
**Petroleum and related products —
Requirements and guidance for the
maintenance of triaryl phosphate
ester turbine control fluids**

*Pétrole et produits connexes — Exigences et recommandations pour
la maintenance des fluides de régulation de turbines à base d'esters
phosphates de triaryle*



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Introduction

Many turbine manufacturers or electrical power utilities have standardized requirements for the maintenance of triaryl phosphate ester hydraulic control fluids in service. A comparison of these requirements has made it possible to develop this document. However, the recommendations given in this document are for guidance and should not be considered as absolute. When interpreting results and deciding action, account has to be taken of various factors such as the conditions of use, the type of equipment, and the general trend in fluid characteristics.

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to the use of triaryl phosphate esters as fire-resistant fluids for turbine control and other hydraulic systems in power generation. These fluids fall under category HFDR of ISO 6743-4^[1].

This document is intended to:

- assist the power equipment operator to maintain the fluid in a condition that will ensure the safe and reliable operation of the turbine while maximizing fluid life;
- recommend procedures for examining consignments of new fluid and monitoring the fluid in use;
- provide information on the safe handling, storage and disposal of the fluid;
- offer background information on the causes of fluid degradation.

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 3170, *Petroleum liquids — Manual sampling*

ISO 3722, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluid sample containers — Qualifying and controlling cleaning methods*

ISO 4021, *Hydraulic fluid power — Particulate contamination analysis — Extraction of fluid samples from lines of an operating system*

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 <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Description of triaryl phosphate ester fluids

Triaryl phosphates are complex mixtures of products produced from the reaction of phosphorus oxychloride with substituted phenols, for example xylenol or tertiarybutylphenol, and have been used as fire-resistant fluids in power generation applications for over 55 years. While the early fluids were