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| SECTION 1 GENERAL |
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0101. STANAG 1135, Annex C lists under individual product descriptions of national specifications which have been agreed as interchangeable.

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SECTION 2 GUIDE SPECIFICATION FOR LUBRICATING OIL, NAVAL DIESEL ENGINE, SEVERE SERVICE, GRADE 40 (O-278)

Scope: This oil is suitable for use in marine diesel engines operating on distillate fuels, ranging from the small cylinder normally aspirated type, to the multi-cylinder, highly-rated, pressure-charged type.

| | REQUIREMENT | UNITS | TEST METHOD | LIMITS | NOTES |
|-----|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
| 1 | Composition | | | The oil shall consist of refined mineral oil blended with additives as necessary to meet the requirements of this specification | |
| 2 | Appearance | | Visual examination | Homogeneous, clear, free from visible water, particles in suspension and sediments | |
| 3 | Kinematic Viscosity at 100 °C | mm ² s ⁻¹ | ISO 3104 | 12.5 - <16.3 (SAE 40) | ASTM D445 is technically equivalent |
| 4 | Viscosity Index | | ISO 2909 | Minimum 90 | ASTM D2270 is technically equivalent |
| 5 | Pour Point | °C | ISO 3016 | Maximum -12 | ASTM D97 is technically equivalent |
| 6 | Copper Corrosion (Test at 100 °C for 3 hours) | Rating | ISO 2160 | Maximum 1b | ASTM D130 is technically equivalent |
| 7 | Foaming Characteristics: Foam Stability; (i) Sequences I & III (at 24 °C) (ii) Sequence II (at 93,5 °C) | ml ml | ISO 6247 | Maximum 30 Maximum 50 | ASTM D892 is technically equivalent |

| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) | (f) |
|-----|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 8 | Rust Prevention | | ISO 7120 Procedure B | No rusting | ASTM D665 Procedure B is technically equivalent |
| 9 | Engine Performance: Either; (i) ACEA Classification or (ii) API Classification | | (i) ACEA E7 (ii) API CI | (i) Minimum E7 (2012) (ii) Minimum CI | If ACEA or API classification is used to define engine performance then the oil supplier must provide appropriate supporting documentation (Note 1) |
| 10 | Load-carrying Capacity: FZG Gear Test Rig | Failure Load Stage | CEC L07-A-95 | Minimum 12 (i.e. must pass Load Stage 11) | ASTM D5182 & DIN 51354 are technically equivalent |

Note 1: There is no current category or engine testing available for mono-grade engine oils. It is therefore acceptable for manufacturers of O-278 SAE 40 mono-grade oils to test an additive package in a multi-grade formulation. If that multi-grade formulation complies with the engine performance requirements as stated for test 9 above then the same additive package may be used at the same treat rate to manufacture the O-278 SAE 40 mono-grade formulation.

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