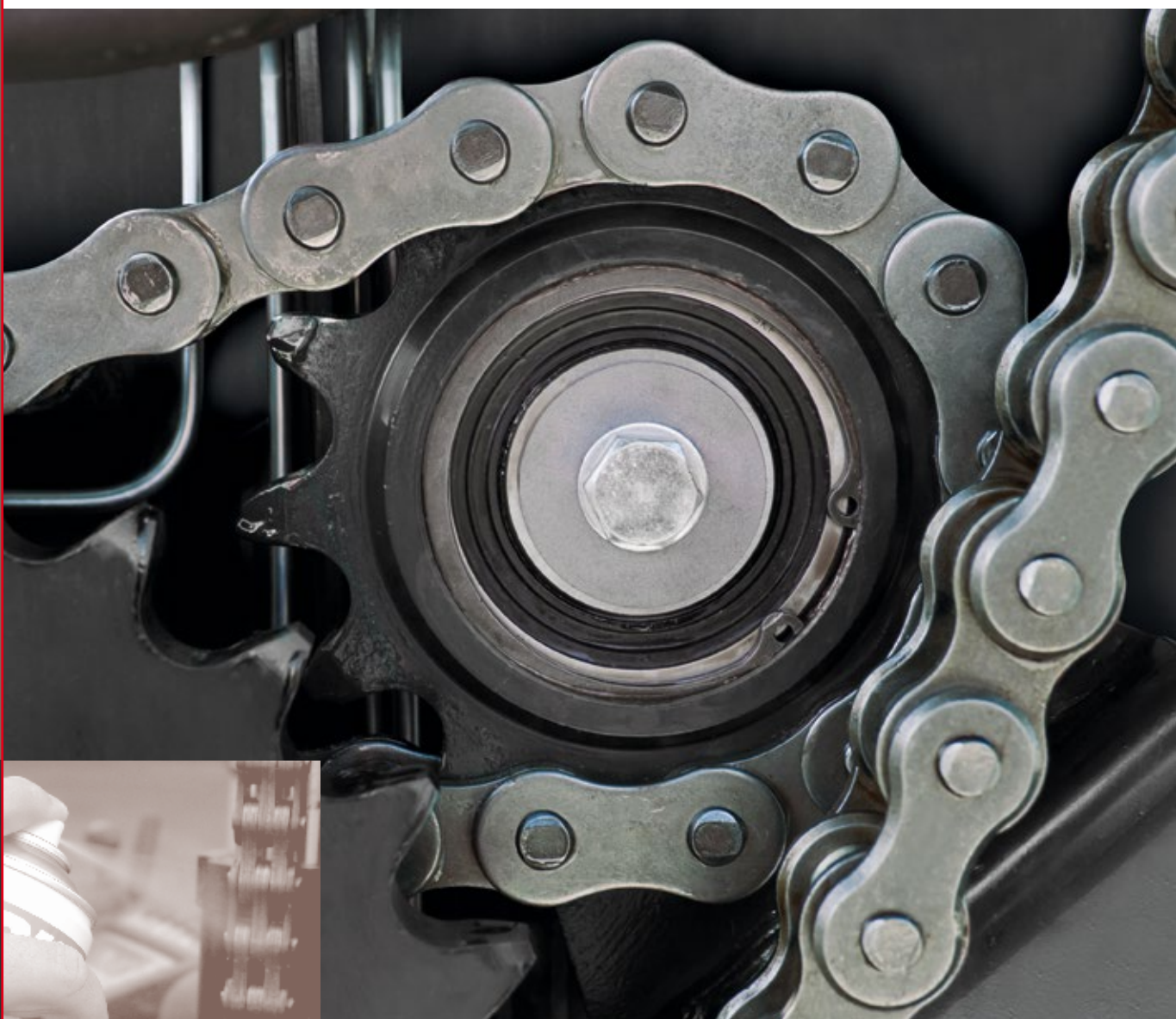




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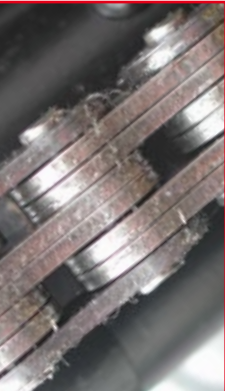
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## Optimum chain lubrication provides safety and cost advantages



### Design and function of a chain

As machine elements, chains enable the transmission of movements and tractive forces. Today roller chains are used most often in technology applications. Their chain joints consist of inner and outer links connected with pins. The pins of the inner links are located in sleeves, which are in turn seated in a roller. This roller causes a reduction in the drive forces and the wear when operating the chain.

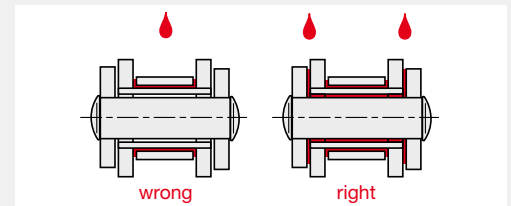
Chain drives consist of a drive pinion, a chain, a chain tensioner and a chain sprocket. The tractive force is transmitted to the chain via the drive pinion. This force is absorbed in the chain by both the links and the pins, which lie in linear contact to the bushings, and then have contact with the rollers via the bushings. The actual movement of the chain takes place during deflection over the chain sprocket.

### Lubricating chains

An optimum chain lubrication has a considerable effect on the wearing behaviour and with it on the service life of the chain. Statistical tests have shown that approx. 60 % of all chain defects can be traced back to incorrect or insufficient lubrication.

To achieve effective lubrication, a sufficient quantity of lubricant must be brought into the chain joints during each lubricating process. Here the lubricant must pass through a narrow gap between the links to penetrate into the chain joint. The amount of lubricant required for this purpose is relatively small.

The lubricant must always be applied to the link edges. Lubrication can be effected by manual or drip lubrication for chain drives with a speed of up



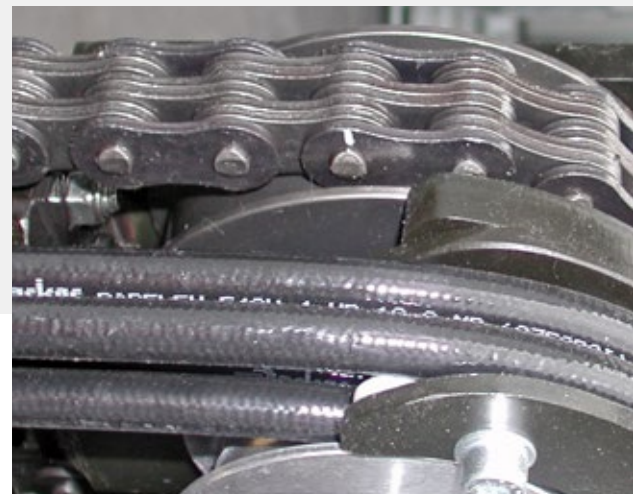
to approximately 3 m/s. In this case oil is applied by brush, oil can, spray or drip oiler. The lubricant should only be applied to the link top. Higher chain speeds require automatic lubrication systems.

With manual and drip lubrication, the quantity of lubricant should be sufficient to prevent rapid ageing of the lubricant within the relubricating intervals. With manual lubrication of a continuously running chain, relubrication should be carried out at least once a day or every eight operating hours if possible.

### OKS speciality lubricants for chain lubrication

OKS offers you a broad range of speciality lubricants for chain lubrication under various conditions of use.

**The enclosed products table will help you when selecting a suitable lubricant for your individual case**



## Selection criteria for chain lubricants

The design of chains and their operation exclusively in the mixed friction range result in many problems in use. These include material abrasion due to line contact, oscillating movements and jolts, high surface pressures on the links and pins and the effects of environmental influences, such as high or low temperatures, dust, and moisture on the function of the chain. This results in demanding requirements for the chain lubricants used.

### Adhesive strength

The lubricant is not to be thrown off at the deflection points of the chain, where high centrifugal forces can occur.

### Regenerability

Abrasive old lubricant residues and remains can result in heavy wearing. These must be dissolved by the lubricant and transported out of the joints.

### High-temperature stability

As the decision in favour of a chain drive is often made due to high operating temperatures, the lubricant must retain its full functionality within these temperature ranges.

### Corrosion protection

Is important for all chains used under corrosive conditions to prevent rust from forming on the chain elements.

### Protection against media

This means the lubricant must be resistant to acids and alkaline solutions or aggressive gases.

### Carbonisation tendency

Mineral oils tend to form residues at high temperatures which can considerably increase wearing or can block the chain joint up to the point of immobility.

### Wetting and creep properties

As the friction points are located inside the chain and, especially on small chains, the joint access points are extremely narrow, the chain lubrication must have outstanding creep properties (high penetration capacity).

### Wear protection

Due to operation in the mixed friction range, chains are subjected to heavy wearing. Therefore, wear protection is especially important. This takes place by adding solid lubricants, such as MoS<sub>2</sub>, graphite or PTFE, which act purely physically by separating the friction partners from each other. However, this can also be carried out with additive packages which cause surface refinement.

### Noise damping

As the labour protection laws no longer allow any unnecessary sources of noise, it is important here to prevent this by choosing the right lubricant. Generally, it can be said that a higher basic viscosity also results in more effective noise avoidance.

### Compatibility with plastics

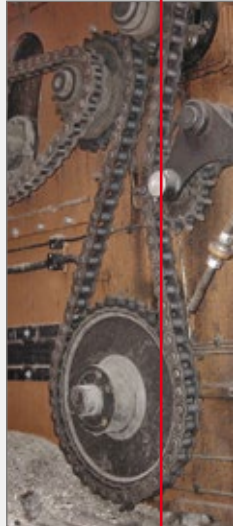
Chains frequently come into contact with plastics or partially consist of plastic materials, e.g. O-ring chains. In this case, compatibility with the lubricant must be ensured.

### Hydrocapillary effect

If a chain is exposed to water, the water will penetrate into the chain links. The task of the chain lubricant is to prevent corrosion, to creep under the water and to force it out of the chain.

### Use in food processing technology

Lubricants for which the corresponding approvals of the NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) are available are suitable for chains used in the food processing industry.



Our technical service will answer any further question you may have on the subject of chain lubrication.





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Product	Designation	Viscosity at 40°C	Fields of application														Main Components	Characterisation	Examples of use							
			Speed			Load				Temperature application range (°C)																
			Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-40	-20	0	+20	+40	+60	+80				+100	+120	+140	+160	+180	+200	+220
<b>OKS 310</b>	MoS <sub>2</sub> High Temperature Lubricating Oil ISO VG 100	108 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	up to +200°C/+450°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyglycol</li> <li>• MoS<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liquid lubrication up to +200°C, also suitable as a dry lubricant at temperatures above this</li> <li>• Residue-free evaporation of basic oil</li> <li>• Good media resistance/plastic compatibility</li> <li>• Emergency lubrication with MoS<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chains in painting, stoving and drying systems</li> </ul>
<b>OKS 340</b> <b>OKS 341</b>	Chain Protector, strongly adhesive ISO VG 460	440 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-30°C to +180°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyisobutylene</li> <li>• Mo<sub>x</sub>-Active</li> <li>• Additives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extreme adhesive strength and excellent wear protection under heavy loads</li> <li>• Good corrosion protection</li> <li>• O-ring neutral</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fast-running chains in transport systems with stacker trucks</li> </ul>
<b>OKS 350</b>	High-Temperature Chain Oil with MoS <sub>2</sub> , synthetic ISO VG 220	240 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-30°C to +250°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthetic oil</li> <li>• MoS<sub>2</sub></li> <li>• Mo<sub>x</sub>-Active</li> <li>• Additives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent wear protection under heavy loads and at high temperatures</li> <li>• Low evaporation losses</li> <li>• Resistant to water and steam</li> <li>• Emergency lubrication with MoS<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chains in painting, stoving and drying systems, escalators and treadmills</li> </ul>
<b>OKS 352</b> <b>OKS 3521</b>	High-Temperature Oil, light-coloured, synthetic	270 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-10°C to +250°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ester</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent wear protection at high temperatures and at medium speeds and loads</li> <li>• Low evaporation losses</li> <li>• Resistant to water and steam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chains in painting, stoving and drying systems, escalators and treadmills</li> <li>• Joints and slideways</li> </ul>
<b>OKS 353</b>	High-Temperature Oil, light-coloured, synthetic ISO VG 100	100 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-25°C to +250°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ester</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good wear protection at high temperatures and at medium speeds and loads</li> <li>• High cleaning effect</li> <li>• Low evaporation losses</li> <li>• Resistant to water and steam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chains in painting, stoving and drying systems, escalators and treadmills</li> <li>• Joints and slideways</li> </ul>
<b>OKS 354</b> <b>OKS 3541</b>	High-Temperature Adhesive Lubricant, synthetic	4,000 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-10°C to +250°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ester</li> <li>• Mo<sub>x</sub>-Active</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highly adhesive</li> <li>• Resistant to water</li> <li>• Low evaporation losses</li> <li>• Good media resistance</li> <li>• Noise-damping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chains in car washes, wastewater treatment plants, harbour, lock and wharf systems</li> </ul>
<b>OKS 3570</b> <b>OKS 3571</b>	High-Temperature Oil for Food Processing Technology ISO VG 320	300 mm <sup>2</sup> /s	Low	Medium	High	Low	Medium	High	Very high	-10°C to +250°C														<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthetic oil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent wear protection at high temperatures, medium speeds and loads</li> <li>• High cleaning effect</li> <li>• Low evaporation losses</li> <li>• NSF H1-registered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chains, joints, levers, springs and hinges and at higher temperatures in the food processing and packaging industries</li> </ul>

