

REDUCING NOISE IN STEERING COLUMNS

INDUSTRY:
Automotive

APPLICATION:
Steering Column

COMPONENT:
Spline

LOCATION:
Michigan



BACKGROUND

When it comes to automotive steering systems, the spline is responsible for accommodating the motion from the steering column as it moves separately from the vehicle's suspension. Without the proper lubricant, this motion will cause drivers to hear a stick/slip noise. A leader in the production of advanced automotive steering, driveline, and automated driving technologies came to Nye in search of a lubricant that would eliminate a stick/slip issue that they were experiencing within their steering column splines.

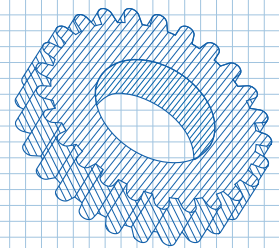
CHALLENGE

- Can the lubricant reduce noise coming from slip/stick in steering column splines?

SOLUTION FLUOROCARBON GEL 866

A PTFE thickened, light viscosity, synthetic hydrocarbon grease.

- Greatly reduces the stick/slip noise
- Rust-inhibited



RESULTS

Ultimately, the customer decided to go with Fluorocarbon Gel 866 after it performed in the desired temperature range, met their durability requirements, and eliminated the stick/slip noise. The customer has remained satisfied with the product's performance within their steering column splines.

Base Oil Properties	Conditions	Fluorocarbon Gel 866	Test Method
Chemistry		PTFE / Polyalphaolefin	
Temperature Range		-54 to 125°C	
Kinematic Viscosity	40°C	30.7 cSt	ASTM D-445
Viscosity Index		144	ASTM D-2270
Grease Properties			
NLGI Grade		2.5	ASTM D-217
Oil Separation	24 hrs, 100°C	1.8%	FTM 791 Method 321.2
Evaporation	24 hrs, 100°C	0.08%	NYE CTM

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