

WET LUBRICANTS & PASTES SELECTION GUIDE





WET LUBRICANTS

This range of water-soluble lubricants has been developed to cover the majority of ferrous wire applications, including copper-coated and zinc-galvanized wires. Designed to be operated at low concentrations to allow for the optimum cooling properties, these lubricants provide for anti-wear and/or extreme pressure lubrication in the wire deformation zone.

Chemically, the range consists of a number of formulations consisting of dispersions, emulsions or true solutions. They can generally be classified by their appears in water as follows:

• Milky: emulsions or dispersions

• Translucent: micro-emulsions

• Transparent: solutions

Our extensive range encompasses all water-based technologies, and covers the vast majority of cold drawing applications for a wide range of materials and surface preparations. Specific product recommendations are made according to the material type and the severity of the forming process, combined with knowledge of the final wire applications. Our technical and lab support team can

assist with initial make-up recommendations and subsequent in-use bath monitoring, including routine analysis reporting if required. These support functions are aimed at providing the customer with a product that yields the optimum service life and performance (die life etc): all tailored to optimize total production costs and reducing consumption and waste (including disposal costs).

PASTES

Based on combinations of soaps and fatty-matter, our range of pastes are typically designed for single pass drawing, to provide high levels of lubrication, while leaving a clean and low residual film on the drawn wire surface. This is particularly beneficial for secondary applications such as electro-plating (EPQ wires etc.). Some products offer enhanced corrosion protection additives, and also specialty additives such as MoS2 for the most demanding applications (heavy draw reductions).

			Carbon Steel	Stainless Steel	Zinc Coated	Aluminum & Alloys	Copper & Alloys Copper coated	
VICAFIL™	Micro Emulsion	SL 3500	•		•		•	Versatile. High bath life.
		SL 1093			•			Minimal residues for staple and binding wires.
	Liquid soap	SL 4095	•					Last die. Wire cleaning in line.
		SL 1250	•		•			Low carbon steel (fine wires)
		SL 380	•		•			CO ₂ wire. Skin pass.
	Emulsion	SL 2868 - SL 2870		•				High perfomances. Containing EP additives.
		SL 550				•		High performance, no stairing
		WC 7401	•		•		•	Weaving compound (any coating: nylon, zinc,).
		SL 1001	•					Light lubricating film for nail forming operations
VICAFIL™	Pastes	SP 1358 - SP 1360	•					Skin pass, high duty (cold heading, plating quality).
		SP 1356 G	•	•				Skin pass, very high duty (poor surface preparation, high reductions).

Please refer to our complementary additives range to help you manage your lubricant lifetime and performance.







