

GEARBOX TEMPERATURE REDUCTION

Dicronite® helped reduce operating temperatures to minimize component wear and maintenance need

BACKGROUND

A major paper manufacturer was experiencing unacceptable wear and out-of-cycle maintenance issues with a gearbox. The issue was root-caused to critical temperatures in the gearbox during continuous operation.

The manufacturer was seeking a solution to lower gearbox temperatures by >10% without installing external cooling equipment.

TESTING

Comparison testing of two gearboxes (Radicon and Cleveland) with and without Dicronite® was conducted. Test conditions were:

- Speed: 479 FPM (600 FPM max)
- Timeframe: 27 days continuous running

RESULTS

Operating temperatures were reduced by 16% (22°F) in the Radicon gearbox and 12% (18°F) in the Cleveland gearbox, exceeding the engineering requirement.

As a result, Dicronite® was incorporated as part of plant engineering requirements to minimize maintenance costs and downtime.

