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LIST OF SYMBOLS

μ	Coefficient of friction
VI	Viscosity index
F	Force
F_f	Friction force
N	Load
f	Friction factor
F	Force
f_s	Skin friction coefficient
g	Gravity

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

WCO	Waste cooking oil
DOE	Design of experiment
COF	Coefficient of friction
WR	Wear rate
WVO	Waste vegetable oil
FFA	Free fatty acid
RSM	Response surface methodology
EDX	Energy dispersive X-spectroscopy
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
DF	Diesel fuel
PB	Palm biodiesel
JB	Jathropa biodiesel
TMP	Trimethylolpropane
POD	Palm oil diesel
CCD	Composite rotatable design
SV	Sliding velocity
NF	Normal force
MOOT	Multi objectives optimization
RF	Reinforcement

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ABSTRAK

Dalam dekad semasa, pembangunan produk yang boleh di kitar semula untuk menggantikan produk fosil adalah satu isu yang penting terutama dari industri, alam sekitar dan dari sudut pandangan ahli akademik. Dalam tesis ini, percubaan telah dibuat untuk mengkaji ciri-ciri tribologi minyak masak terpakai yang dicampur dengan minyak enjin SAE 40, menyiasat ciri-ciri fizikal minyak seperti kelikatan dan kandungan kelembapan dan mengkaji tentang pengaruh parameter operasi yang berbeza dalam prestasi tribologi. Minyak masak kelapa sawit terpakai telah dipilih disebabkan ia adalah minyak yang biasa dipakai di Malaysia. Minyak masak terpakai telah melalui tiga proses penapisan, penapisan kasar, penyahairan dan penapisan halus. Kelembapan kandungan minyak dan analisa kelikatan telah dikaji untuk mengetahui ciri-ciri fizikal minyak pelincir yang telah dicampur. Mekanisme haus dan prestasi geseran telah dinilai menggunakan satu mesin yang menyerupai aplikasi seperti geseran antara piston dan liner silinder di dalam enjin. Bahan spesimen yang digunakan untuk specimen adalah aluminium 6061 yang merupakan bahan biasa digunakan dalam pembuatan piston. Cabang reka bentuk eksperimen (DOE) iaitu kaedah gerak balas permukaan (RSM) telah digunakan untuk mengkaji tentang pengaruh parameter operasi yang berbeza seperti kelajuan putaran (200 RPM, 250 RPM, 300 RPM), kepekatan jumlah (5% dan 10% daripada sisa minyak), dan beban (2 kg, 5.5 kg dan 9kg) dalam menentukan dan mendapatkan pengoptimuman untuk pelincir yang berbeza dalam aspek tribology. Field Pelepasan Mikroskop Imbasan Elektron (FESEM) yang dilengkapi dengan EDX sistem telah digunakan untuk mengenal pasti mekanisme haus dan untuk mengesan semua kecacatan yang mungkin berlaku pada permukaan specimen. Hasil eksperimen menunjukkan bahawa mengikut pekali geseran berbanding hasil masa dan hasil penurunan berat spesimen, pekali geseran antara tiga kepekatan minyak tidak menunjukkan perbezaan yang besar. Berdasarkan keputusan kandungan lembapan dalam minyak yang telah dicampur, keputusan menunjukkan bahawa kandungan lembapan dalam 0% kepekatan jumlah sisa minyak masak adalah sama dengan kandungan lembapan peratusan dalam 10% kepekatan jumlah sisa minyak masak manakala 5% menunjukkan peratusan yang paling rendah kandungan lembapan manakala berdasarkan keputusan kelikatan minyak, semakin tinggi kandungan minyak masak yang dicampur, semakin kurang kadar kelikatan minyak. Berdasarkan keputusan FESEM, didapati bahawa penurunan mekanisma haus berlaku apabila menggunakan minyak yg lebih likat. Ini kerana minyak yang likat akan mengurangkan daya geseran antara dua bahan yang bergesel. Merujuk di barisan mengasah di atas specimen, ia tidak menunjukkan perbezaan yang besar di antara specimen yang berbeza. Ini menunjukkan bahawa menggunakan sedikit minyak masak terpakai tidak memberi banyak kesan dalam komponen enjin dari segi pekali mereka geseran dan mekanisma haus. Untuk ciri-ciri fizikal minyak pelincir pula, keputusan menunjukkan minyak pelincir yang telah dicampur minyak masak terpakai menghampiri dengan minyak enjin yang sedia ada iaitu SAE 40.

ABSTRACT

In the current decade, the development of renewable products to replace fossil products is an essential and important issue from industrial, environment, and academic point of views. In the current study, an attempt was made to study the tribological behaviour of waste cooking oil blended with SAE 40, investigate their viscosity and moisture content and also optimized the different operating parameter of the tribological performance. Waste cooking palm oil (WCO) was chosen from the most common waste oil using in Malaysia. Waste cooking oil was undergone three types of process, the coarse filtering, dewatering and fine filtering. Moisture content and viscosity analysis were investigated to study the physical properties of blended lubricant as well as the effectiveness of filtration method. Wear and friction performance was evaluated using piston-liner contact tester, and the material use is aluminium 6061 which is the standard material for piston. The design of experiment (DOE) was constructed using Response Surface Methodology (RSM) method. Influence of different operating parameter such as rotational speeds (200 RPM, 250 RPM, 300 RPM), volume concentration (SAE 40, 5% and 10% of waste oil), and applied loads (2 kg, 5.5kg and 9kg) investigated and obtain the optimization for different lubricant in tribological behavior. Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (FESEM) that equipped with EDX system was used to identify the wear mechanism and element on the surface of the specimen. According to the coefficient of friction versus time result and the weight loss result, the friction coefficient between the three concentrations of oil shows a considerable difference between SAE 40 and two blended lubricant. Based on the properties result, for viscosity, as the concentration of waste cooking oil increases, the viscosity of the bio-lubricant decreases. According to result in moisture content, the moisture content percentage in 0% volume concentration of waste cooking oil is the same with moisture content percentage in 10% volume concentration of waste cooking oil while 5% shows the lowest percentage of the moisture content. Based on SEM result, the wear on the surface specimen decrease as the concentration of waste cooking oil added with engine oil reduce, and it was due to the SAE 40 showed the highest viscosity result compared to 10% concentration because higher viscosity tends to drag the movements between two contact surfaces. It can be said that using a small amount of WCO in the engine oil was not give much impact in the engine component regarding on their coefficient of friction and wear mechanism. From the lubricant properties analysis, it shows that the properties of the blended lubricant approached with the lubricant baseline (SAE 40).

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