



ARCING CONDITIONS IN INTERIOR SWITCHES

INDUSTRY:
Automotive

APPLICATION:
Window

COMPONENT:
Lift Switch

LOCATION:
Malaysia



BACKGROUND

A prominent Automotive OEM came to Nye in search of a lubricant that would be compatible with their new window lift switch. They also used a Nye Rheolube® product to lubricate a fan switch and wanted to see if it would work in this application. Interior switches, such as window switches, often operate under arcing conditions in which a small burst of heat is produced that causes hydrocarbon greases to polymerize. This creates a tacky substance that leads to contact resistance and short circuits. Nye engineers began to investigate a solution to ensure the lubricant would not burn and carbonize under the arcing conditions of the switch.

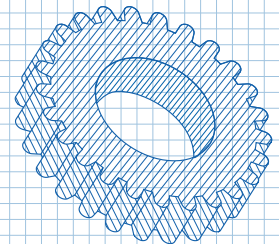
CHALLENGE

- Can the lubricant extend the life of the switch by achieving at least 10 years of life under arcing temperatures?

SOLUTION UNIFLOR™ 8512

A PTFE thickened, medium viscosity, completely fluorinated grease.

- Excellent thermo-oxidative stability
- Great material compatibility
- Improves life performance



RESULTS

As expected, the Rheolube® product did not meet the customer's life cycle and temperature performance test requirements. However, Uniflor™ 8512 passed all of the customer's testing requirements and was successfully implemented into the applications design.

Base Oil Properties	Conditions	Uniflor™ 8512	Test Method
Chemistry		PTPF / PFPE	
Temperature Range		-50 to 225°C	
Kinematic Viscosity	40°C	65 cSt	ASTM D-445
Viscosity Index		258	ASTM D-445
Grease Properties			
Penetration	Worked, 60x	281	ASTM D-217
Oil Separation	24 hrs, 150°C	6.8%	ASTM D-6184
Evaporation	24 hrs, 150°C	1%	NYE CTM

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