American Chemical Technologies, Inc.

# EcoSafe® EHC

## Fire Resistant (HFDU) and Readily Biodegradable (HEPG) Hydraulic Fluids

**Formulated for Use in High Performance Hydraulic Systems in the Power Generation Industry**

# EcoSafe® EHC Hydraulic

## A Breakthrough in Performance and Protection In Power Generation Systems

EcoSafe® EHC fluids represent a significant advancement in fire-resistant hydraulic fluid technology. These fully synthetic, non-aqueous formulations deliver performance superior to premium anti-wear mineral oils, and offer significant performance and environmental advantages over other fluid options – including other synthetics. EcoSafe® EHC fluids are especially formulated for electro-hydraulic control (EHC) valve service and other applications within fossil fuel power station operations, including high-pressure systems, systems with servo valves, and all robotics.

EcoSafe® EHC fluids are based on a very high VI, polyether polyol base stock combined with a patented non-metallic additive package. The high dielectric properties of EcoSafe® EHC fluids eliminate electro-chemical erosion of EHC servo-valves. Unlike phosphate and polyol ester-based fluids, they do not break down when exposed to water, minimizing potential for fluid degradation and system damage. As a result, fluid changeout intervals are extended under even the most severe operating conditions.

EcoSafe® EHC fluids are classified as FM Approved industrial fluids by Factory Mutual and meet stringent criteria for biodegradability and low toxicity.

## Performance Advantages

**Excellent Lubricity** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids also offer excellent lubricity, for outstanding pump life under the most severe conditions. The fluids meet or exceed the pump performance of premium, anti-wear mineral oils, even at 5,500 psi (380 bar) operating pressure. Shear stability is excellent. Both viscosity grades earned a 12-stage rating in the FZG Gear Test, demonstrating high level protection against wear and scuffing.

**Hydrolytic Stability** – Unlike phosphate esters, polyol esters and vegetable oils, EcoSafe® EHC fluids will not break down and react with water, minimizing fluid degradation and acid formation that can damage and eventually destroy hydraulic pumps. No acid removal/ion exchange filters are required.

**Non-Sludge or Varnish Forming** – The fluids are oxidatively stable and will not degrade to form varnish or sludge, contributing to long-term system cleanliness while extending maintenance intervals and overall service life.

**High Temperature Stability** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids are very stable at high temperatures and resistant to thermal degradation up to 120°C (250°F).

**All-Weather Service** – The high viscosity indices of EcoSafe® EHC fluids enable them to handle wide temperature extremes. The fluids also have low pour points necessary for cold weather start up.

**Material Compatibility** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids are completely compatible with commonly used seals, hoses and metals. Detailed compatibility data is available upon request.

**Easy Conversion** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids are fully miscible with phosphate ester fluids and phosphate ester/petroleum oil blends, simplifying fluid conversions.

**Detergency** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids are natural detergents, so systems remain clean – free of staining or sticky residue.

**Fire Resistance** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids are classified as FM Approved industrial fluids by Factory Mutual.

**Biodegradable/Low Toxicity** – EcoSafe® EHC fluids are classified as "readily biodegradable" and environmental impact is low if the products are spilled. EcoSafe® EHC fluids also satisfy stringent criteria for toxicity.

**EcoSafe® EHC fluids meet or surpass Bosch-Rexroth, Sauer-Danfoss, Denison, Parker, Oilgear, and Eaton (formerly Vickers) specifications.**

## Unmatched by Other Fluids

EcoSafe® EHC fluids do not have the drawbacks of other synthetic fluids, mineral oils and vegetable oils…

- Polyol esters (including vegetable oils, which are naturally occurring polyol esters) hydrolyze in the presence of water to form acid. Fluids with increased acidity attack hose linings and o-rings, and leach the alloy from brass components, resulting in premature component failure. Polyol esters also contain some degree of unsaturation, which reduces their thermal and oxidative stability. The end result is the formation of sludge and varnish from insoluble degradation byproducts.
- Phosphate esters also hydrolyze in the presence of water. This reaction accelerates with increasing temperatures and is catalyzed by the presence of strong acids. Since this hydrolysis forms strong acids, the reaction is said to be autocatalytic. Metals such as copper, some copper alloys and lead act as pro-oxidation catalysts, which will also accelerate this reaction. Phosphate ester fluids represent a human health hazard because a major decomposition by-product is highly toxic.

# Fluids

### Superior Oxidative Stability

Results of controlled fluid tests show the superior stability of PAG-based fluids such as **EcoSafe® EHC** fluids compared to PAOs (synthetic hydrocarbons). After 2500 hours at 120°C, the PAO produced significant deposits, which could result in operational problems in hydraulic systems. In contrast, the vial containing the PAG-based fluid was virtually free of deposits.

## Typical Performance Properties*

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| Rexroth 1,100 Hour Endurance Test (2600 rpm, 85°C [185°F], 380 bar) | Pass |
| Brugger Value (DIN 51347) | >40 N/mm$^2$ |
| Eaton Corporation (formerly Vickers) 104C Vane Pump Test, ASTM D7043 (2000 psi, 1200 rpm, 100 hours, 65°C [150°F], 7.5 gpm, 3.5 gallon sample) | <5mg total wear |
| Four Ball Wear, ASTM D2266 (1800 rpm, 1 hour, 75°C (167°F), 40 kg load) | 0.35 mm |
| Four Square Gear Test (FZG) (1760 rpm, 90°C [194°F], 1600 ml sample) | Pass, all 12 stages |
| Eaton Corporation 35VQ25 (formerly Vickers) Industrial (I-286-S), Mobile (M-2950-S) | Pass |
| Turbine Oil Stability Test, ASTM D943 (95°C [203°F], iron and copper catalysts, 60 mls water) Time to 2.0 Acid Number Increase | >2,000 hours |
| Seal Compatibility (1,000 hours @ 100°C [212°F]) Buna-n, Viton, Polyurethane (@60°C), EPR, Butyl, PTFE | Pass |
| OECD Ready Biodegradability Test Method 301 B, 28 days, Requirement: >60% | 70.9% |

*Typical properties, not to be construed as specifications.

## Typical Physical Properties*

| | EcoSafe® EHC-46 | EcoSafe® EHC-68 |
|---|---|---|
| Viscosity @ cSt @ 40°C (100°F, SUS) | 48.9 (250) | 69 (350) |
| Viscosity @ cSt @ 100°C (210°F, SUS) | 9.35 (57.5) | 12.6 (69.8) |
| Viscosity Index | 178 | 185 |
| Pour Point, °C (°F) | -48 (-55) | -45 (-50) |
| Density (lbs/gal) @ 60°C (140°F) | 8.19 | 8.21 |
| FM Approved | Yes | Yes |

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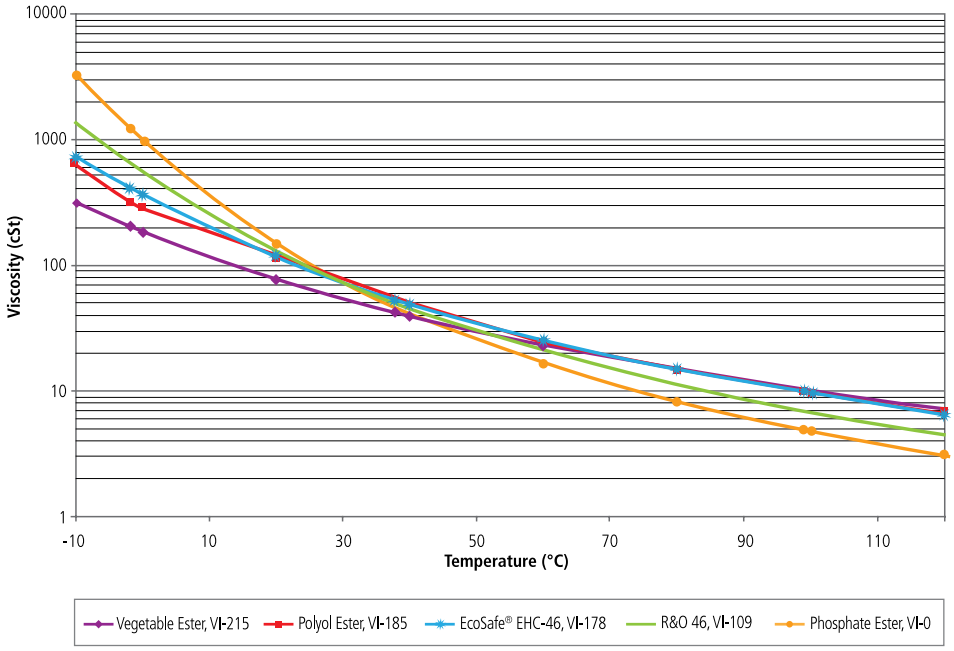
## Kinematic Viscosity Comparison



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## Hydraulic Fluids

### A Global Source for Premium Fluids and Lubricants

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