



IX. LUBRICATION

Motor must be at rest and electrical controls should be locked open to prevent energizing while being serviced. If motor is being taken out of storage refer to **Section III "STORAGE", item 4** for instructions.

1. Oil Lubricated Bearings.

Motors are tested with oil at our manufacturing facility then drained prior to shipment. A small amount of residual oil and rust inhibitor will remain in the oil sump. This residual oil and rust inhibitor is compatible with Turbine Type Mineral Oils and Synthetic, PAO (Poly Alpha Olefin) based oils listed in this manual. It is not necessary to drain this residual oil when adding new oil for operation.

Change oil once per year with normal service conditions. Frequent starting and stopping, damp or dusty environment, extreme temperature, or any other severe service conditions will warrant more frequent oil changes. If there is any question, consult Emerson Motor Co. Product Service Department for recommended oil change intervals regarding your particular situation.

Determine required oil ISO Viscosity Grade (VG) and base oil type from Table 3, then see Table 4 for approved oils. Add oil into oil fill hole at each bearing housing until the oil level reaches between minimum and maximum marks located on the sight gauge window. It is important to wipe excess oil from the threads of the drain hole and to coat the plug threads with Casoil[®] P/N SS08, manufactured by Federal Process Corporation or equivalent thread sealant before replacing the drain plug. Plug should be tightened to a minimum of 20 lb.-ft. using a torque wrench. See the motor nameplate or Table 5 for the approximate quantity of oil required.

2. Grease Lubricated Bearings.

A. Relubrication of Units in Service

Grease lubricated bearings are pre-lubricated at the factory and normally do not require initial lubrication. Relubricating interval depends upon speed, type of bearing and service. Refer to Table 1 or suggested regreasing intervals and quantities. Note that operating environment and application may dictate more frequent lubrication. To relubricate bearings, remove the drain plug. Inspect grease drain and remove any blockage (caked grease or foreign particles) with a mechanical probe, taking care not to damage bearing.

⚠ WARNING

Under NO circumstances should a mechanical probe be used while the motor is in operation.

Add new grease at the grease inlet. New grease must be compatible with the grease already in the motor (refer to table 2 for compatible greases).

⚠ CAUTION

Greases of different bases (lithium, polyurea, clay, etc.) may not be compatible when mixed. Mixing such greases can result in reduced lubricant life and premature bearing failure. Prevent such intermixing by disassembling motor, removing all old grease and repacking with new grease per item B of this section. Refer to Table 2 for recommended greases.

Run the motor for 15 to 30 minutes with the drain plug removed to allow purging of any excess grease. Shut off unit and replace the drain plug. Return motor to service.

⚠ CAUTION

Overgreasing can cause excessive bearing temperatures, premature lubricant breakdown and bearing failure. Care should be exercised against overgreasing.





B. Change of Lubricant

Motor must be disassembled as necessary to gain full access to bearing housing(s).

Remove all old grease from bearings and housings (including all grease fill and drain holes). Inspect and replace damaged bearings. Fill bearing housings both inboard and outboard of bearing approximately 30 percent full of new grease. Grease fill ports must be completely charged with new grease. Inject new grease into bearing between rolling elements to fill bearing. Remove excess grease extending beyond the edges of the bearing races and retainers.

Table 1
Recommended Grease Replenishment Quantities & Lubrication Intervals

Bearing Number		Grease Replenishment Quantity (Fl.Oz.)	Lubrication Interval		
62xx, 72xx	63xx, 73xx		1801 thru 3600 RPM	1201 thru 1800 RPM	1200 RPM and slower
03 thru 07	03 thru 06	0.2	1 Year	2 Years	2 Years
08 thru 12	07 thru 09	0.4	6 Months	1 Year	1 Year
13 thru 15	10 thru 11	0.6	6 Months	1 Year	1 Year
16 thru 20	12 thru 15	1.0	3 Months	6 Months	6 Months
21 thru 28	16 thru 20	1.8	3 Months	6 Months	6 Months

Refer to motor nameplate for bearings provided on a specific motor. For bearings not listed in Table 1, the amount of grease required may be calculated by the formula:

$$G = 0.11 \times D \times B$$

Where: G = Quantity of grease in fluid ounces.
D = Outside diameter of bearing in inches.
B = Width of bearing in inches.

Table 2
Recommended Greases

Motor Frame Size	Motor Enclosure	Grease Manufacturer	Grease (NLGI Grade 2)
All Thru 447	All	Exxon Mobil	Polyrex-EM
449 and Up	Open Dripproof		
449 and Up	TEFC and Explosionproof	Exxon Mobil	Mobilith SHC-100

The above greases are interchangeable with the grease provided in units supplied from the factory (unless stated otherwise on motor lubrication nameplate).





**Table 3
Nidec Motor Corporation Recommended Oil Viscosities**

Angular Contact Thrust Bearing (7XXX Series) (ABMA BT-Series)					
Motor Enclosure	Frame Size	Speed (RPM)	Ambient Temperature	ISO VG	Base Oil Type
Open Dripproof or Weather Protected	324 and Larger	All	-15C thru 40C (5-104F)	32	Mineral or Synthetic
			41C thru 50C (105-122F)	68	Synthetic Only
Totally Enclosed or Explosion proof	404 thru 447		-15C thru 40C (5-104F)	32	Mineral or Synthetic
			41C thru 50C (105-122F)	68	Synthetic Only
Totally Enclosed or Explosion proof	449 thru 5811	1801 - 3600	-15C thru 40C (104F)	32	Synthetic Only
		1800 & Below		68	Synthetic Only
		All	41C thru 50C (105-122F)	Refer to Office	
Spherical Roller Thrust Bearing (29XXX Series) (ABMA TS-Series)					
Motor Enclosure	Frame Size	Speed (RPM)	Ambient Temperature	ISO VG	Base Oil Type
Open Dripproof or Weather Protected	444 and Larger	1800 and Below	-15C thru 25C (5-77F)	68	Mineral or Synthetic
			6C thru 40C (42-104F)	150	
			41C thru 50C (105-122F)		
Totally Enclosed or Explosion proof	449 and Larger		-15C thru 25C (5-77F)	68	Mineral or Synthetic
			6C thru 40C (42-104F)	150	Synthetic Only
			41C thru 50C (105-122F)	Refer to Office	

Notes:

1. If lower guide bearing is oil lubricated, it should use the same oil as the thrust bearing.
2. If lower guide bearing is grease-lubricated, refer to TABLE 2 for recommended greases.
3. Refer to Nidec Motor Corporation for ambient temperatures other than those listed.

**Table 4
Nidec Motor Corporation Approved Oil Specifications For Use With Anti-Friction Bearings**

Oil Manufacturer	ISO VG 32		ISO VG 68		ISO VG 150	
	Viscosity: 130-165 SSU @ 100F		Viscosity: 284-347 SSU @ 100F		Viscosity: 620-765 SSU @ 100F	
	Mineral Base Oil	Synthetic Base Oil	Mineral Base Oil	Synthetic Base Oil	Mineral Base Oil	Synthetic Base Oil
Chevron USA, Inc	GST Turbine Oil 32	Tegra 32	GST Turbine Oil 68	Tegra 68	R & O Machine Oil 150	Tegra 150
Conoco Oil Co.	Hydroclear Turbine Oil 32	Syncon 32	Hydroclear Turbine Oil 68	Syncon 68	Hydroclear AW Hyd. Fluid 150	N/A
ExxonMobil	Teresstic 32	Synnestic 32	Teresstic 68	Synnestic 68	Teresstic 150	Synnestic 150
ExxonMobil	DTE Oil Light	SHC 624	DTE Oil Heavy Medium	SHC 626	DTE Oil Extra Heavy	SHC 629
Pennzoil Co., Inc	Pennzbell TO 32	Pennzbell SHD 32	Pennzbell TO 68	Pennzbell SHD 68	Pennzbell TO 150	Pennzbell SHD 150
Phillips Petroleum Co.	Magnus 32	Syndustrial "E" 32	Magnus 68	Syndustrial "E" 68	Magnus 150	N/A
Shell Oil Co.	Tellus 32	Tellus HD Oil AW SHF 32	Tellus 68	Tellus HD Oil AW SHF 68	Tellus 150	N/A
Texaco Lubricants Co.	Regal 32	Cetus PAO 32	Regal 68	Cetus PAO 68	Regal 150	N/A





**Table 5
Approximate Oil Sump Capacities**

Frame Size	Motor Type Designation (See Motor Nameplate)	Oil Capacity (Quarts)	
		Upper Bearing	Lower Bearing
180 - 280	AU, AV-4	Grease	Grease
180 - 280	AV		
320 - 440	RV		
320 - 360	RV-4, RU	3	
400	RV-4, RU	5	
440	RV-4 (2 pole)	17	
	RV-4, RU (4 pole & slower)	6	
180 - 440	TV-9, TV, LV-9, LV	Grease	
180 - 360	TV-4, TU, LV-4, LU		
400	TV-4, TU, LV-4, LU	6	
440	TV-4, TU, LV-4, LU	5	
449	JU, JV-4	22	
	HU, HV-4	12	
	JV-3, JV, HV	Grease	
5000	HV, EV, JV, RV	Grease	
	RU, RV-4	30	
	HU, HV-4 (4 pole & slower)	12	
	HV-4 (2 pole only)	20	
	EU, JU, EV-4, JV-4	22	5
5800	RU, RV-4	48	4
	HU, HV-4	24	3
	EU, JU, EV-4, JV-4	37	4
6800	HU, HV-4	70	3
	HV (Bow Thruster)	Grease	Grease
	HV (Other Than Bow Thruster)	70	3
8000	RU, RV-4	70	6
	RV	Grease	Grease
9600	RU, RV-4	95	13
	RV	Grease	Grease

