



SOLUBLE 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 includes a number of formulations consisting of dispersions, emulsions or true solutions. They can generally be classified by their appearance 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™	Liquid Soaps	SL 3400	•			•	Versatile.	
		SL 3500	•			•	Versatile. High bath life.	
		SL 4492 L	•		•		Zinc galvanised. Clean bright finish	
	Dispersions	SL 3600	•				•	High performance applications. Saw wire and CO ₂ wire (final skin pass).
		SL 4095	•					Last die. Wire cleaning in line.
	Emulsions	SL 1613 - SL 2000	•		•			Low carbon steel (fine wires)
		SL 380 - SL 4604	•		•			CO ₂ wire. Skin pass. High life (resistant to acid pollution)
		SL 2868		•				High performances. Containing EP additives.
		SL 550				•		High performance, no staining
		WC 6C	•		•		•	Weaving compound (any coating: nylon, zinc,...).
VICAFIL™	Pastes	SP 466 - SP 6	•		•			Skin pass drawing : bright finish, low residues.
		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.



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