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Influence of Loading, Contamination and Additive on the Wear of a Metallic Pair under Rotating and Reciprocating Lubricated Sliding

This paper deals with an experimental study of wear and friction responses from lubricated sliding. Tests were carried out using a tribometer having devices for both continuous and reciprocating motion. The tested specimens were pins of AISI 52100 steel and counter-faces of AISI 8640 steel. The lubricant was paraffin mineral oil, VI 100. The presence of additives and contamination in the lubricant was investigated under two mechanical loading levels, determined by the velocity/load relation. Wear was evaluated in terms of morphology of the worn surfaces and by dimensional analysis of worn area of the pins. It was possible to obtain a ranking of influences on wear of mechanical loading, mechanical motion, oil additive and contamination presence in oil.

Keywords: Wear, paraffin oil, abrasive contaminant, rotating motion, reciprocating motion, mechanical loading, mixed lubrication

Introduction

It is known that surface interactions control the performance of most mechanical systems. In lubricated systems, lubricant plays the essential role in wear and friction reduction of the sliding parts. According to Persson (1998), even a monolayer of lubricant at contact interface is able to change the tribological response of the system. Advancement in oil-surface interaction knowledge is needed for development of better lubricants and materials for tribological purposes. In practice, new lubricant alternatives for tribological purposes are often investigated through laboratory-simulated mechanical systems. Such experimental approach has a critical point: identification of relevant tribological variables. In order to minimize cost of laboratory simulation, simplified tentative solutions are commonly adopted. However, every simplification involves risks when selecting the relevant variables of a real system. On the other hand, use of conventional laboratory tribometers is frequently seen for variables identification task. In this case, investigations are mostly oriented specifically for evaluating materials performance, seeming that care on lubrication regime simulation of a practical application in the tribometer is considered not important. Lubrication can be affected by variables such as mechanical loading and lubricant characteristics, being examples the presence of additive and contaminant.

Literature information shows that the chemical nature of lubricant changes friction response of the system. For instance, metal-metal contact and consequent high wear and friction can be avoided with the use of adequate boundary lubricants. They can act by forming protective films with repulsive forces, which are able to prevent solid contact, then reducing growth of metallic junctions (Hutchings, 1992). Chemical nature of films depends on adsorption characteristics of polar groups of the boundary lubricant on the metallic surfaces. Efficiency of boundary lubricant is related to its "oiliness", sometimes called "lubricity". Lubricity of base oil can be improved by the use of additives such as fatty acids (Hutchings, 1992). Additives such as EP and anti-wear ones are chemical substances that react with the sliding surfaces in localized areas, forming low shear strength films at the contact regions under severe thermomechanical loading (Hutchings, 1992). Blau (1996) mentioned a mechanism for wear and friction lowering promoted by phosphorus-containing additives through eutectic phosphides

production at the friction-heated spots. The effect on wear of phosphorus-containing additives is discussed in the present work.

Although most investigations mention wear reduction when lubricant additives are used (Wang, Cheng and Gwan, 1995; Wan, Pu and Xue, 1996), it cannot be generalized. Jahanmir (1987), in lubricated sliding tests at a range of loads (150 to 3,000 N), verified wear reduction when using oil with additives only under low loads. On the contrary, wear increased at high loads and its mechanism changed from ploughing to delamination, which indicates surface material change due to chemical action of oil additive.

Presence of abrasive contaminant is another significant factor to be considered in lubricated systems. Studies have shown that it increases both wear of the contacting bodies and friction coefficient (Mehan, 1988); however, this behavior depends on the nature of materials, as shown by Mehan, Flynn and Glammarise (1991) in reciprocating block-on-ring tests, with diesel oil at 177 °C, contaminated with Al_2O_3 abrasive, rings of tungsten carbide and blocks, coated with several materials (tungsten carbide, chromium and chromium carbide). The rings had worn similarly in the tests in clean and contaminated oil, while the blocks, specially those chromium-coated, had wear increase when oil was contaminated, due to their low thermo-mechanical strength.

Concerning material properties in abrasive wear, it is evident that wear will depend on abrasive characteristics, as material toughness and particles sharpness. All factors can affect the rate of rolling motion of the abrasives between the pin and the counter-body surfaces, for instance changing the wear mechanism from cutting to ploughing. Also, abrasive material hardness has critical importance. Odi-Owei and Roylance (1987) studied lubricated abrasive wear of materials of different hardness values using a four-ball machine with oil contaminated with Al_2O_3 abrasive. They found more influence of contaminant on wear when tribopairs were of soft materials. They also observed that the critical load for lubricant film breakdown is lower when contaminant was in oil, indicating that presence of abrasive reduces integrity of the lubricant film. Dependence of abrasive wear on hardness ratio of the sliding materials to the contaminant material is subject of several works in literature. For instance, Xuan, Hong and Fitch (1989) performed oil contaminated tests in a machine simulating the contact of journal bearings, using different hardness values of journal and bearing. They proposed a mechanism for abrasive particle action at the contact, schematically shown in Fig. 1.

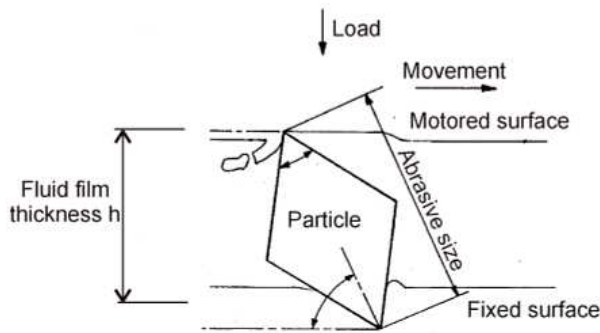


Figure 1. Indentation and cut caused by an abrasive particle in lubricated system (Xuan, Hong and Fitch, 1989).

In this Figure, a fluid film with thickness h separates the solid surfaces. Size of the particle is in a critical range able to penetrate the space between the body and the counter-body, to causing abrasion. When differences in hardness are high, particle is able to penetrate the material of lower hardness and cuts the harder surface. When differences are small, particle can either cut both surfaces or be broken, depending on hardness ratio of the abrasive to the surface materials. Critical aspect for the action of those mechanisms is the dependence on the distribution uniformity of particles along oil film layer, besides the particles size and geometry (Williams and Hyncica, 1992).

After considering some influencing parameters on tribological performance of lubricated tribopairs, it is pointed out that conventional laboratory tests are essential since they provide opportunities of studies on basic wear mechanisms. However, in order to evaluate the usefulness of laboratory tests results in practice, it is necessary to analyze existing potentialities and limitations of these tests. For instance, it is known that four-ball tests are able to evaluate tribological performance under extreme operating conditions; however, they could be inadequate for evaluating tribological behavior of systems that do not operate in such conditions. The lubrication regime and the related friction phenomena in conventional tribometer can be very different from practical situation. With wear produced in accelerated way, interaction mechanisms among the surfaces will be more severe than those found in practical situations. In practical sense, as pointed out by Dowson (1997), in order to have real tribosystems adequately simulated in laboratory, it is necessary to know the operation of the real system and their most relevant tribological variables; on the contrary, the laboratory simulation using conventional tribometers can lead to erroneous indications concerning the actual performance. On the other hand, knowledge improvement on potentialities and complexities involved in the conventional tests is also required, in order to gain benefits in the use of tribological studies performed by conventional machines. Investigation of variables and their effects on the tribological performance in the tests with such machines is thought to be required, not only in terms of operational conditions but also regarding the differences among the systems. In the case of lubricated systems, characterization of the lubrication influence is emphasized.

It is largely noticed that fundamental research in lubricated sliding is mostly conducted with systems with continuous motion, such as four-ball, ring-on-block and pin-on-disk assemblies. Sliding lubricated studies through reciprocating pin-on-plate machines (Cavdar, 1997; Culer et al., 1999; Martin et al., 1999; Maru and Sinatora, 2001) are also seen. In general, there is no fundamental reason why the continuous or the reciprocating system is chosen; option is generally based on similarity between the type of motion of the laboratory system and the actual application being studied

(Maru, 1998). In terms of tribological differences between the continuous and the reciprocating systems related to lubrication, no investigations were found. Concerning dry sliding systems, short number of investigations can be found. Some of these showed that both wear and friction are higher for continuous sliding system. Blau and Waluskas (2000) explained the higher wear and friction as caused by the formation of lips at lateral edges of the wear track, called "built-up edge", more likely to happen in continuous sliding systems. It was also confirmed by Marui and Endo (2001). As sliding proceeds, depending on the test conditions, presence of debris particles in the contact area can change wear and friction behavior. Hwang, Kim and Lee (1999) conducted rotating and reciprocating dry tests with a device to observe particles in the contact area during the test. The authors observed higher wear and friction in continuous than in reciprocating tests, the difference was in particles clustering into the contact area, which was more evident in continuous unidirectional sliding. Odabas and Su (1997) also investigated the comparative performance between unidirectional and reciprocating sliding using pin on sandpaper and also concluded that wear is lower in reciprocating sliding. They explained it by the differences in the run distances and in the amount of particles in the wear track, with larger amount in the unidirectional tests. Larger particles amount in the contact in unidirectional sliding is certainly related to small centrifugal force action on the particles, since track radius of the unidirectional sliding was smaller than the length of the reciprocating stroke (35 mm to 220 mm).

On the other hand, reciprocating, compared to unidirectional machines, can be considered as more severe to wear in terms of surface stressing. Ward (1970) studied reciprocating and rotating tribosystem configurations and their influences on dry wear of steel bodies. He observed that wear in reciprocating sliding condition was higher than in continuous sliding tests. He also observed that the load for wear transition from mild to severe regime was lower in reciprocating sliding. He related it to two main differences: surface stressing and amount of remaining wear particles in the wear track; both larger in reciprocating sliding. Differences in wear of tested specimens related with the type of system motion are also discussed in the present work.

In order to improve practical use of results obtained from laboratorial tests, it is emphasized the need of identifying how wear and friction are affected by simultaneous interaction of variables such as loading, oil contamination, oil additive presence and the mechanical system configuration.

Experimental Procedure

Sliding tests were conducted through a TE-67 Plint & Partners tribometer with two configurations: rotating pin-on-disk (D tests) and reciprocating pin-on-plate (P tests). Figure 2 shows the schematic representation of both tribosystems.

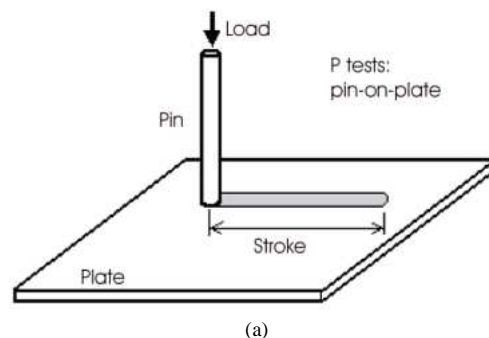


Figure 2. Geometric configuration of the tribosystems used in the (a) reciprocating and (b) rotating sliding tests.

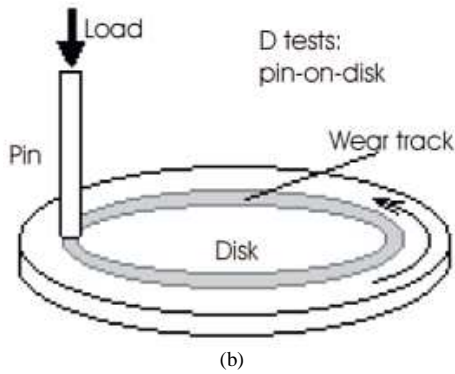


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Disk track radius (R) is equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ plate stroke length. Maximum sliding velocity (V) in reciprocating motion occurs at half-track length of plate and is equivalent to the tangential velocity in continuous motion, being $V=2.\pi.f.R$, where f is the disk rotational speed or the plate oscillation frequency. The mean sliding velocity in reciprocating motion is $V=4.f.R$.

Table 1. Summary of the testing conditions.

Test	Temperature [°C]	Load (W) [N]	Speed [rpm] (Frequency [Hz])	Stroke radius [mm]	Average velocity (V) [m/s]	Mechanical loading (V/W)	Distance [m]	Time [h]	Cycles
DD	100	80	184 (3.1)	22	0.42	Mild	6,912	4.5	50,000
PP	100	80	250 (4.2)	16 (*)	0.27	Mild	3,200	3.3	100,000
D	100	283	184 (3.1)	11	0.21	Severe	3,456	4.5	50,000
P	100	283	250 (4.2)	8 (*)	0.13	Severe	1,600	3.3	100,000

Obs.: D, DD: rotating tests; P, PP: reciprocating tests; (*) This value corresponds to the $\frac{1}{2}$ stroke in the reciprocating motion.

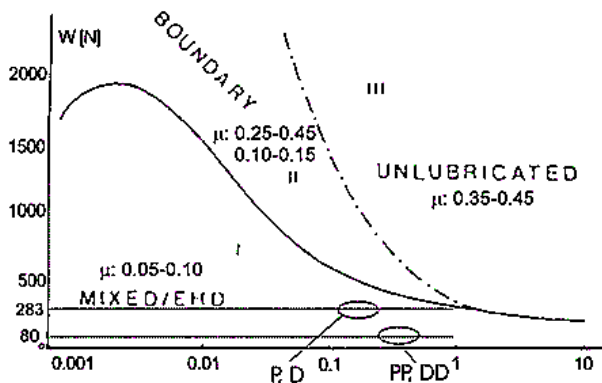


Figure 3. IRG Diagram (Gee, Begelinger and Salomon, 1984) showing the selected testing conditions.

The pin material was of AISI 52100 steel, with 3 mm diameter and 23.8 mm long and test surface rounded to 5.5 ± 0.3 mm radius². Measured hardness was 63 ± 0 HRC (25 kg). Figure 4(a) shows the top view of a pin. Some morphology similar to microcraters can be observed. The R_a (mean height of asperities) roughness of surface was 0.51 ± 0.05 μm (1.25 mm measurement length). The disk and plate material was of AISI 8640 steel, quenched and tempered to 48 ± 1 HRC hardness. The disks were machined to 75 mm diameter and 8 mm thickness and the plates to 58 mm x 38 mm x 4 mm. The surfaces were ground-finished, shown in Fig. 4(b) and 4(c). More randomly finished surface is noticed in the disk than in the plate. R_a roughness of disks was 0.65 ± 0.15 μm , and 1.3 ± 0.2 μm for plates.

² Needles rollers (NRA code), BR019 Catalogue, Rolamentos Schaeffler do Brasil, 1998.

Both devices have normal loading pneumatically applied on the pin specimen. Oil bath lubricates the tribocontact to be tested, heated by electrical resistors under the plate/disk. Friction force can be monitored throughout the tests; data in the performed tests were acquired at every 10 s.

Every sliding test was run with a previous step of 1,200 s (0.33 h) for oil heating up to 100 °C, at the test velocity without loading. After the previous step, load was applied and then 50,000 pin cycles were run on the disk in the *D* tests (equivalent to 100,000 pin cycles on the plate in the *P* tests). Two loading levels were selected, considering the normal load to average sliding velocity (V/W) ratio. Ratios were selected observing, in previous analyses, capability of oil to be kept in the contact during the sliding without being swept away by centrifugal force. The tests with mild loading level were coded as *PP* and *DD* and with severe as *P* and *D*. Table 1 summarizes the test conditions. According to the IRG diagram, which roughly indicates the transition curves among lubrication regimes based on load and velocity values (Gee, Begelinger and Salomon, 1984), the tests were conducted under mixed lubrication conditions. Figure 3 shows the IRG diagram with the selected test conditions.

As lubricants, paraffin base oils were used, one with and another without additives. Both oils, of same viscosity index (VI 100), are commercial and normally recommended for gearbox lubrication³. Oil with additives had additive pack of less than 3 % in mass, composed by alkyl phosphate and sulfured fatty acids with anticorrosive, antirust, antioxidant, anti-wear, extreme pressure (*EP*) and anti foaming properties. Optical emission spectrometry analysis in this oil showed 354 $\mu\text{g/g}$ of phosphorus. It was also analyzed by infra-red spectrometry, which detected presence of sulfur. *SA* code was used for the tests without additive and *CA* for the tests with additive.

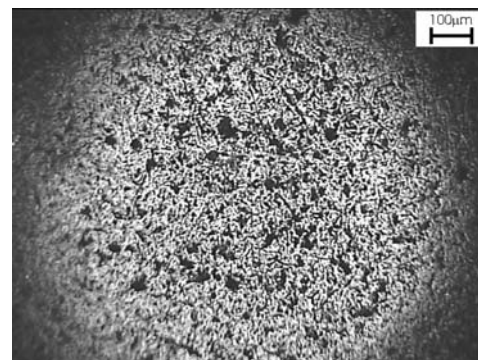


Figure 4. Microscopic observation of surfaces of the test specimens. (a) Pin; (b) disk; (c) plate.

³ Without additives oil: Vitrea 100 designation, Shell Company. Oil with additives: EGF 100 PS designation, Petrobrás Distribuidora S/A Catalogue, Lubricants Series – Vol. 1 – Rev. 01 - April/2000.

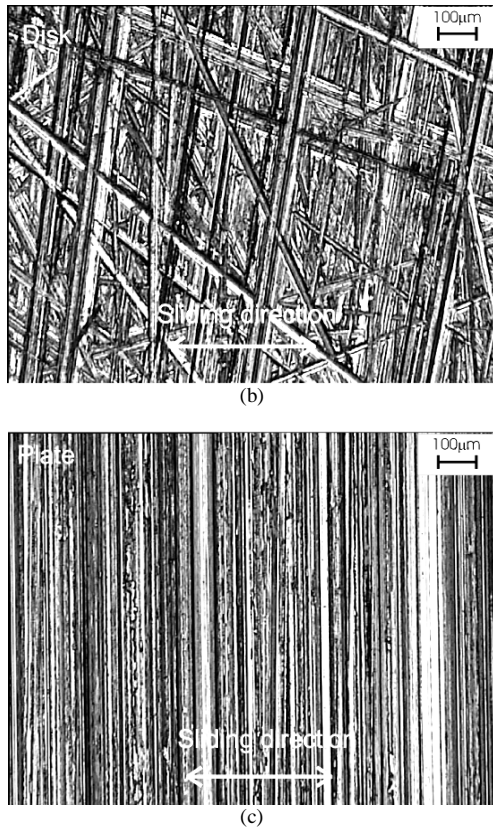


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Quartz (SiO_2) of 1,000 HV average hardness and 15 μm average particle size, was used as abrasive contaminant, in 0.5 mg/ml concentration in oil. Tab. 2 shows the codes used for the tests. At least three tests were run in each condition.

Table 2. Codification for the performed sliding tests.

Code	Loading	Additive	Contaminant	System
PP SA	Mild	No	No	Reciprocating
DD SA	Mild	No	No	Rotating
P SA	Severe	No	No	Reciprocating
D SA	Severe	No	No	Rotating
PPc SA	Mild	No	Yes	Reciprocating
DDc SA	Mild	No	Yes	Rotating
Pc SA	Severe	No	Yes	Reciprocating
Dc SA	Severe	No	Yes	Rotating

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P CA	Severe	Yes	No	Reciprocating
D CA	Severe	Yes	No	Rotating
PPc CA	Mild	Yes	Yes	Reciprocating
DDc CA	Mild	Yes	Yes	Rotating
Pc CA	Severe	Yes	Yes	Reciprocating
Dc CA	Severe	Yes	Yes	Rotating

After the tests, the contact surfaces were examined by optical and scanning electron microscopes. Wear was evaluated by measurements of the pin worn area, through image analysis software (Leica Qwin Standard V.2.2). Average values of the friction coefficient monitored during the tests were also analyzed.

Results

A way to evaluate wear is by measuring the projected area of the pin worn surface. Figure 5 shows an example of the performed measurement, obtained from a P SA test.

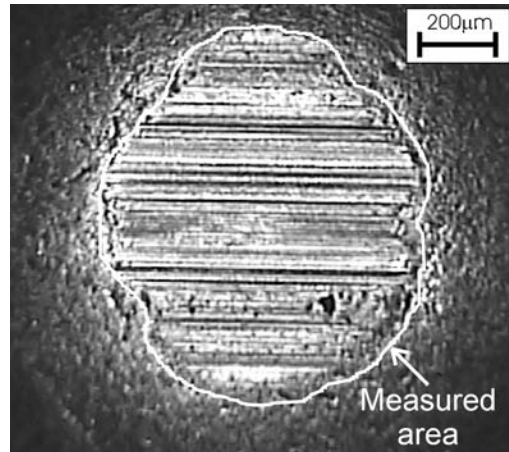


Figure 5. Illustrative example of area measurement of a tested pin.

Table 3 shows values of the worn area of the pins. Values were normalized by run distance in order to obtain comparable wear rates. In fact, it is seen that wear ranked from DD series to P series.

Table 3. Average values of wear-affected pin surface areas.

Test code	Area [$\Phi 10^3 \mu m^2$]	Std dev [$\Phi 10^3 \mu m^2$]	Run distance [m]	Normalized area [$\mu m^2/m$]	Std dev [$\mu m^2/m$]
DD CA	166	22	6,912	24	3
DDc CA	602	273	6,912	87	40
DD SA	576	218	6,912	83	32
DDc SA	559	78	6,912	81	11
PP CA	298	45	3,200	93	14
PPc CA	455	29	3,200	142	9
PP SA	338	41	3,200	106	13
PPc SA	559	40	3,200	175	12
D CA	541	62	3,456	156	18
Dc CA	655	49	3,456	189	14
D SA	755	79	3,456	218	23
Dc SA	896	33	3,456	259	10
P CA	581	33	1,600	363	20
Pc CA	756	49	1,600	321	35
P SA	727	81	1,600	454	50
Pc SA	849	118	1,600	530	74

Obs.: Std dev = standard deviation of values measured in all performed tests

The influence of the studied variables on wear is better seen in the next Figures. In terms of loading effect, as expected, increase in loading resulted in significant increase in wear, in all the tested conditions (Fig. 6). In terms of the effect of contaminant in oil, Fig. 7 shows that it was more pronounced in the tests under mild loading.

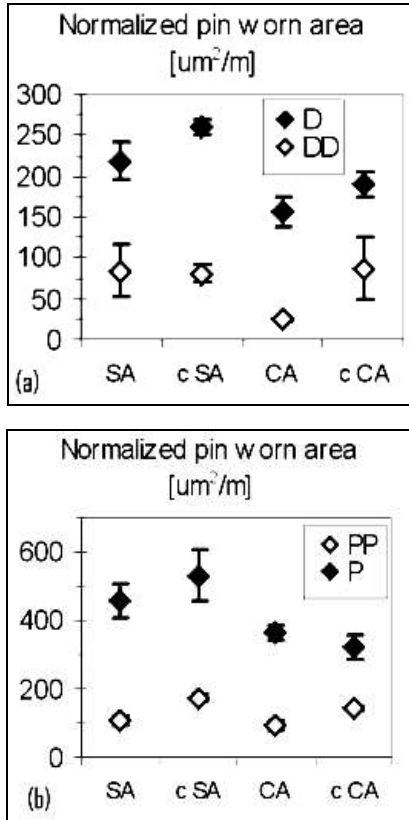


Figure 6. Normalized values of pin worn area of pin-on-disk tests (a) and pin-on-plate tests (b). Mechanical loading effect.

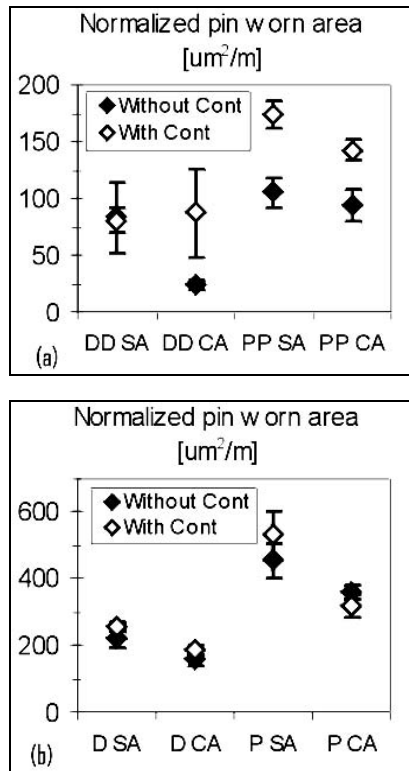


Figure 7. Normalized values of pin worn area of mild (a) and severe (b) loading tests. Oil contamination effect.

Under mild loading, positive effect of contaminant in oil on pin wear was not evident in *DD SA* tests. In this test condition, it can be observed (Fig. 8) that the abrasion mechanism was pronounced even without contamination in the oil. Then, abrasive contaminants added into oil acted mainly to polish the pin surface without affecting the size of the worn area. Also, it is seen that all *DD* tests had high standard deviation, denoting a very random test condition.

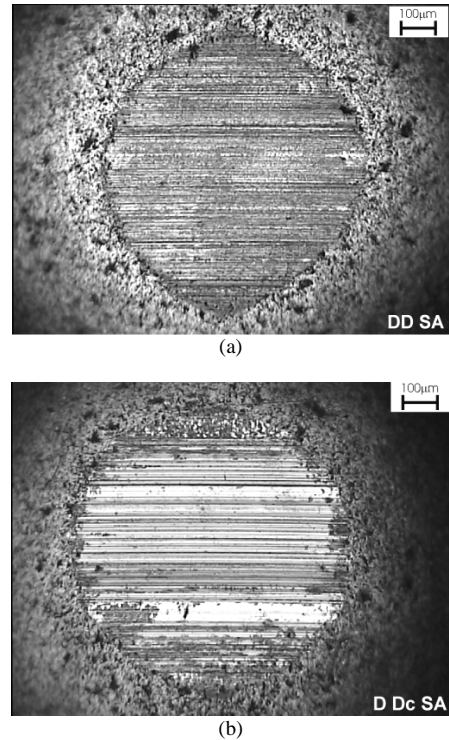


Figure 8. Microscopic morphology of the pin worn surface after (a) *DD SA* and (b) *DDc SA* tests.

Some aspects were considered in order to understand the effect of oil contamination on wear. One possible mechanism is a crush process of larger particles. As sliding proceeded, small particles could have been generated, causing then the abrasive action. Comminution mechanism in oil-contaminated tests had already been mentioned by Mehan, Flynn and Glammarise (1991).

Another possible mechanism is incrustation of abrasive particles in the counter-body surface, considering the abrasive hardness value (about 1.000 *HV*) compared to the counter-body (48 *HRC* (480 *HV*)) and to the pin (63 *HRC* (770 *HV*)) ones.

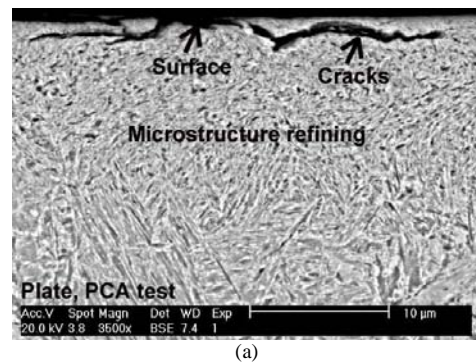
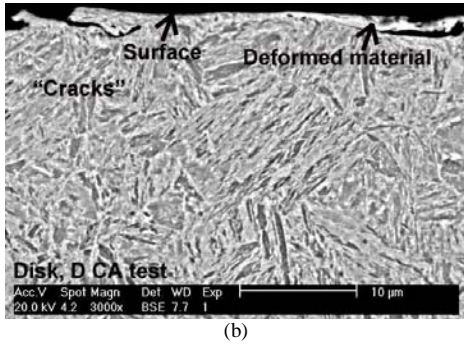
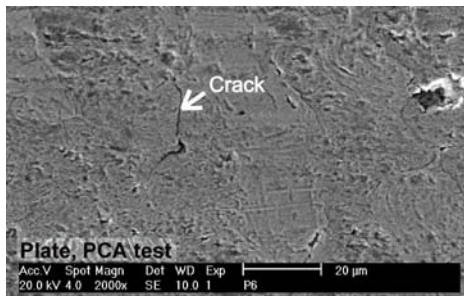


Figure 14. Wear affected sub-surface region of (a) plate after P CA test and (b) disk after D CA test. Nitral 3% etching. Secondary electrons image.

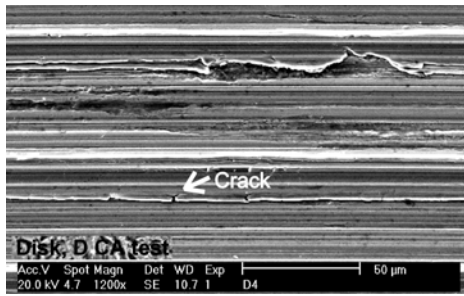


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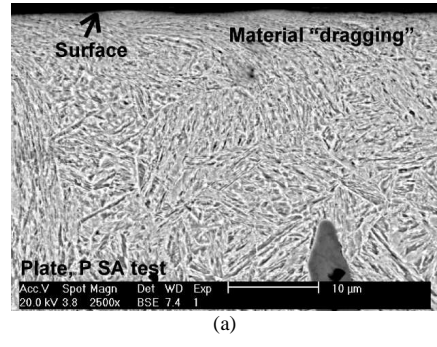
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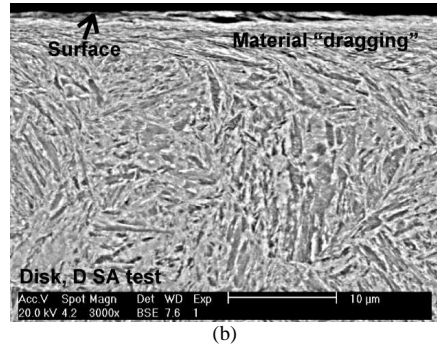
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Figure 15. Details of cracking in the surfaces of (a) plate after P CA test and (b) disk after D CA test. Secondary electrons image.

Concerning the effect of mechanical system on wear, sub-surface examination confirms occurrence of different wear mechanisms in the tests with reciprocating and rotating motion, mainly under severe mechanical loading and oil with additive. Without additives, the lubricant film should be strongly loaded, resulting in material “dragging”, as seen in Fig. 16. Then, additive in this case acted as *EP* additives through formation of a protecting tribofilm, since they inhibited severe plastic deformation. In both mechanical systems, despite high dimensional wear of counter-bodies, plastic deformation has reduced due to additive in oil; also, counter-bodies material has undergone structural modification, being it more evident in the plate than in the disk. In the rotating test, tribofilm was not microscopically visible; in contrast, in the reciprocating tests, formation of a darkened tribolayer on the surfaces was very evident. Both observations suggest that stressing level was in fact higher in reciprocating tests than in rotating ones.

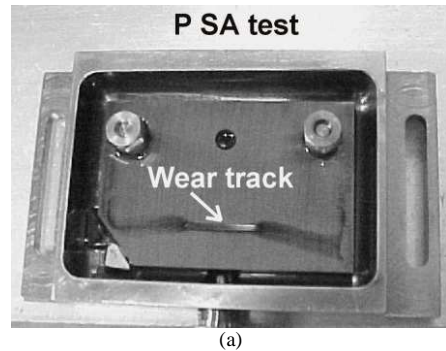


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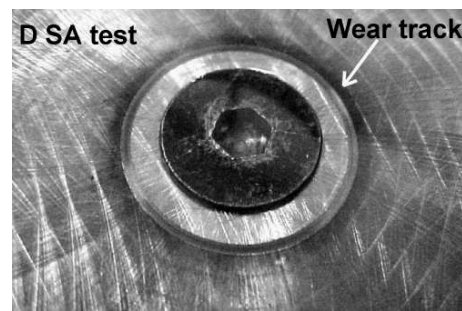


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Figure 16. Wear affected sub-surface region of (a) plate after P SA test and (b) disk after D SA test. Nital 3% etching. Secondary electrons image.



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Figure 17. Worn tracks on (a) plate and (b) disk, SA tests. Debris agglomeration just after test.

A hypothesis for the tribological differences observed among the tested mechanical systems, mainly in the tests with additive in oil, is the difference in the oil flux motion around the tribocontact. Linear motion is likely to favor particles to be held in the contact, as well as the tribofilm growth, instead of detaching it. The first fact can contribute to increase wear and the second one to improve tribochemical reaction. In rotating motion, there is probably more

chance for oil to be renewed in the contact area during sliding because of centrifugal action in oil flux. Therefore, compact tribofilm is more difficult to be produced. Figure 17 shows debris particles deposited on the counter-bodies surface just after the test for linear and rotating motion.

There are also other factors that could contribute to the tribological differences among the tested mechanical systems. Difference in initial roughness of counter-body surfaces, 100 % higher for the plates, can also have contributed to the tribological differences among the systems tested with additived oil. Extreme pressure situation in the contact area are more likely to occur with high roughness. Another influence for the difference seen among the

tested mechanical systems is the velocity/load (V/W) ratio, slightly lower for reciprocating tests. This ratio is roughly proportional to the oil film thickness in fluid lubrication. Table 4 summarizes the main characteristics considered in the analysis of wear differences between the mechanical systems.

Despite lower run distance in reciprocating mode, pin wear is equivalent to that observed with rotating system. Figure 18 shows pin wear results normalized by run distance. It clearly shows that reciprocating system is tribologically more severe.

Table 4. Main differences between the tested mechanical systems.

Factor	Reciprocating	Rotating
Counter-body roughness	Transversally oriented, higher Ra ($1.3 \mu m$)	Randomly oriented, lower Ra ($0.65 \mu m$)
Surface stressing	Cyclic	Continuous
Pin cycling	100,000 cycles	50,000 cycles
Oil flux motion	Escape out the contact by the lateral edges of stroke	Escape out the contact is by centrifugal action
V/W rate [(mm/s)/N]	Lower (0.47)	Higher (0.75)
Run distance	1,600 m	3,456 m

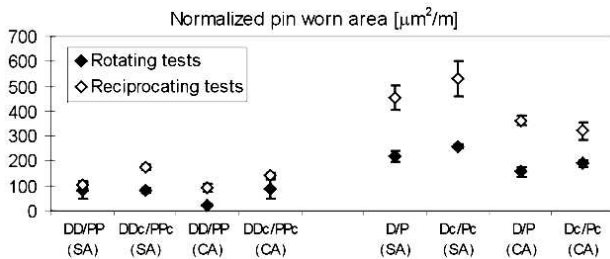


Figure 18. Normalized values of pin worn area. Observation of the differences among the used mechanical systems.

Statistical analysis⁴ of pin wear values has indicated that all studied influences, namely, presences of additive and abrasive in oil, loading level and system motion, had significant effects on wear. Figure 19 shows the results.

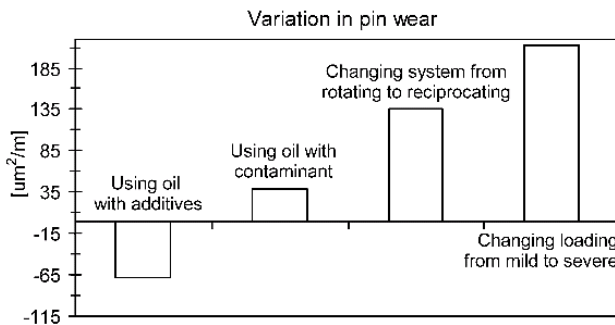


Figure 19. Rates of statistically significant effects on wear of the studied variables.

As expected, when oil with additive is used, wear is supposed to decrease, in $65 \mu m^2/m$ in average. On the other hand, when oil is contaminated, or loading level is shifted from mild to severe or motion is changed from rotating to reciprocating, wear is increased. Lower effect on increasing wear is directed to oil contamination and larger increase to the loading change from mild to severe.

⁴ Experimental Design section, 2-level factorial design, Statistica for Windows Software, Release 5.1.

Finally, concerning friction behavior, it was seen that efficiency of lubricant oil in producing low friction film in the contact is lower with rotating system than with the reciprocating one, as seen in Fig. 20. This can be associated to a more efficient cleaning action of the oil flux around the contact in rotating motion, thus wiping possible tribofilms out of the contact area. As pointed out by Bayer (1994), wear debris can also contribute to tribofilm formation. Figure 20 shows average values ranging from 0.05 to 0.14, as mostly expected for mixed lubrication regime. Apparently, no relationship is seen among the tested conditions. However, in general, lower friction is seen with reciprocating motion. Higher wear and consequent higher amount of debris should be a factor for stronger tribofilm formation and, then, for lower friction in the tests under reciprocating motion, when compared to rotating motion.

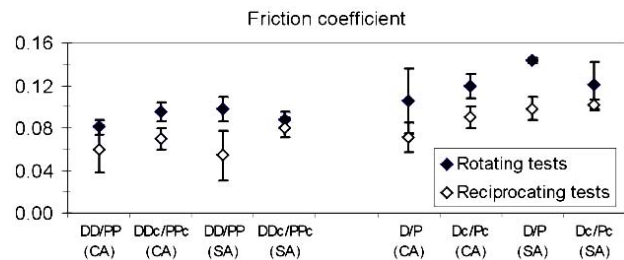


Figure 20. Friction coefficient resulting from the tested conditions. Observation of differences between rotating and reciprocating systems.

Concluding Remarks

The performed tests through a laboratory tribometer showed that lubricated wear performance in mixed lubrication regime depended on loading level, contaminant and additive in oil and on type of system motion.

Even with all conditions set up for a same mixed lubrication, large range was seen in wear values. Reciprocating mechanical system resulted to more wear than rotating system; two influencing factors were lubricant flux and permanence of particles in the contact. The friction coefficient values were in the 0.05 to 0.14 range, with small correlation regarding the tested conditions, except the distinct friction behavior seen considering both mechanical

motions. Higher values in rotating motion were also related to the lubricant flux characteristics.

Oil contamination effect was more evident with mild loading level, where increase in wear was clearly detected. For the abrasive action at the contact area, particle "anchoring" at the asperity valleys was suggested.

Additive presence in oil acted to attenuate wear of the tested specimens. However, its effect depended on both loading level and type of motion. Under mild loading, there was dimensional wear reduction due to additive presence only in the rotating system. Under severe loading, additive in oil reduced plastic deformation of worn surfaces in both mechanical systems; however, morphology of worn surfaces was very distinct. In reciprocating tests, the worn surfaces became smooth and darkened, with visible microstructure refining and presence of sub-surface cracks in the counter-bodies. In rotating tests, surfaces showed uniform scratches, with a lesser amount of sub-surface change in the counter-bodies. EP action was more evident in reciprocating tests, although there was no significant reduction in pin wear. In fact, when counter-body worn profiles were compared, it was seen that additive in oil resulted to high wear loss.

Concerning the overall effect of all studied variables on pin wear, it was observed that, as expected, when oil with additive is used, pin wear is decreased. On the other hand, when oil is contaminated, or loading level is shifted from mild to severe or motion is changed from rotating to reciprocating, larger wear is seen. In terms of variables causing increase in pin wear, lower effect is directed to oil contamination and larger one to the loading change from mild to severe.

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