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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, BIE, Industrial and Systems Engineering, 1978.

University of Tulsa, MBA, Business Administration, 1981.

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Lubricant Analysis	Gear Failure Analysis	Lubrication Systems
Contamination Analysis	Tribology & Wear	Filtration & Separation
Hydraulic Fluids	Oil Analysis	Wear Particle Analysis
Petroleum Analysis	Compressor Lubrication	Grease Analysis
Particle Analysis	Bearing Failure Analysis	Motor Oils & Engine Lubrication

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Tesibis LLC. Self-employed. Consulting and expert testimony and support services. www.tesibis.com

Luneta LLC. Owner/Director but not active in business operations. Luneta is a leading producer of proprietary inspection products.

Pabelon LLC. Owner/Director but not active in business operations. Pabelon offers consolidated workforce training solutions based on competency testing.

Noria Corporation - Tulsa, OK, Founder and CEO (1997-2025). Global leader in technical consulting and education in the fields of lubrication, tribology, machine reliability and oil analysis. Business offices and operations in 25 countries. Publishers of *Machinery Lubrication* magazine. Noria educates thousands of people each year. World's leading lubrication and oil analysis consulting organization. Noria is a vendor-neutral organization. For details on Noria Corporation, go to www.noria.com. Noria was sold to Boston-based Battery Ventures in March of 2025.

Diagnetics, Inc. - Tulsa, OK, Founder and CEO (1982-1997). The company was sold to the Entek Division of Rockwell International, June 1997. Business highlights:

- Developed, manufactured and marketed proprietary lubricant analysis instruments, software and services for the maintenance technology field.
- Products were sold in more than 40 countries and were endorsed by Caterpillar, U.S. Department of Defense (JOAP) and numerous other major corporations.

- The international market research firm Frost & Sullivan, in their 200-page report on the condition monitoring industry, stated, "Diagnetics is the industry leader worldwide in oil analysis equipment for predictive maintenance."
- Designed and implemented a full-service commercial oil analysis laboratory for industrial customers.

Utica Research and Development Corporation, Tulsa, OK - Founder and President. General Partner of an R&D limited partnership to develop a hybrid engine producing both hydraulic and mechanical power. 1983 to 1988.

Fluid Engineering Services, Tulsa, OK - Consulting Engineer. 1980-1981.

Monsanto Chemical Company, Pensacola, FL - Project Engineer. 1978-1980.

Fluid Power Research Center, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK – Laboratory Technician. 1974 to 1977.

PATENTS

- U.S. Patent No. 4,588,505, awarded May 13, 1986, "Moisture-In-Oil Extraction Device." Licensed in 1987 to Polysorb Corporation.
- U.S. Patent No. 5,095,740, awarded March 17, 1992, "System for Monitoring and Analyzing Solid Contaminants in Fluids."
- U.S. Patent No. 5,385,043, awarded June 13, 1994, "In-line Contamination Measurement Device."
- U.S. Patent No. 5,388,447, awarded August 30, 1994, "Viscosity Measurement Apparatus."
- U.S. Patent No. 5,708,198, awarded January 13, 1998, "Ferrous Particle Counter."
- U.S. Patent No. 5,540,089, awarded July 30, 1996, "Particle Collection Apparatus."
- U.S. Patent No. 5,563,337, awarded October, 10, 1996, "Moisture Monitor Apparatus For A Fluid System."
- Patent Pending (serial number 10/835,723), "Automated Machinery Lubrication Service and Maintenance Planning System," April, 2004
- U.S. Patent No. 9,632,072 B1, awarded 4/25/2017, "Lubrication Condition Monitoring Pod for Pressurized Applications"
- U.S. Patent No. 9,982,838 B2, awarded 5/29/2018, "Condition Monitoring Pod"
- U.S. Patent No. 10,436,385 B2, awarded 10/8/2019, "Condition Monitoring Pod"
- U.S. Patent No. 10,539,054 B2, awarded 1/21/2020, "Condition Monitoring Sight Glass with Remote Sensing Ports"
- U.S. Patent No. 10,545,045 B2, awarded, 1/28/2020, "Machine Fluid Condition Monitoring System"
- U.S. Patent No. 11,047,758 B1, awarded 6/29/2021A, "Pressure Indicator for Static Storage Container"
- U.S. Patent No. 11,137,110 B2, awarded 10/5/2021, "Condition Monitoring Pod"
- U.S. Patent No. 11,525,724 B2, awarded 12/13/2022, "Machine Fluid Condition Monitoring System"
- U.S. Patent No. 11,525,725 B2, awarded 12/13/2022, "Machine Fluid Condition Monitoring System"

AWARDS

- American Society for Business Publication Editors Editorial Award, September, 2006.
- Outstanding Service Award, Korea Plant Service and Engineering Association, 1997.
- Outstanding Engineer Award for 1996, Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers.
- Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award for 1995, Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers.
- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Literary Award for Paper No. 861308. By Engineering Activity Board. SAE 1986 Transactions.
- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Literary Award for Paper No. 860738. By Engineering Activity Board. SAE 1986 Transactions.

CONSULTANCY (Partial List of Failure Investigations, Forensic Investigations, Technical Consulting, etc.)

3M - Hutchison Plant - Plant Lubrication Modernization and Transformation

A2 Technology - Oil Analysis Instrument Development

AAI Textron - Fluid Related Failure Investigation

AeroJet (Div. of GenCorp, Inc.) - Failure Investigation Relating to Titan IV Missile Lubrication

American Crystal Sugar - Bearing Failure Investigation and Lubricant Study

American Crystal Sugar - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting

Analytical Systems Laboratories - General Consulting Relating to Electrostatic Separators

Arch Coal - Consulting on Lubrication of Bearings

Asarco Mining Mine Site - Lubrication Modernization Consulting
Babcock and Wilcox - Pulverizer Gearbox, Failure Investigation
Bechtel - Rack and Pinion Gear Failure Investigation
Belvac Production Machinery - Lubrication Systems Consulting
BioBlend - Litigation
Bryon Nuclear/MPR Associates - Lubricant Oxidation Stability Study
Buena Borough – Litigation related to gearbox lubricant failures
Bunge North America – Development of a Corporate Oil Analysis Manual
C.C. Jensen - Testing Study for Separation of Carbon Insolubles from Lube Oils
California State University Long Beach – Expert Witness relating to an Elevator Hydraulic System Failure Case
Callaway Nuclear Generating - Turbine Bearing Failure Investigation
Calpine Energy - Failure Investigation, Gas Turbine Varnish
Calvert Nuclear - Grease Oxidation Study
Cargill, Inc. - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting
Carleton Life Support - Vacuum Pump Lubricant Study for Aerospace Applications
Carolina Power & Light - Harris Nuclear - Failure Investigation Regarding Reactor Coolant Pump
Caterpillar, Inc. - Bulk Oil Handling and Storage Project
Caterpillar, Inc. - Technical Report and Consulting on Diesel Engine Lubrication and Contamination Control
Cerestar (Cargill Div.) - Compressor Failure Investigation - Lubrication Related
Champion International - Plant Lubrication Modernization Consulting
Chelan PUD Hydro Electric - Turbine Oil Varnish and Aeration Failure Investigation
CHS – Refinery oil mist lubricant selection and testing (two projects)
Clarcor Corporation - Contamination Control and Filtration Project
Columbia Gulf Corporation - Failure Investigation on Main-Line Natural Gas Engine and Compressor Corrosion Problems
Lubricant Selection Study
Colonna Shipyard - Hydraulic System Failure Investigation & Litigation
Columbia Transmission Company - Oil Analysis Study For Gas Compressors Lubricant Selection Study
Coman-Chrysler - Rolling Element Bearing Failure Investigation
Country Flame Technologies, Inc. - Expert Witness - Gearbox and Bearing Failure
Crane Engineering - Lubricant Formulation Study Machine Tools
Cummins Engine Company - Failure Investigation Relating to Diesel Engines on a Fleet of Mobile Equipment
Cymer Inc. - Bearing Failure Investigation
CWL - Gear Coupling Failure Investigation
Detroit Edison: Fermi II Nuclear Station - Oil Analysis and Lubrication Procedure Manual Development
Delek - Compressor Thrust Bearing Failure Investigation
Dresser Rand - Compressor Radial Shaft Bearing Failure Investigation
Duke Energy - Turbine Oil Performance Study
Duke Energy - Wind Turbine lubricant study
Duke Energy – Microbial contamination of turbine oil consulting and testing
DuPont Chemical Company - Development of Corporate Lubricant Interchange Guide
Duquesne Light & Power - Plant Lubrication Modernization Consulting
Eaton Corporation - Advisory Services and Testing of New Dielectric Oil Analysis Instrumentation for Motor Oils
Electric Power Research Institute - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting
Eli Lilly - Lubricant Selection Project
Entergy Corporation (Waterford 3 Nuclear Station) - Failure Investigation on Lubrication of a Reactor Coolant Pump
Equistar Chemical Company - Refrigeration Compressor Bearing and Turbine Oil Failure Investigation
Esco Corporation - Contamination Control Project for Hydraulic Systems
Exelon Corporation (Peachbottom Nuclear Generating Station) - Failure Investigation of a Radiologically Contaminated
Turbine Lubricant
Exelon Corporation (Quad Cities Nuclear Station) - Onsite Lubrication Survey for Plant Modernization
Exelon Corporation: LaSalle Nuclear Power Station - Failure Analysis of Electro Hydraulic Control (EHC) Synthetic Fluids -
Varnish Related

ExxonMobil Corporation - Expert Witness - Tractor-Trailer Wheel-End Bearings - FFE Case

ExxonMobil Corporation - Expert Witness - Tractor-Trailer Wheel-End Bearings - Comcar Case

ExxonMobil Corporation - Expert Witness - Tractor-Trailer Wheel-End Bearings - Lori Jones Case

ExxonMobil Corporation - Re-engineering of Oil Analysis Services Program and Laboratory Study

FA Technology Ventures - Technical Consulting Relating to Electrostatic Oil Reclamation

Fluid RX Corporation - Automotive Lubricants Service Interval Survey

GasTops - General Oil Analysis Consulting

General Dynamics/U.S. Marine Corps - Hydraulic Contamination Failure Investigation for the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle

General Electric Co. - Gas Turbine Lubricant Varnish Project

Georgia-Pacific Corporation - Plant Lubrication Modernization Consulting

Goodyear Tire & Rubber (Americana) - Hydraulic System Condition Monitoring Program Design

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. - Lubrication Procedures Development Contract

Gulf Coast Filters - Expert Witness Relating to Filter Performance Testing

Hangsterfers, et al – **Expert Witness Relating to a Slideway Lubrication**

Hellman & Friedman - Market Research of Lubrication Industry

Honeywell - Consulting Relating to Lubricant/Metallurgy Compatibility

Houston Lighting & Power (Reliant Energy) - Oil Analysis Laboratory Procedures Study

Hurricane Rita Bus Case - Court Case Related to Bus Wheel Bearing Failure

Hyundai/SK Lubricants – Lubricant failure investigation

Hyundai v. Napleton – Litigation related to engine connecting rod bearing failures

Idemitsu Chemical - Lubricant Testing Study

Ingram Barge - Failure Investigation on Marine Propulsion Engines and General Consulting

International Paper - Failure Investigation - Hydraulic Servo Valves

International Paper - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting - Site Visits to 11 Mills

ISOPur Corporation - Turbine Oil Degradation Laboratory Study

Jacobs Vehicle Systems - Forensic Investigation on Diesel Engine Lubrication

John Deere - Hydraulic Fluid Contamination Control Consulting

Kimberly Clark - Bearing Corrosion Root Cause Failure Analysis

Koch Industries: Corpus Plant - Failure Investigation Regarding Lubrication on Compressors

Koch Industries: Pine Bend Plant - Failure Investigation Regarding Sludge and Varnish Problems in Compressors

Koch Petroleum - Compressor Lubricant Failure Investigation - Sludge and Varnish Related

Kongsberg - Wormgear Reliability Study

Lehigh Cement Company - Gear Coupling Failure Investigation - Lubrication Related

Lockheed Martin - Aircraft Hydraulic Contamination Control Study

Lone Star Industries - Gearbox Failure Investigation - Lubrication Related

Louisiana Hydro Electric Co. - Failure Investigation of a Step-Up Gearbox and Laboratory Testing of Candidate New Lubricants

Louisiana Hydro Electric Co. - Lubricant Testing and Analysis Project Gear Oils

Lubrizol Corporation - Technical Consulting Relating to Sensor Development

MAC Steel USA (Cargill Div.) - Design and Development of Bearing Lube Oil System

Mars Petcare - High Temperature Oven Lubrication

Measurement Analysis Corporation - Technical Consulting - Synthetic Lubricant Selection

Medtronic - High-Temperature Lubricant Study

Medtronic, Inc. - Failure Investigation Relating to Bearing Lubrication of Surgical Drills

Meridian - Linear Bearing Failure Investigation

Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority - Forensic Gearbox Failure Investigation

Michelin Tire Company - Lubricant Compatibility Lab Study

Michelin Tire Company - Technical Consulting - Modernization of Plant Lubrication

Ministry of Defense, Netherlands - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting

Mitsui & Co. – Market Research Consulting

Model T Ford - Litigation on Diesel Engine Failures

Monsanto Chemical Company - Aircraft Lubricant Contamination Control Project

NASA/Lockheed Martin - Failure Investigation Relating to Space Shuttle Hydraulics

Nautor Swan Yachts - Litigation Hydraulic System Failure

New York Power Authority - Power Plant Lubrication Study

Northwood Pulp & Paper - Plant Lubrication Modernization Consulting

Oceaneering - Hydraulic Fluid Selection Study

OCI Global – Two

Ontario Power Generation (Pickering Nuclear Station) - Failure Investigation Relation to Nuclear Plant Refueling Hydraulic Systems

Owens Corning - High Temperature Chain Lubricant Failure Investigation

Pacific Gas & Electric - Turbine Lubricant Failure Investigation

PacificCorp - Wind Turbine Gearbox Failure Investigation

Pall Corporation – General Consulting Services

PANalytical, Inc. - Application Consulting on XRF Spectroscopy

PEMEX Petroquímica (Mexico) - Gas Plant Lubrication Modernization

Phillips Petroleum - Lubrication Selection and Technical Advisory Services

Piedmont Group - General Consulting on the Lubrication Industry

Portugen Energia, S.A. - Gas Turbine Failure Investigation Relating to Aeration of Turbine Oil

Progress Energy, Inc. - Combustion Turbine Failure Investigation - Varnish and Sludge Related

Progress Energy, Inc. - Lubrication Management Consulting for Fossil Fuel Plants

Public Service of Indiana - Plant Lubrication Modernization Consulting

Qafco Fertilizer - Lubricant Compatibility Study

Reviva Corporation - Contamination Control of Diesel Engine Remanufacturing

Reynolds Brand - High-Temperature Grease Failure Study

Rockwell Automation - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting

Royal Purple Lubricants - Expert Witness, Failure Investigation Relating to Marine Lubricants

SC Johnson - Bearing Lubrication and Auto Lube Systems

Seaspan International - Hydraulic Pump Failure Investigation

Sentinel Capital Partners - Expert Advisor for the Acquisition of a Lubrication Supply Company

SFW Capital - Oil Analysis Market Research

Shikoku Electric - Oil Analysis Performance Study

Sikorsky Aircraft - Expert Witness - Gearbox Failure on Helicopters

SPX Service Solutions - Contamination Control Product Development

Staley Corporation - Plant Lubrication Audit for Modernization

Stolle Machinery -Lubricant Selection for Production OEM Machinery

Symyx Technologies, Inc. - General Consulting relating to Online Lubricant Sensors

TECH Appraiser, Inc. - Diesel Engine Lubricant Failure Investigation

Texas Utilities - Bowl Mill Gearbox Lubrication Study

Texas Utilities - Turbine Oil Technical Consulting - Several Power Plants

ThermoFisher - Consulting for Lubricant Analysis Instrumentation

TigerCat Equipment Co. - Failure Investigation Relating to a Corrosion Problem on Tractor Hydraulics

Timken Bearing Company - Technical Consulting - Wear Debris Sensor Technology

Torres Crane – Litigation related to crane failure gearbox and coupling

Trane – Consulting related to lubricant hydrolytic stability

Translume, Inc. - Consulting Relating to Optical Oil Sensor Development

Trico Manufacturing - Lubrication Formulation Testing

U.S. Airforce/Spectro – General Oil Analysis Consulting

U.S. Enrichment Corporation - Turbine Oil Failure Investigation for Gas Compressors

U.S. Steel Corporation - Failure Investigation Relating to Steel Straddle Carrier Hydraulics

Union Pacific Railroad - Development of New Contamination Control and Oil Analysis Programs

United Forest Products Case – Litigation related to Tractor Trailer Rig landing gear

Valero - Varnish and Sludge Study on Compressor Lubricant

Warren Distribution - Expert Witness relating to Turbine Oil Failure

WaterPik – Failure Investigation related bearing and lubricant failures

Westar Energy - Failure Investigation, Turbine-Generator Varnish

Westar Energy Inc. - Failure Investigation of Turbine Oil Sludge

Western Construction – Litigation related to a tower crane case

Westlake Chemical - Lubricant Contamination Investigation (two cases)

West Port – Failure investigation related to hydraulic fluid degradation and insolubles

Weyerhaeuser Company - Plant Lubrication Modernization Consulting

Weyerhaeuser Company (Cedar River Paper) - Failure Investigation - Lubricant Sludge and Varnish

Whisper Gen - Rolling Element Bearing Study

Windward Petroleum - Expert Witness for Lubricant Cross-Contamination Case

Zeigler Coal - General Lubrication and Oil Analysis Consulting

Zellstoff Celgar Pulp – Turbine Oil Foam and Aeration Investigation

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASTM - Member of D02 SC96 committee for standards development relating to the analysis of in-service lubricants.

International Council for Machinery Lubrication (ICML) – Founder/Director. Volunteer position. The ICML is a non-profit professional organization. Serves as ANSI (American National Standards Institute) TAG member to ISO (International Standards Organization) and is involved in international standards development, professional certifications in lubrication and oil analysis, curriculum development, annual achievement awards and scholarship. Visit www.lubecouncil.org for more information.

International Standards Organization (ISO) - Serve as United States Delegate on Technical Committee TC108/SC5. Convenor (2001–2005) of Working Group 4 for Tribology and Lubrication Analysis Standards. Visit www.iso.org for more information. TC 251. Member related to asset management and ISO 55000.

Journal of ASTM International (JAI) - Member of the Editorial Board, joined 2004.

Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) - Member NMAC Predictive Maintenance Technical Advisory Group (TAG), 2003.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) - Founding member of Inter-laboratory CrossCheck Program for In-Service Lubricants. Member of the In-Service Lubricant Testing and Condition-Monitoring, Subcommittee D02.96. Visit www.astm.org for more information.

Society for Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE) - Oil Monitoring Analysis Certification Committee, Past Chairman Educational Programs, member of STLE since 1988. Visit www.stle.org for more information.

Appointed “Expert Referee” - 15th International Conference on Wear of Materials, April 24-28, 2005, San Diego, Calif.

Appointed “Technical Reviewer” - for STLE Publications, Tribology Transactions and Tribology and Lubrication Technology, November 2004.

17th & 18th Annual Pulp & Paper Reliability and Maintenance Conference and Exhibition - Member of the Board of Advisors.

Society of Automotive and Aerospace Engineers (SAE) - Member since 1986. Member of the Filter Test Methods Subcommittee of the SAE Engine Committee (1986-1991). Past member of Committee on Diagnostics and Service Equipment (1992-1996). Past member of the Contamination and Filtration Panel, SAE A-6 Committee on Aerospace Fluid Power and Control Technologies (1986-1991). Visit www.sae.org for more information.

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) - Member, 1999-2001. Visit www.asme.org for more information.

National Fluid Power Association - Member, Contamination Technology Committee and the Hydraulic Filter and Separation Committee (1988-1990). Visit www.nfpa.com for more information.

National Society for Professional Engineers - Member 1987 to 2000, Registered Professional Engineer, PE 13990. (Registration discontinued due to change in engineering/technical specialty). Visit www.nspe.org for more information.

Editorial Board BHRA - The Condition Monitoring Journal, British Hydromechanics Research Association. 1989-1993. Visit www.bhrgroup.co.uk for more information.

Overseas Technical Advisory Committee - Member, 3rd, 4th and 5th International Condition Monitoring Conferences, through 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Book Chapters, Training Books, etc.

Wilford, Fred with Jim Fitch, Engine Oils and the Filters; Understanding Oil Lubrication and Contamination Control [Book], Published by Purdue University, 2019.

Fitch, J.C., Inspection 2.0: Condition Monitoring of Lubricated Mechanical Machinery [Book], Publication Pending, Noria Publications, 2019.

Fitch, J.C. with George Totten as Editor, Chapter: "Analysis of In-Service Automotive Engine Oils," ASTM Handbook on Automotive Lubricants, Publication Pending.

Fitch, J.C. with George Totten as Editor, Chapter 5: "Control and Management of Particle Contamination in Hydraulic Fluids," Handbook of Hydraulic Fluid Technology, CRC Press, 2012.

Fitch, J.C. and D. Troyer, Oil Analysis Basics, Noria Publishing, 2nd Edition, 2010.

Fitch, J.C. and Drew D. Troyer, with John McKetta, et al Editors, Encyclopedia of Chemical Processing, Chapter: "Lubrication Performance Factors for Chemical Process Plant Machinery," Marcel Dekker Encyclopedias, 2005.

Fitch, J.C. and Sabrin Gebarin, Martin Williamson and George Arbocus, with George Totten, Editor, Chapter 21: "Foodgrade and the Food Processing Industry", STLE/ CRC Handbook of Lubrication and Tribology, 2005.

Fitch, J.C. with George Totten, Editor, Chapter 32: "Conservation of Lubricants, Materials and Energy," STLE/ CRC Handbook of Lubrication and Tribology, 2005.

Fitch, J.C., Seminar Coursebook, Effective Contamination Control, Noria Publishing, 2005-2006.

Fitch, J.C. and Sabrin Gebarin, Best Practices in Bulk Lubricant Storage and Handling, Noria Publishing, 2004.

Fitch, J. C., How to Select a Motor Oil and Filter for Your Car or Truck, Noria Publishing, 2nd Edition, 2004.

Fitch, J. C. and M. Barnes, et al, with George Totten as Editor, Chapter 24: "Hydrocarbon Analysis," ASTM Fuels and Lubricants Manual, ASTM Press, June, 2003.

Fitch, J. C. & D. Troyer, Editors, Lubrication Excellence Conference Proceedings, Noria Publishing, 2003-2006 Annual Conferences.

Fitch, J.C. with Robert Bolt, Editor, Chapter: "Particle Counting," Lubrication Guide, Published by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), October 2001.

Fitch, J.C. with George Totten as Editor, Chapter: "Advancements in Fluid Analysis Technologies and Strategies for Hydraulic System Condition-Based Maintenance," Hydraulic Failure Analysis: Fluids, Components, and System Effects, ASTM Press, 2001.

Fitch, J.C. and G. Trujillo, D. D. Troyer, Machinery Lubrication Coursebook, Noria Publishing, 2001-2006, Multiple Editions.

Fitch, J.C. with Heinz P. Bloch, Editor/Author, Chapter 19, "Lubrication Analysis for Condition Monitoring," Practical Lubrication for Industrial Facilities, Marcel Dekker, 2000

Troyer, D. D. & J. C Fitch, Oil Analysis Basics, Noria Publishing, 2000-2006, Multiple Editions.

Fitch, J. C. with John Mitchell as Editor, Chapter 11: "Strategies for Machinery Oil Analysis," Operating Equipment Asset Management Handbook, Penn State Publishing, 2000 & 2006. First and Second Editions.

Fitch, J. C., The Lubrication Field Test and Inspection Guide, Noria Publishing, Booklet, 2000.

Fitch, J. C. and Robert Scott, Daily One-Minute Lubrication Inspections and Field Tests, Noria Publishing, 2013

Fitch, J. C., Sourcebook for Used Oil Elements, Noria Publishing, Booklet. 2000.

Fitch, J. C. & D. Troyer, Editors, Practicing Oil Analysis Conference Proceedings, Noria Publishing, 1999-2002 Annual Conferences.

Fitch, J. C., Oil Analysis I & II Coursebook, Noria Publishing, 1998-2006, Multiple Editions.

Fitch, J.C., How to Develop a "Win-Win" Relationship with Your Oil Analysis Lab, Learning Resource Booklet, LRB.9801.1, Noria Publishing, 1998.

Fitch, J. C. with E. Richard Booser as Editor, Chapter 75: "Elements of an Oil Analysis Program," STLE/CRC Tribology Data Handbook, CRC Press, 1996.

Fitch, J. C., Oil Analysis and Proactive Maintenance, Seminar Course Book, Diagnostics, 1996.

Fitch, J. C., with A.K. Mehta as Editor, Chapter 32: "A New Approach to Maintaining Industrial Equipment," Current Trends in Industrial Tribology, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, 1995.

Fitch, J. C., The Ten Reasons Why Oil Analysis Programs Fail and the Strategies That Effectively Overcome Them, Diagnostics, Inc., 1995 (Booklet).

Fitch, J. C. and H. Borden, "Comparison of Particle Counts Between Eight Commercial Oil Analysis Laboratories." Technical Application Article No.8, Diagnostics, Inc., August, 1992 (Technical Bulletin).

Fitch, J. C., Handbook of Case Studies on Fluid Contamination Control, Published by Diagnostics, Inc., 1991, Booklet.

Fitch, J. Bennett and J.C. Fitch, "A Comprehensive , Human-Enabled Lubricant and Machine Inspection Strategy for Early Condition Monitoring," Chapter 3, ASTM International, Standard Guides and Practices that Support the Lubricant Condition Monitoring Industry, STP 1634, M. Villalba and Lisa Williams, editors, 2022.

Fitch, J.C. and J. Bennett Fitch, "Optimizing Lubrication and Lubricant Analysis," Chapter 4, Condition Monitoring, Troubleshooting and Reliability in Rotating Machinery, Edited by Robert X. Perez, Scrivener/Wiley Publishing, 2023.

ICML 55—Asset Management Standard for Lubricated Machinery. 2022. Seminal peer-reviewed standard that details 12 interrelated areas of a sustainable, world-class lubrication program. Constructed to be aligned with ISO 55001. Spearheaded the development of the standard and was principal author.

Published Interviews

Motor Equipment News, Interview, March, 2015.

Interviewed by Miguel Guzman, Predictiva 21 Magazine, published Sept 2014.

Interview with Prof. Peter Jost, "Interview with Luminary Professor H. Peter Jost," Machinery Lubrication magazine, January-February issue, 2006

Interviewed by Mr. Krokawa, Editor of Journal of Economic Maintenance Tribology (Japan), "Progress of Lubrication Education and Certification," Published in Vol. No. 475, September 2005.

Interview with Mario Andretti, "The Greatest Racecar Driver of All Times," Practicing Oil Analysis magazine, March-April 2003.

Interviewed by Marian Hookham (Editor), "The Good Oil - Trends in Lubrication in the Mining Industry," Australia's Mining Monthly, October 2002.

Interviewed by Kathryn Carnes (Editor), "Measure by Measure," Published in Lubricants World magazine, June 2001.

Interviewed by Curt Bennink, (Staff Editor), "Maximize Oil Analysis ROI," Published in Equipment Today magazine, August 2000.

Interviewed by Jeff Hawk (Staff Editor), "Online Oil Analysis Speeds Equipment Managers' Response Time," Construction Magazine, October 2000.

Trade Magazines

Practicing Oil Analysis Magazine - 1998-2008

- Five Essential Lube Oil Properties Not Routinely Reported by Your Oil Lab
- Tactics for Identifying Wear Metal and Solid-particle Suspensions
- The Five Cardinal Signs of a Healthy Machine
- The Benefits of Utilizing Wear Debris Analysis in Industrial Machinery
- The Richness of Machine Failure
- The Value of Muck Sampling in a Condition Monitoring Program
- Why Onsite Particle Counting Makes Sense
- Decade in Review: Education and User Empowerment
- Ten Amazing Years
- Diagnosing a Cloudy Oil
- The Truths About Data Trending
- Planned Cleanliness
- The Meaning of a Low Viscosity Reading
- Oil is Like an Egg
- No Contamination, No Wear, No Kidding
- The Hot Stove Effect
- Recognizing the Symptoms of Lubricant Incompatibility
- What is Your Oil's Impurity-holding Capacity (IHC)?
- What Do You Do with a High Particle Count?
- Oil Analysis for the New Millennium, (Republished in ML-Spanish, December 2006)
- The Importance of Provenance

- Tweaking the Eyes and Ears of Oil Analysis
- Beware of What You Measure
- A Much Closer Look at Particle Contamination
- Standby Equipment – Dealing with Oil Without Legs
- What do Canaries and Ferrous Density Meters Have in Common?
- The Agony of Diesel Engine Oil Particle Counts
- The Perils of Aerated Oils
- The Hazards of Water Handles
- Copper and Your Diesel Engine Oils
- Oil Analysis Reports – What’s Missing in the Comments?
- Sight Glass Oil Analysis
- Lubrication as a Professional
- Reliability's Dirty Little Secret
- Dipstick Oil Analysis
- What is the No. 1 Cause and the No. 1 Consequence of Wear?
- Silent Assumptions of Bearing Reliability
- Which Questions Does Your Oil Analysis Program Answer?
- How to Convince Your Boss to Let you Attend Lubrication Excellence 2003
- Managing Reliability in Real Time — the Risk Management Grid (RMG)
- Clean Oil Reduces Engine Fuel Consumption
- The Surface Tension Test—Is it Worth Resurrecting?
- Spot Check Your Car’s Oil
- Today’s Oil Detectives Have a New Bag of Tricks
- The Hidden Cost of an Untrained Workforce
- Fallacies of Sampling Consistently
- How Telephone Poles are Like Filters
- You Can’t Fix a Problem You Don’t Know Exists
- World Class is What This Year's Conference is About — What it is and How to Get it.
- Oil Analysis Economics — Saving and Making Money
- The Six Most Expensive Oil Analysis Tests
- Top Ten Ways to Not be World Class at Machinery Lubrication
- The Augustus H. Gill Award for Oil Analysis Excellence
- Three Important Words for Success in Lubrication and Oil Analysis
- Ten Compelling Reasons to Attend Practicing Oil Analysis 2000
- In Search of a Definition — What is Oil Analysis?
- Why Should Managers Care About Oil?
- Oil Analysis Standards — What Are We Waiting For?
- Oil Analysis and the Lean Organization
- Is Your Oil Analysis Program a Quart Low?
- Oil is Not a Fine Wine
- Adopt a New Philosophy
- Choose Your Weapon
- First an Idea — Now a Reality
- Deploying the Invisible Filter
- Surviving the Data Jungle
- Your Oil Is Talking ... But Are You Listening?

Machinery Lubrication Magazine - 2001 – 2023

- There is Nothing More Certain Than Change
- Skillful Out-Leakage Detection
- Make Touchstones of Lubrication Excellence Shine

- Are You Ready? Supply Chain Problems Spurt the Need for Backup Lubricants
- The Power of 10X Cleaner...Dryer...Cooler...Better Aligned...More Training
- Taking the Guesswork Out of Filter Selection
- Reliable Plant 2021: Engineered to Support Your Reliability Initiatives
- Deciphering Important Visual Features of Wear Particles
- The Golden Age of Lubrication
- Dust Cakes: What Causes Them and Why You Should Care
- Risk Management for Lubricated Machines
- The Four States of Water in Oil
- Listen to Your Lubricant
- You Earn What You Learn
- Machinery Lubrication Engineer: A Professional Certification
- Control Moisture Ingression with Tactical Inspection 2.0
- Detection Zone Coding for More Efficient Condition Monitoring
- 5 Ways to Monetize Lubrication Excellence Now
- The Power of Truthful Assessments in Jumpstarting a Reliability Transformation
- Philosophies of Transformational Change and ICML 55
- How the IIoT Is Changing Condition Monitoring
- Blotter Spot Testing for Metallic and Other Solid Particles
- Be Alert to Heat as Both a Contaminant and a Symptom
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- IDCON Reliability Conference, September, 2019, Raleigh, NC
- OilDoc 2019, Rosenheim, Germany, January, 2019
- Spectro Scientific Annual Sales Meeting, Orlando, FL, Oct., 2018

- Congreso Mexicano de Confiabilidad 2018, Monterrey, MX
- Chevron Reliability Maintenance Conference, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2017
- Congreso Mexicano de Confiabilidad 2017, Monterrey, MX
- Ingredion North American Management Reliability Meeting, Quebec, Canada, Aug. 2017
- TriFluLub Conference and Exhibition (keynote address), Lima, Peru, Oct. 2016
- TOTAL Lubricants National Sales Meeting (keynote address), Phoenix, AZ, Nov. 2016
- LubMat Conference and Exhibition, Bilbao, Spain, 2016
- World Maintenance Congress (keynote address), Cartagena, Columbia, June 2015
- Oil Doc Conference and Exhibition, Munich, Germany, 2011, 2013, 2015
- Congreso Mexicano de Confiabilidad 2013, Monterrey, Mexico, October, 2013
- Reliable Plant Asia (keynote address), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December, 2012
- AIMA Congress (keynote address), Florence, Italy, November, 2012
- LubMat Conference and Exhibition, Bilbao, Spain, June, 2012
- Congreso Mexicano de Confiabilidad 2011, Leon, Mexico, October 2011
- EPRI (PUG), Portland, Ore., August 2011
- EPRI (GAPAC Users Group), Pittsburg, Pa., August 2010
- International Paper Lubrication Workshop, August 2010
- Brazilian Maintenance and Reliability Conference (ABRAMAN), Sao Paulo, June 2010 (Keynote Address)
- Goodyear Lubrication and Reliability Meeting, Lawton, Okla., April 2010
- Vibration Institute, Wisconsin, March 2009
- EPRI (NMAC Lubrication Workshop), August 2008, San Antonio, Texas, NMAC
- EPRI (Circuit Breaker Reliability Meeting), August 2008
- ASIATrib Conference, Kanazawa, Japan – Keynote Address, October 2006
- Chevron-Texaco Sludge and Varnish Symposium, Phoenix, Ariz., July 2006
- Lubrication Excellence 2006, Columbus, Ohio – Keynote Address, May 2006
- ASTM Lubricant Oxidation Symposium, Norfolk, Va., December 2005
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- STLE Conference, Workshop on Condition Monitoring, Las Vegas, Nev., May 15, 2005
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- EPRI Turbine Generator Users Group Annual Meeting, St. Pete, Fla., January 2005
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- TAPPI Annual Conference, Atlanta, Ga., May 2004
- Nuclear Regulatory Inspectors (NRC) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga., May 2004
- Rio Tinto Asset Management and Reliability Conference, Denver, Colo., September 2003
- EPRI/NMAC Lubrication and Bearing Workshop, Mystic, Conn., June 2003
- IDCON, Predictive Maintenance Conference, Raleigh, N.C., October 2002
- ACSIM 2002 Conference, Cairns, Australia, Keynote address, September 2002
- Caterpillar, SOS Dealer Conference, Peoria, Ill., September 2002
- EPRI, Predictive Maintenance Users Group, Myrtle Beach, S.C., April 2002
- FOMIS Outage Control Conference, Scientech, Clearwater, Fla., August 2002
- STLE Central Illinois Section Meeting, March 2002
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- International Paper Annual Maintenance Conference, Shreveport, La., July 2001
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- ENTERACT '98, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1998
- Maintenance 2000, World Mining Conference, Tucson, Ariz., April 1998
- Predictive and Preventive Maintenance Conference, Indianapolis, Ind., November 1998
- CSI Reliability Week, Nashville, Tenn., October 1998
- Oil Analysis I and II, Predict Engineering, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 1998
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- Tribology Society Of India, Principal Speaker, Bombay and New Delhi, September 1995
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- Predictive Maintenance National Conference, Atlanta, Ga., November 1994
- Courses on Oil Analysis, Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town, South Africa, October 1994, November 1995
- International Conference On Condition Monitoring, Swansea, Wales, UK, March 1994
- Symposium On Proactive Maintenance, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, December 1993
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- 1992 Predictive Maintenance Indaba, Johannesburg, South Africa, September 1992 (Keynote Speaker)
- Sixteenth Annual Meeting And Conference, Vibration Institute, Williamsburg, Va., June 1992
- Predictive/Preventive Maintenance Technology, National Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 1989
- International Off-Highway And Powerplant Congress And Exposition, Milwaukee, Wis., September 1989
- Japan Automotive Parts Industry Association (Japia) Conference, Tokyo, Japan, August 1989
- Nato/Econosto Lecture On Contamination Control Technologies, Rotterdam, Netherlands, March 1989
- Joint International Fluid Power Applications Conference & National Conference On Fluid Power, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1988
- National Sae A-6 Aerospace Fluid Power And Control Technologies Conference, Destin, Fla., April 1987
- International Off-Highway And Power Plant Congress, Milwaukee, Wis., September 1986
- National Congress On Fluid Power, Detroit, Mich., May 1986
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