

Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B

Synthetic subsea production control fluid

2007 OSPAR compliant with no substitutable components

Description

Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is a synthetic hydrocarbon control fluid specifically formulated for use as the control medium closed loop surface and subsea production control systems. The fluid incorporates all the features required for operation in a wide range of equipment, and can therefore be used as the operating medium throughout the control system including subsurface safety valve and well control areas.

Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B has been developed and qualified under a Quality Management System with ISO 9001:2000 certification and an Environmental Management System with ISO14001:2004 certification for Research and Development.

Qualification testing was carried out in accordance with ISO13628-6 Annex C (2006 E).

Application

- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B has been developed specifically for Hydro and is suitable for use in all the existing and currently planned projects.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is rated for operation over a temperature range of -40°C (-40°F) to 150°C (302 °F), making it suitable for reliable operation of subsea or surface production control equipment in all Hydro subsea applications.
- The fluid incorporates all the features that required for operation in a wide range of equipment and is stable for operation at the temperatures found in the well bore.
- The low pour point also allows use in areas where low ambient temperatures prevail.
- Designed for use within Electro-Hydraulic Multiplex (EH-Mux) or direct hydraulic control systems.
- Designed for reliable use throughout the entire production and workover control systems, covering Topsides and Subsea applications; both open water and well bore; and Downhole from control of a single SSSV through to complex intelligent well completions.





Features

- Fully compliant with 2007 OSPAR environmental legislation and does not contain any “substitutable” components.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B has similar performance to the field proven Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/200 with an operating capability up to 150°C (302 °F). See Table 1 & Table 2 for detailed physical and performance characteristics.
- Physical, chemical and performance testing has demonstrated that Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is fully compatible and miscible in all proportions with the Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/200 and Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/A (Ormen Lange).
- As with all specialist Castrol Brayco Micronic subsea grades, Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B must never be mixed with water glycol based control fluids (e.g. Castrol Transaqua HT2). It can be used to replace mineral oils (such as the Castrol Hypspin range), but this requires clarification with Castrol Offshore. Contamination of Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B with other fluid types can seriously affect the product performance.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is resistant to bacterial and fungal growth.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B provides corrosion protection with sea water contamination.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B has excellent lubrication performance.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is compatible with a wide range of materials commonly used in subsea control systems, for basic lists see Table 3 & Table 4.

Benefits

- Compliance with 2007 OSPAR environmental legislation provides a large global operational footprint.
- Allows reliable operation of subsea equipment exposed to conventional or HP/HT conditions.
- Compatibility and miscibility properties of Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B with SV/200 allow for easily managed direct top up and upgrade option programmes. For further details contact Castrol Offshore.
- The low pour point of the fluid allows operation in low ambient temperature environments.
- Viscosity profile of fluid permits optimum hydraulic response through long control umbilicals.
- Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is recommended for use in:
 - New Hydro subsea and surface production control systems
 - Existing Hydro production control systems using Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/200 and Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/A.

Table 1

Fluid - Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B Rheology @ ambient pressure							
Property	Units @	-25°C (-13°F)	0°C (32°F)	20°C (68°F)	40°C (104°F)	100°C (212°F)	175°C (347°F)
Density	g/ml	0.8474	0.8323	0.8202	0.8082	0.7721	0.7269
	lb/ft ³	52.90	51.96	51.20	50.45	48.20	45.38
Viscosity	cSt	303.4	44.2	18.9	10.0	3.0	1.5
Bulk Modulus	N/m ² (x 10 ⁹)	1.75	1.56	1.41	1.27	0.89	0.51
	Psi (x 10 ⁹)	2.54	2.26	2.04	1.84	1.29	0.74
General Properties							
Property	Code	Units	Typical Value				
Appearance	-	-	Clear mobile liquid				
Colour	-	-	Pale amber				
Pour Point	IP15 / ASTM D97	°C (°F)	< -50 (<-58)				
Flash Point	ASTM D92	°C (°F)	147 (296.6)				
pH @ 20°C (68°F)	-	-	N/A as oil based fluid				
TAN	IP177 / ASTM D664	mg KOH/g	0.5				
TBN	IP276 / ASTM D2896	mg KOH/g	1.0				
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	-	m ³ /m ³ °C	0.00098				
Thermal Conductivity	ASTM D2717	W/m°C	-				
Specific Heat	ASTM D2766	KJ/Kg/K	-				
Foam Test Sequence 1 Tendency	IP146 / ASTM D892	ml	50				
Foam Test Sequence 1 Stability	IP146 / ASTM D892	ml	0				
Viscosity Index (VI)	ASTM D2270	-	-				
Moisture Content Volumetric- Karl Fisher	IP386	p.p.m.	< 500				
Relative Humidity	CWS01	%	< 35				
Particulate Cleanliness	SAE AS4059E	-	Class 6 B to F or better				
	ISO 4406	-	Code 14/11 or better				

Castrol Offshore Ltd has comprehensive PVT data available, which covers a range of pressures and temperatures upon request.

Table 2

Fluid - Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B Typical Performance Characteristics			
Property	Code	Performance	
Sea Water Stability	ISO 13628-6 Annex C (2006 E)	Provides anti corrosion performance on carbon steel with 10% sea water Pass (24 hours)	
Microbiological Growth – 28 Day Challenge Test Fungi Bacteria	ISO 13628-6 Annex C (2006 E)	N/A	
Lubrication Shell 4 Ball – Mean Wear Scar Diameter (1hr, 30 kg, 1460 rpm)	IP239	0.57 mm typical	
Environmental Performance	2007 OSPAR Requirements	Meets 2007 OSPAR requirements - all components tested for toxicity (4 species), biodegradation and bioaccumulation	
Compatibility	Metals	ISO 13628-6 Annex C (2006 E)	Compatible with a wide range of metals for a core set of commonly used metals see Table 3.
	Elastomers / Plastics	ISO 13628-6 Annex C (2006 E)	Compatible with a wide range of Elastomers/plastics for a core set of commonly used compounds see Table 4.
	Umbilical Testing	API 17E	3 month compatibility testing completed successfully.
Valve Testing	DCV	OEM specific	Qualified by a number of leading DCV manufactures.
	SSSV	OEM specific & OTO99001	Qualified by a number of leading SSSV manufactures.

For a more extensive list of tested materials and detailed information on testing contact Castrol Offshore.

Table 3

Fluid - Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B Metal Compatibility		
Material	Compatibility	Comments
<i>Mild Steel A105</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Unprotected carbon steel above the fluid surface may be subject to corrosion from condensed moisture if fluid contains excessive water.
<i>Alloy Steel 4140</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Alloy Steel 440C</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Stainless Steel 316</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Stainless Steel 17-4PH</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Nitronic 60</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Monel 400</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Nickel 200</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Inconel 825</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Excellent for high temperature applications
<i>Super Duplex 2507</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Aluminium Bronze (CDA945)</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Tungsten Carbide - 10% Cobalt Bonded</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Tungsten Carbide - 9% Nickel Bonded</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Aluminium</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Electroless Nickel Plating</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Zinc and Cadmium Plating</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	

Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is compatible with many materials commonly used in the construction of modern production subsea control systems. As with any fluid a complete materials review should always be carried out before using Brayco Micronic SV/B.

Metals to be avoided

Being a non-aqueous medium, galvanic corrosion is minimized and hence Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is suitable for use where a wide variety of metals are used within the control system.

For coating compatibility data please contact Castrol Offshore.

Table 4

Fluid - Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B Elastomer & Plastic Compatibility		
Material	Compatibility	Comments
<i>Nitrile (NBR)</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Widely used as standard seal material. Performance can vary according to grade.
<i>Hydrogenated Nitrile (HNBR)</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Low permeability Nitrile</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Fluorocarbon (FKM - Viton)</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Performance can vary according to grade. Superior to Nitrile if higher temperatures involved (90°C or above)
<i>PTFE</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Very inert, and suitable for high temperature and pressure applications.
<i>PEEK</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Very inert, and suitable for high temperature and pressure applications.
<i>Perfluoroelastomer (FFKM - Chemraz)</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Suitable for extreme temperature applications.
<i>Polyurethane</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	
<i>Ethylene Propylene (EPDM)</i>	<i>Not compatible</i>	<u>Important</u> EPDM is not suitable for use with any hydrocarbon based fluids or greases.
<i>Nylon 11</i>	<i>Compatible</i>	Tested to API 17 E
<i>Silicone</i>	<i>Not compatible</i>	

As with all elastomer compatibility testing, performance of materials can vary between manufacturers. The data reported above refer to "standard" compounds recognised by industry. In critical applications it is advisable to carry out additional testing on specific materials obtained from the component manufacturer.



Seal Materials to be avoided

Ethylene Propylene rubbers (EPR, EPDM) are not compatible with Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B. These materials must be changed out from equipment to be used with Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B.

Paint and other Surface Coatings

It is recommended that in accordance with good working practice the internal surface of the hydraulic system should not be coated. However, external surfaces may require coating and as with all control fluids conventional paint systems will tend to soften or strip. It is therefore recommended that these be replaced by cured epoxy, nylon, or Phenolic types as commonly used subsea. Surface preparation prior to paint application is critical.

Where it is necessary to use internal surface coatings such as PTFE these should be assessed for suitability of use. Manufacturers guidelines should be observed with regards cure times and temperatures and as with paints systems surface preparation specifications should be adhered to.

Environmental Compliance

Castrol Brayco Micronic SV/B is compliant with 2007 OSPAR environmental legislation. For more detailed information on environmental compliance contact Castrol Offshore.

Product Supply

Our products are available world-wide through our global sales and logistics network, with stocks held in all strategic offshore supply locations. All our Subsea products are supplied in 208 litre (55 US gallon) plastic drums as well as bulk containers and small packs; for details of specific packaging availability in your location contact your local Castrol Offshore sales office.

Storage

All packages should be stored under cover. Where outside storage is unavoidable, drums should be laid horizontally to avoid ingress of water and the possible obliteration of drum markings. Product should not be stored above 60 °C, exposed to direct hot sun or freezing conditions.



Health and Safety

The wearing of impervious PVC (or other suitable material) apron and gloves, together with eye protection is recommended. Contaminated clothing should be changed immediately and thoroughly cleansed before re-use. This applies especially to under garments.

Material safety data sheets are available for all Castrol subsea products from www.subseadownloads.castrol.com

Or by contacting the addresses or website below.

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Data reported in this datasheet are the result of work carried out in Castrol and other laboratories, and is believed to be accurate. Specific values are typical for the product, but must not be considered as constituting a specification.

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