enabling significant advances in engine design.

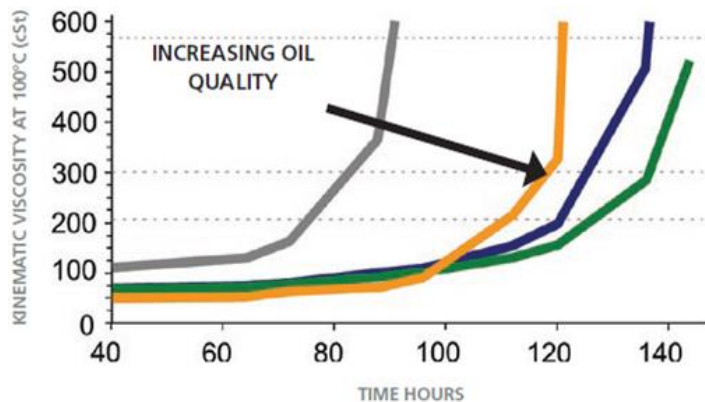


Figure 31 – Impact of Different Oil Formulations on Oxidation Performance in the Presence of Biodiesel

Factors	1996	2014	Change and Impact
<b>Engine</b>	2.3L Gasoline	2.0L Gasoline	-15% smaller
<b>Power</b>	148 HP	220 HP	+48% more power
<b>Power Density</b>	64 HP/litre	110 HP/litre	+72% power density
<b>Emissions</b>	Euro II	Euro VI	Reduced Emissions
<b>Weight</b>	1147 kg	1407 kg	+23% heavier
<b>0-100 km/hr</b>	8.2 s	6.5 s	More performance

Table 12. Example of Changes in Passenger Car OEM Hardware

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- First edition produced in 1993 and revised in 2007.
- Aims to show the contribution lubricant additives make towards the automotive industry, the consumer and the impact on the environment.
- This edition (2016) provides an update on recent additive developments and contains recent data on the lubricant market.
- Describes the chemistry and functions of lubricant additives, as well as their role in the development of advanced engine systems.
- Product health and safety aspects are reviewed.
- The significant benefits of additive technology towards engine operation and end-users are explored.
- Useful overview document for anyone with an interest in the lubricant additive business.



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