

# **Foam Filter Oils**

Functional Products Inc.



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    - Purpose
    - Properties
    - Types
  2. Formulating three types of foam filter oil



## Why Use Filter Oil?

- Foam filter oils (or air filter oils) are applied to the air intake filter of high performance motorcycles.
  - Repel Water
  - Trap Dust and Dirt
  - Maintain Airflow
- Ideally foam filter oil repels water and traps dust without decreasing airflow through the filter.



## Desired Properties

- Hydrophobic
  - Base oil naturally repels water
- Tacky
  - Traps dust and dirt
  - Finger tack is often enough
- Does Not Block Pores
  - Coat the filter without forming clumps
  - Should not clump/overly thicken at lower use temp.
- Penetrate/Coat Filter
  - Lower viscosity gives easier application
  - Color shows that filter is coated
- Remain on Filter
  - Too low viscosity continues to leak after application



## Three Types of Foam Filter Oil on the Market

1. Easy Application
2. Low VOC
3. Aerosol



- Low Viscosity Oils
  - Typically < 25 cSt @ 40°C
  - Readily penetrates filter for easy application
  - Commonly continues to leak after application
- High Tack
  - Only type to register on ductless siphon test
- Large Portion Organic Solvent
  - Allows low viscosity and evaporates leaving polymer coating on filter
  - High VOC
  - Low Flashpoint



- Medium Viscosity Oils
  - $\approx 200 - 250$  cSt @  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - Slower filter penetration than easy application oils
  - Leaking after application is rare
- Finger Tack
  - Sufficient to trap dust and dirt
- Small Portion Organic Solvent
  - Leads to higher viscosity
  - Low VOC
  - Higher Flashpoint



- Low Viscosity Oils
  - Typically < 40 cSt @ 40°C
  - Readily penetrates filter for easy application
- No Tack
  - Required to avoid clogging spray head
  - Repels water, polymer will still trap some dirt and dust
  - Has been known to get sucked from filter into engine
- Very easy, low mess application
- High flash point\*
- Low VOC\*

\*Before adding aerosol component. Aerosol will reverse these trends.





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- Competitive with easy application, low VOC, and aerosol filter oils on the market today:

<b><u>Component</u></b>	<b>Easy Application</b>	<b>Low VOC</b>	<b>Aerosol</b>
Functional V-158F	14.5	23	6.3
110N Gr. II	29.9	35.9	93.6
600N Gr. II	-	36	-
30 SUS Naphthenic Oil	55	5	-
Functional V-176	0.5	-	-
Colorant	0.05	0.05	0.05
BHT (AO)	0.05	0.05	0.05
Pour Point (D97, C)	-48	-27	-24
Finger Tack	Yes	Yes	No
String Length (DS)	5 mL	0 mL	N/A
Flash Point (D92, C/F)	94/200	199/390	-



- Comparable viscosities and pour points
  - Easy application, no low temperature clogging
- Higher flash point
  - Safer to Handle

## Easy Application Foam Filter Oils

	Functional Products	Competitor "C"	Competitor "D"
KV40 (D445, cSt)	23.2	22.7	14.4
KV100 (D445, cSt)	7.4	5.8	4.8
VI (D2270)	321	218	303
Pour Point (D97, C)	-48	< -42	< -42
Finger Tack	Yes	Yes	Yes
String Length (DS, mL)	5	22	10
Flash Point (D92, C/F)	94/200	< 35/95	< 35/95



- Lower Pour Point than Competitor “A”
  - Less likely to clog at low temperature
- Higher Flash Point than Competitor “B”
  - Safer to Handle

## Low VOC Foam Filter Oils

	Functional Products	Competitor “A”	Competitor “B”
KV40 (D445, cSt)	219.6	241.5	195.7
KV100 (D445, cSt)	31.3	26.9	43.1
VI (D2270)	186	145	273
Pour Point (D97, C)	-27	-21	-27
Finger Tack	Yes	Yes	Yes
String Length (DS, mL)	0	0	0
Flash Point (D92, C/F)	199/390	210/410	65/149



- Competitive with current products on market

## Aerosol Foam Filter Oils

	Functional Products	Competitor "E"
KV40 (D445, cSt)	36.5	38.4
KV100 (D445, cSt)	7.2	7.3
VI (D2270)	165	158
Pour Point (D97, C)	-24	-24
Finger Tack	No	No
String Length (DS, mL)	N/A	N/A
Flash Point (D92, C/F)	-	240/464*

\*Measurement of liquid state without aerosol components



- Foam Filter Oils
  - Hydrophobic oil repels water
  - Tacky material traps dirt and dust
  - Remains on filter and prevents reduction of air flow
- Functional Products formulates safe, effective oils for:
  - Easy Application
  - Low VOC Content
  - Aerosol Application

