

Given: Journal bearing, journal diameter = 3 in, $l = 1.5$ in,
 $W = 800$ lbf, $n = 600$ rev/min, $C_r = 0.0025$ in, $T = 150^\circ\text{F}$.

Find: Minimum oil-film thickness and the maximum film pressure for SAE10 and SAE40 lubricants.

Solution: From the temperature-viscosity chart,

$$\mu_{10} = 1.65 \mu\text{reyn} \quad \mu_{40} = 4.5 \mu\text{reyn}$$

The Sommerfeld number is given by

$$S = \left(\frac{r}{C_r}\right)^2 \frac{\mu N}{P}$$

$$S_{10} = \frac{\left(\frac{1.5 \text{ in}}{0.0025 \text{ in}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1.65 \times 10^{-6} \text{ lbf-sec}}{\text{in}^2}\right) \left(\frac{600 \text{ rev}}{\text{min}}\right) \left(\frac{\text{min}}{60 \text{ sec}}\right)}{\left(\frac{800 \text{ lbf}}{(3 \text{ in})(1.5 \text{ in})}\right)}$$

$$= 3.34 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$S_{40} = \left(\frac{4.5 \mu\text{reyn}}{1.65 \mu\text{reyn}}\right) \left(3.34 \times 10^{-2}\right) = 9.1 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\frac{L}{D} = \frac{1.5 \text{ in}}{3 \text{ in}} = 0.5$$

From the chart in the notes,

$$\left(\frac{h_o}{c}\right)_{10} = 0.11$$

$$\left(\frac{h_o}{c}\right)_{40} = 0.2$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{o_{10}} = (0.11)(0.0025 \text{ in})$$

$$h_{o_{10}} = 0.000275 \text{ in}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{o_{40}} = (0.2)(0.0025 \text{ in})$$

$$h_{o_{40}} = 0.0005 \text{ in}$$

Note that the higher viscosity oil has a higher oil film thickness.

Also, from the chart in the notes,

$$\left(\frac{P}{P_{\max}}\right)_{10} = 0.23$$

$$\left(\frac{P}{P_{\max}}\right)_{40} = 0.28$$

$$P = \frac{800 \text{ lbf}}{(3 \text{ in})(1.5 \text{ in})} = 178 \text{ psi}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\max_{10}} = \frac{178}{0.23} = 774 \text{ psi}$$

$$P_{\max_{40}} = \frac{178}{0.28} = 635 \text{ psi}$$

Note that the higher viscosity oil has a lower max pressure.