



Proven Precision Dry Lubrication

DICRONITE®



Valve Torque Reduction

Situation:

- A major valve manufacturer wanted to reduce torque in the rotating components and mating surfaces, while still maintaining sealing capability at the mating surfaces. The manufacturer provides a range of valve types to a variety of industries and wanted a solution that could work across different environmental conditions.

Key operating requirements included:

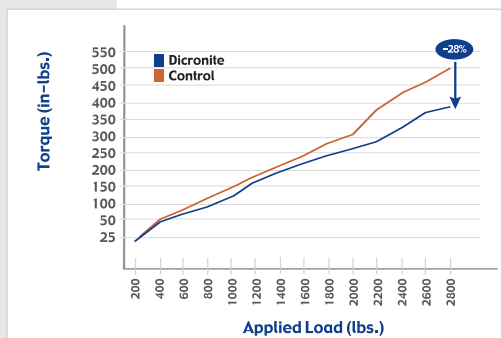
- Ability to operate across cryogenic to high temperatures
- Chemical resistance - fluid and gas; radiation resistance
- Compatibility (non-explosive) with liquid and gaseous oxygen, rocket propellant and other explosive materials
- Compatibility with valve seating materials (elastomers, plastics, etc.)
- Diconite dry lubrication was introduced resulting in lower torque, and less wear and maintenance without compromising seal integrity.

Testing:

- To demonstrate Diconite dry lubrication's benefit, a test fixture was constructed and a series of tests were run comparing the current situation (unlubricated steel rotating against unlubricated steel) with Diconite dry lubricated surface rotating against unlubricated steel.
- The load on the fixture was progressively increased while measuring the torque required to rotate the stem.

Results:

- As shown below, the addition of Diconite dry lubrication to the rotating surface decreased the required torque by more than 25%. This resulted in increased valve life and decreased valve wear.



- In addition, Diconite dry lubrication met the manufacturer's other operating requirements with its:
 - Operating range from -188°C to +538°C (-306°F to +1000°F)
 - Chemical resistance, radiation resistance
 - Compatibility with liquid/gaseous oxygen and rocket propellants
 - Compatibility with all metallic substrates, plastics and elastomers

- Diconite dry lubrication is widely used in the moving (stems, actuators, balls, etc) and mating (seats, discs, seals, etc) valve components.

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