

coal to the producers, when for any reason the driers of the synthesis gas units were unable to provide enough coal. A small quantity of dried brown coal dust, containing 12% H_2O and 53% C, was also purchased and used partly on the boilers and partly on the producers.

The content of dust in the synthesis gas was stated to be reduced to 30-40 mg. per cu.m. by the water washer, and to 23-25 mg. per cu.m. by the Theisen disintegrator. There was a further water wash before the synthesis gas passed to an Alkazid plant for removal of most of the hydrogen sulfide. There was stated to be no difficulty due to dust in the Alkazid plant.

Ash and slag gradually accumulated in the first generator, and when oxygen was used, the generator had to be cleaned out every six months, whereas if no oxygen was used, the plant could be run for 18 months. During these shut-downs, other maintenance work was carried out. As a rule, a shut-down lasted 42 days - 14 days to cool down, 14 days to carry out repairs, and 14 days to heat up. The ash and slag mixture was white and very hard, and had to be chiselled out.

The composition of the synthesis gas was stated to be:-

	<u>Without Oxygen</u>	<u>With Oxygen</u>
CO %	28	25
H_2	56	50
CO_2	10	18
CH_4	3	3.5
N_2	3	3.5

Thus no conversion was required before synthesis. The gas composition could be adjusted by varying the conditions of gasification and the amounts of steam and oxygen.

The composition of the producer gas was as follows:-

CO	16
H_2	16
CH_4	2
CO_2	12
O_2	0.3
N_2	53.7

The plant records for 1943 gave the following figures:-

Synthesis gas made	330,774,000 cu.m.
Producer gas made	522,633,000 cu.m.
Raw coal direct to gas production	308,593 tonnes
Raw coal to coal drying plant and thence to producers	119,058 tonnes
Purchased coal dust to producers	7,076 tonnes
Synthesis gas composition	CO : H_2 74.7% H_2 /CO 1.96

The results for April 1944 were given as:-

Synthesis gas	45,900,000 cu.m.
Producer gas made	47,950,000 cu.m.
Raw coal direct to gas production	111,823 tonnes
Raw coal to coal drying plant and thence to producers	1,012 tonnes
Purchase coal dust to producers	2,454 tonnes
Synthesis gas composition	$\text{CO} : \text{H}_2 \text{ 75.2\% } \text{H}_2/\text{CO} \text{ 2.0}$
Oxygen used	4,328,600 cu.m.
Nitrogen used for conveying dust	7,193,600 cu.m.
Power for synthesis gas production	1,12,000 kwh.
Power for producer gas production	1,564,000 kwh.
Steam to synthesis gas plant excluding producers	27,375 tonnes
Steam to producers	4,622 tonnes

The labour requirements of the plant were as follows:-

Process:	Synthesis gas	180 men
	Producer gas	80
	Coal transport and preparation	<u>70</u>
		<u>330</u>
Maintenance:	Fitters and labourers	80
	Bricklayers	10
	Electricians	5
	Instruments	<u>5</u>
		<u>100</u>

GAS PURIFICATION

The synthesis gas contains 17-30 grams of hydrogen sulphide per cu.m., and the bulk of this was removed in an Alkacid plant, the hydrogen sulphide being converted to sulphur of 99.6-99.9% purity in a Claus kiln. The gas also contained 6.8 g. of benzole per cu.m. and was next washed with oil. The remaining hydrogen sulphide was removed in iron oxide boxes in which Lux was used.

The gas then contained 40-100 g. of organic sulphur per 100 cu.m., of which as much as 20% was in the form of thiophen as compared with 10% in coke oven gas. Gum-forming substances were also present. The high content of thiophen and gum-forming substances was ascribed to the characteristic feature of the Schmalfeldt process, where drying and gasification were carried out in the same apparatus. It was considered that the high content of thiophen and gum formers would not be found if the drying were carried out first, for example in a Buttner drier. Furthermore, it might be expected that these substances would be destroyed in passing through the regenerator at $1,300^{\circ}\text{C}$., but the system was such that one-third of the gaseous products from the drier was drawn off in the make and did not pass through the regenerators or generators. Similarly one-third of the products from the generators did not pass through the regenerators.

The gas was passed through 70% luxmasse with 30% soda at 160-280°C. for removal of organic sulphur compounds. The gas so purified gave considerable difficulty in the Fischer-Tropsch process, which used a cobalt-kieselguhr catalyst. The gum formers and possibly a little dust still present interfered with the activity of the catalyst, but the main difficulty was thought to be poisoning of the catalyst by sulphur. There was no difficulty in using the gas for hydrogenation, where sulphur is not a poison. In an attempt to increase the efficiency of purification, an active carbon plant had been installed before the hot luxmasse, in the belief that it would remove the gum formers which (apart from their action on the Fischer catalyst) were thought to reduce the activity of the hot luxmasse as a sulphur purification material. The installation of the active carbon plant reduced the organic sulphur content of the gas leaving the hot luxmasse from 1.5-2.5 g. per 100 cu.m. to 0.3 g. per 100 cu.m., which was a satisfactory figure. The plant was run with this improvement for only two months before bombing stopped work, but during this period, the results were promising. It was stated that it had been intended as a further improvement to use a special sulphur removal type of active carbon instead of the benzole recovery type.

FISCHER-TROPSCH PLANT

The following information was obtained mainly from Herr Schultz on 11 May 1940.

There were 2 catalyst chamber buildings with 144 chambers altogether. These were generally worked in two stages, but sometimes in three stages. Conversion in the first stage was about 50%. The division between the two stages was variable and dependent upon gas purity. During the period when the gas was bad, the first stage was largely the means for purifying the gas and was operated with a throughput of 1,500 m³ per chamber per hour instead of the normal 800-900 m³ per hour.

The most recent yields after difficulties with the gas had been overcome were 115-118 gm. per Nm³ Idealgas. In 1940 and 1941, a yield of 130 gm. per Nm³ was attained by changing the catalyst every 1-1/2-2 months. The catalyst chambers were started up with 5-1/2 atm. on the steam side and ultimately went up to 15 atm. (200°C.). The catalyst was extracted with solvent in situ every four weeks. It was only hydrogenated in special cases. The catalyst chambers were heated with steam at 19-20 atm. for starting.

For the last 1-1/2 years they had used catalyst obtained from the adjacent catalyst factory, which was owned 50% by Ruhrchemie and 50% by Wintershall. The catalyst was obtained from the catalyst factory in the unreduced stage and was reduced with hydrogen from the hydrogenation plant. Reduction was carried out at 400°C. The hydrogen was dried by ammonia cooling and silica gel to less than 0.1 gm. per m³ moisture. The hydrogen used contained 94% H₂, the remainder being N₂ and CH₄. The circulating hydrogen contained about 1/2% CO₂ but no CO.

The production of the plant was at the rate of about 30,000 tons per year without Gasol, during the short period when good gas was available before the bombing. They were in the process of increasing production when the bombing took place.

The plant included a Carl still cracking plant which had never been worked owing to a change in the policy of dealing with the products.

CATALYST FACTORY

The following information was obtained mainly from Dr. Joswig on 11 May 1945.

The particular feature of this plant was that they claimed a very high recovery of cobalt in the catalyst regeneration. The departures from the normal process which led to this result were due to the restrictions on emitting effluent from the factory, which necessitated re-using water and evaporating the final effluent.

The spent catalyst, from which the wax had been extracted, was ground with wash water from the following stage. This wash water contained about 5 gm. per liter of Co. It was then extracted with boiling nitric acid (50%) in vessels of about 30 m³ capacity. It was then filtered on a filter press and washed. The first wash water was mixed with the filtrate. The second wash water was used for grinding the incoming spent catalyst, as mentioned above. The third wash water was used for the first wash of the next batch. It was claimed that the loss of Co in the filter pressing operation was less than 0.1%. Joswig claimed that they had achieved an overall loss in the factory of only 0.3% compared with 2% at Ruhland and 4-5% at Holten.

The Co solution was then treated with soda to precipitate Fe, Al and Th. The sludge obtained by filtration (Thoriumschlamm) was sent to Ruhland. Sodium fluoride was then added to remove calcium. To ensure complete removal of calcium, an excess of sodium fluoride was added which precipitated part of the magnesium. The liquor was then filtered using kieselguhr as a filter aid. The filter cake was washed twice, the first washings being added to the filtrate and the second washings being used for the first wash of the next batch. The Co concentration was finally 40-45 gm. per liter. This was sometimes strengthened with the fresh Co added as make-up. When fresh Co was used, it was dissolved in nitric acid and treated with a small amount of soda and then filtered before mixing with the recovered Co solution.

The Mg and Th were then added to solution. After precipitation, kieselguhr was added. The filtrate from the precipitated catalyst contained about 30 gm. per liter of sodium nitrate. This figure was achieved by reducing wash waters. The filtrate was then treated with soda and settled to recover any Co which had passed through the filters. After settling, the solution was evaporated in a triple effect evaporator to recover sodium nitrate and produce distilled water for the catalyst manufacture. In the second evaporation stage, some caustic soda was added to ensure complete precipitation of any residual Co which was filtered out before the third

stage. Joswig stated that an appreciable amount of Co may remain in solution as bicarbonate.

The catalyst sludge from the presses was mixed with water and with the dust screened out from the dried catalyst. The mixture was then filtered on a rotary vacuum filter. The filter cake was put through an extruder with 6 mm. holes and then passed to a Buttner turbo-drier. The dried catalyst was screened to give a product of 1-3 mm. The dust was mixed with the new precipitate, as mentioned above. The over-size was returned to the screens and gradually broken down to the required size.

The composition of the catalyst was given as:-

100	parts	Co
10	"	MgO
5	"	ThO ₂

The catalyst was made up to give 800-900 kg. Co per chamber, using an appropriate amount of Kieselguhr depending on its density. From 1.7 to 2.5 tons of Kieselguhr were used per ton of Co.

The capacity of the plant was rated at 100 catalyst chamber fillings per month, but the production had been only 60 owing to limited demand. The plant started up in September 1941 but only came into operation in April 1942. Lutzkendorf made catalyst for the adjoining F.-T. plant and also for the one at Odertal (Deschowitz).

The reason for producing unreduced catalyst at Lutzkendorf and reducing it at the F.-T. plants was not very clear. The division of responsibility between the two stages seems undesirable. One reason that was given for adopting this procedure was that the F.-T. plants had pure hydrogen available as they require it for the hydrogenation in the catalyst chambers. It is possible that freshly reduced catalyst may be better than reduced catalyst which has spent some time in storage or in transit. It may be conjectured that the procedure was at least partly dictated by military considerations. If it were desired to maintain a substantial storage of manufactured catalyst against possible destruction of the catalyst manufacture, storage of the unreduced catalyst would be a much simpler problem than storage in substantial quantity of the reduced catalyst.

HYDROGENATION PLANT

The following staff were seen on 11 May 1945 and 17 May 1945 in connection with the hydrogenation section:-

Dr. Schnesberger	-	Managing Director.
Dr. Wielland,	-	Hydrogenation Manager.

The following information was obtained from interrogation and also from the notes of members of the C.A.F. team.

GENERAL.

The hydrogenation plant was built to hydrogenate the residues from the lubricating oil plant in conjunction with Bituminous Coal Tar. The planned output was 50,000 Tnes/year, but the best achieved was 42,000 Tnes/year in 1944.

The plant consisted of one liquid phase stall and one vapour phase stall, both of which operated at 700 ats. The catalyst in the vapour phase stall was 6434.

The Bituminous Coal Tar came from Mahrisch Ostrau and was distilled with the product from the liquid phase stall to cut into two fractions, the cutting point being 350° C. (330° C. ?). The lighter fraction was passed over the vapour phase catalyst under straight through conditions when making petrol and diesel oil and under recycle conditions when making petrol only.

HYDROGEN SUPPLY.

The hydrogen from the hydrogenation plant came from the Wintershall generators. The raw water-gas was passed through an 8 ats CO conversion plant and the CO₂ washed out at the same pressure. The main compressors therefore had a suction pressure of 8 ats and delivered to 700 ats direct. The CO removal plant worked at 200 ats. after the third stage of the compressors. Another stage sufficed to raise the pressure to 700 ats.

The gas fed to the hydrogenation plant had a hydrogen purity of only 91-92%, which is very poor by normal standards. They had only achieved this purity by the installation of the CO conversion plant, before which they had worked with a make-up gas of about 86% purity.

For 1943 over a period of ten months, they had records of the following costs:-

Gas production	681,519 RM including 155,000 RM for labour.
Gas boosting	24,306 RM.
H ₂ O removal	61,252 "
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Oil Scrubbing	26,143 "
Org. Sulph. Rem.	88,946 "
1/5 of Gen. Costs	19,000 "
	<u>906,989</u> RM which amounts to 2.70 pr/m ³ Raw Water gas.

This is the price of raw water gas as supplied both to the Hydrogenation and Fischer-Tropsch plants. For the hydrogenation plant, the gas was further purified and the cost build-up for this section for the month of October 1943 is:-

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Raw Water-Gas at 2.70 pf/m ³	222,220 RM
CO conversion and CO ₂ rem.	75,480 "
Compression	50,000 "
CO removal	17,536 "
1/5th Gen. Costs	21,338 "
	386,582 RM which,

for 5,295,700 m³ of 92% hydrogen, is 7.50 of pf/m³.

CIRCULATION AND INJECTION PLANTS.

There were four circulators with an output of 70,000 m³/hr. and one of 100,000 m³/hr., all of them being electric driven.

They had two hot recycle pumps for the liquid phase stall of 10 m³/hr. capacity, with four injectors having the same capacity for the injection of feed to the stalls. They also had four catalyst injection pumps which were steam driven and had a capacity of 0.25 m³/hr.

LIQUID PHASE STALL.

This stall was originally built with two interchangers, two convertors, a hot catchpot, a gas-fired preheater, a cooler and a cold catchpot, with arrangements for the recycle of hot oil from the base of the hot catchpot to the inlet preheater.

There was also an emergency blow-down tank for the burden of the stall in case of emergency. Owing to poor make-up gas quality, bad operation by inexperienced staff and change of composition of the feed to the liquid phase stall from that from which the plant was designed, they had not achieved the rate and feed of reaction they had expected. They were therefore short of heating capacity in the preheater and could not maintain the temperatures in the convertors as easily as they would have liked. To overcome these running difficulties, they had installed a third interchanger, enlarged the fan capacity on the preheater, and had even applied a 1" thickness of lagging to the outside of the convertors in order to increase the heat input to the inlet reactants and to reduce the heat losses.

The feed to the stall was 6-12 m³/hr. of oil with 100-150 liters/hour of catalyst paste made up as a paste of 40% solids from I.G. catalyst 10927 and vacuum residue from the Natural Oil section of the works. The running temperature was 470° C. and the reaction volume 10 m³ (from dimensions) or 16 m³ (interrogation) - more probably the former. The hot recycle rate was 6-10 m³/hour. The catalyst was adjusted so that the H.O.L.D. from the hot catchpot was a clear colour and not darkened by the presence of Asphalts. The let-down from the hot catchpot in order to purge the solids entering with the catalyst paste was about twice the paste injection. The purge contained about 1.5-1.3% hard asphalts.

The H.O.L.D. was fagged to give a residue which they put to the tip and a relatively clear oil of 0.2% solids which they sent to the liquid phase still. There was no gas washing plant to remove the gases made during the hydrogenation.

In the product from the cold catchpot they got 50% heavy oil which was recycled back to the stall. The product was distilled with the imported tars and the heavy oil portion fed to the liquid phase stall.

VAPOUR PHASE STALL.

The stall consisted of 3 convertors with 2 interchangers and a gas-fired preheater, a cooler and a cold catchpot.

The catalyst was the I.G. 6434 and the reaction volume would be about 13 m. When running on straight through operation they made a cold catchpot product containing 40% petrol and the remainder diesel oil. The petrol had a 74 O.N. with an FBP of 180° C. and the diesel oil a Cetane No. of 40-45 with a setting point of -40° C.

The gases made in the hydrogenation section were not treated to remove the liquifiable gases and the lean gases were sent to the fuel gas system and the rich gas to the Wintershall generators.

Overall hydrogen requirements are estimated at about 1,300 m³/Tns of feed when making petrol and diesel oil.

HYDROGENATION RUNNING COSTS 1943.

Liquid Phase Injection & Circulation	3.85 RM/Tne of feed.
Vapour " " "	10.84 " "
Liquid Phase Stall	17.17 " of Cold Catchpot Product.
Vapour Phase Stall	7.87 RM/Tne of Cold Catchpot Product
Total Distillation	45.96 RM/Tne feed.

In 10 months of 1943 they made 29,523 tonnes of Vapour Phase Cold Catchpot product at a cost of 7,448,456 RM., i.e. 255 RM/Tne. This is the running cost only and does not include any amortization or interest, etc.

LABOUR REQUIREMENTS.

Average figures for the early part of 1944 show the following:

Gas Production	-	500
Fischer Synthesis	-	245
Hydrogenation	-	280
O ₂ Steam Elec.	-	50
Nat. Oil Section	-	200
Final Refining	-	110
Power Plant	-	270
Workshops	-	275
Construction etc.	-	200
Watchmen etc.	-	580

In addition to these, they had other workers whose exact location is not available from the field notes.

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The total strength was made up of about 4,000 workers and 380 staff, but of the 4,000, about 1,000 were engaged on alteration and extension work, and not on production.

CAPITAL COSTS.

The split of capital costs were given as:-

Gas Plant	-	22,610,614
Fischer Plant	-	18,182,250
Hydrogenation	-	18,606,851
Lube Oil	-	9,488,452
Final Dist.	-	6,092,751
Auxiliary	-	5,033,343
Railways	-	2,955,458
Water Supply	-	7,000,994
Power Plant	-	18,297,489
General	-	9,138,176
		<u>117,405,389</u>

The engineer estimated that for every tonne of steel in the finished plant, they had had to spend about 1,660 RM.

LUBRICATING OIL

Specifications on gasolines and diesel oils manufactured at Lützkendorf.

The personnel interviewed at the plant on 11 May 1945 included Dr. Schneeberger, manager of the entire plant, Dr. Neumann, in charge of lubricating oil manufacture, and Dr. Billig, in charge of the chemical and engine-testing laboratory.

The plant is of conventional design and includes installations for atmospheric crude distillation, vacuum distillation of the atmospheric residue, propane deasphalting and deresining, phenol extraction and propane dewaxing, as well as conventional acid treating and clay contacting. The crude throughput was about 60,000 bbls/month.

A mixture of Hanover and Austrian crude was processed mostly, but more recently Austrian crude only was used. Typical data on two Austrian crudes are shown in Table I. The atmospheric distillation gave the following yields for overhead, three side-streams and bottoms, respectively:-

	Percent by volume of crude	Bbls/month
Gasoline.....	10.6	6,350
Kerosine.....	20.0	12,000
Spindle Oil.....	16.7	10,000
Light Neutral dist. (about 130 SSU/100° F.)....	3.0	1,800
Residue.....	43.6	26,200
Loss.....	6.1	3,650

Vacuum distillation of the atmospheric residue yielded the following distillates:-

Product	Percent by volume of crude	Bbls/month
Spindle Oil (60 SSU/100° F.).....	7.0	4,180
Heavy Neutral dist. (300 SSU/100° F. Min.)..	10.7	6,420
Residue.....	26.0	15,600

The gasoline was not used for automotive purposes, but was utilized for special purposes (precipitation naphtha, petroleum ether, etc.). Kerosine was caustic washed and used for illumination; part of the kerosine was blended with spindle oil from the atmospheric distillation and the blend was used as diesel fuel. The remainder of the spindle oil was blended with the corresponding fraction from the vacuum distillation. Average inspection data on the distillation products are given in Table 2.

Finished neutral oils were made by dewaxing and acid and clay treatment of the 60 vis spindle oil and the light and heavy neutrals. Treating losses are given as follows:-

Charge stock	Percent by weight paraffin removed	Percent by weight acid sludge removed
Spindle oil 60 Vis.	20	4-5
Light neutral distillate..	20	4-5
Heavy neutral distillate..	20-25	4-5

The inspection data on the finished neutral oils are given in Table 3. The heavy neutral distillate was also used in the manufacture of automotive and aviation oils and for this purpose was subjected to phenol extraction instead of acid treatment. The yield of automotive oil was 70-75% by weight of the distillate, whereas the yield of aviation oil was 55-60% by weight. Inspection data of the finished oils are given in Table 4. The vacuum residue was propane de-asphalted and de-resined (yield of resin and asphalt free oil: 50-60% by weight of vacuum residue charged). For the manufacture of automotive bright stock, the propane-treated vacuum residue was treated with 150 vols. of phenol yielding about 41% by weight of raffinate (calculated on vacuum residue charged). The raffinate was propane dewaxed and clay treated with an ultimate yield of automotive bright stock of about 28% by weight of the vacuum residue. In case that aviation bright stock was required, the raffinate from the phenol extraction was freed from phenol and again phenol-treated (total volume of phenol used in both stages: 500) yielding a raffinate which represented about 28% of the vacuum residue. The final yield of aviation bright stock after propane de-waxing and clay-treating was approximately 18.5% by weight of the vacuum residues. The inspection data for the two grades of bright stock are given in Table 5.

Propane deasphalting was carried out in a two-stage unit comprising 4 horizontal contactors and precipitated asphalts and resins were removed separately. Both of these products were destructively hydrogenated. The yield of deasphalted oil averaged 50% on charge.

Phenol extraction was carried out in a Kellogg unit built in 1938. It has a conventional tower type unit with perforated trays and water injection was employed to improve the selectivity of the solvent.

When automotive bright stocks were processed, the normal solvent ratio was 150%, the tower top temperature 90° C. and the temperature gradient 10° C. Aviation bright stocks, on the other hand, are solvent extracted twice, first under the above conditions, and then re-extracted with 500% of phenol at 110-120° C.

Dewaxing was carried out in a Dorr rotary pressure filter using discontinuous cooling. The charge stock was cooled from 86° F. to -40° F. in one hour. The design filtration rate was 7.5 gals. per cubic-foot per hour, but actually a rate of 19 gals. per cubic-foot per hour was obtained.

The working pressure was 150-200 mm. Hg. gauge. The double dilution technique was not employed and there was no re-pulping of the wax. The oil content of the finished wax averages 20%.

LUBRICATING OIL SPECIFICATIONS;

Motor Oils

Three grades were produced having viscosities at 50° C. of 8, 10, and 12° E. and a maximum pole height of 2.24.

Aero Oils

The following specification was adhered to:-

S.G. @ 20° C.	<0.90
Conradson Carbon Residue	max. 0.5
Viscosity @ 50° C.	17° E.
" 100° C.	2.5° E.
Pole Height	max. 2.0
Pour Point	-17° F.

(No oxidation test)

It was stated that when production started at this refinery, a 100 ton batch of aero oil to this specification was prepared and, after engine builders had carried out acceptance tests with satisfactory results, regular production began and continued without interruption.

TABLE 1. - Austrian crudes (Average for October 1943)

Name of field	Hauskirchen	Neusiedel
Sp. gr. at 60° F.	0.870	.872
A.P.I. gravity.....	31.1	30.8
Engler Distillation		
ISP.....	248	248
10%.....	583	383
20%.....	482	460
30%.....	563	559
% at 572° F.	33	33
% water.....	1.8	1.8
% BS & W.....	2.2	3.6
% salt.....	0.046	0.019
Salt lbs/1,000 bbls.....	140	58
% ash.....	0.03	0.03
% paraffin.....	8.0	12.1
Solidification point of paraffin °F. ..	123	126
Neut. No.	0.12	0.18
% Sulfur.....	0.53	0.12

TABLE 2.

	Benzine	Kerosine	Atmos. Spindle Oil	Atmos. Neutral Oil	Atmos. Residue	Vacuum Heavy Spindle Oil	Vacuum Neutral Oil	Vacuum Long Residuum
Sp. Gravity at 60° F.	-	.824 - .844	.867	.886	.951	-	.903	.958
Octane No.	50	This material was soda washed and then sold to the railroads for use in signal lamps.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Viscosity °F.								
20° C.	Used for solvent manufacture but later sold as motor gasoline blended with hydro gasoline.		2.21	-	-	-	-	-
50° C.			-	2.83	26.7	-	4.82	-
100° C.			-	-	-	-	-	16.9
l.b.p. °F.			545	-	-	-	-	-
° at 572° F.			4	-	-	-	-	-
Flash (Open) °F.			280	283	356	-	437	563
Pour point °F.			59	66	84	-	102	95
Wax % weight			4.26	16.1	12.6	-	18.6	8.76
M.P. °F.			118	125	129	-	127	133
Asphalt				0.004	0.5	-	0.009	0.49
Viscosity, SSU								
100 °F.			about 60.0	about 130	about 2000		about 500	about 600
210 °F.								

TABLE 3. - Finished Neutral Oils

Distillate used in preparation of finished oil	Light neutral	Heavy neutral
<u>Finished oil</u>		
Sp. gravity at 60° F..	0.896-0.901	0.913-0.918
API gravity.....	25.5-26.5	22.6-23.5
Vis. at 50° C. Engler	About 3.5-4.0	8.5-9.0
Vis. at 100° F. SSU..	" 200	About 600
Pole height.....	" 2.15	2.4-2.5
Pour point °F.....	Zero to 5° F.	-1 to -5° F.
Neut. No.	0.16	0.07
Sap. No.	0.22	0.17
Water %.....	0	0
Flash point, °F.	374	437

TABLE 4.

Distillate used in preparation of finished oil	Heavy neutral motor lube oil	Heavy neutral aviation lube oil
<u>Finished oil</u>		
Sp. gravity at 60° F. .	0.891-0.901	0.881-0.886
API gravity.....	25.5-27.3	28.2-29.1
Vis. at 50° C. Engler.	6-7	5.5-6.0
Vis. at 100° F. SSU....	About 440	About 350
Pole height.....	About 2.25	1.95-2.0
Pour point.....	Zero to -5° F.	Zero to -5° F.
Neut. No.	0.01-0.02	0.01-0.02
Sap No.	0.05	0.05
Water %.....	0	0
Flash point, °F.	428-437	446

TABLE 5. - Bright Stock from Vacuum Residue

	Automotive bright stock	Aviation bright stock
Sp. gravity at 60° F. ...	0.901-0.906	About 0.891-0.896
API gravity.....	24.7-25.5	26.4-27.3
Vis. at 50° C. Engler...	28-35	21-26
Vis. at 210° F. SSU.....	About 125	About 120
Pole height.....	2.25-2.5	1.95-1.99
Flash point, °F.	554-572	556-554
Pour point, °F.	Zero to -2.2	Zero
Conradson carbon residue.	--	0.3-0.4

OTHER PRODUCTS

Gasolines. Typical data - March 1942

	<u>Hydro</u>	<u>Fischer-Tropsch</u>
Sp. gr. @ 20° C.	0.749	0.700
I.B.P. °C.	41	40
5%	60	58
20%	79	74
50%	98	99
70%	113	127
90%	130	165
95%	150	183
F.B.P., °C.	154	192
Octane No. clear	73.5	56.5
V.P. atm.	0.66	0.32

Hydro gasoline was formerly of 180° C. end point, but this was reduced to 150-155° C. when the Hydro Gas Oil pour point specification was limited to -40° C. max. Fischer-Tropsch gasoline end point was later reduced for a similar reason, in this case the diesel oil cut being 160-320° C. of -12° C. pour point. Fischer-Tropsch Gasoline of 160° C. end point had a clear Octane Number of ca. 60.

No aviation gasoline was produced at Lutzendorf.

DIESEL OILS

Fischer-Tropsch and hydro gas oils were despatched separately from Lutzendorf to various WIFO blending stations, while a blend of petroleum kerosine and atmospheric spindle oil was used internally in tractors and by local transport organizations.

	<u>Hydro gas oil</u>	<u>Fischer-Tropsch gas oil</u>
Sp. gr. @ 20° C.	0.865	0.743
I.B.P., °C.	179	173
20%	200	180
50%	224	195
70%	254	205
90%	328	254
Cloud point, °C.	-25	-38
Pour point, °C.	-41	-40
Filtration rate, secs.	38.4	2.6
	@ -28° C.	@ -39° C.
Cetane number	35.6	68.2

Hydro diesel oil specification called for a maximum pour point of -40° C. and a Cetane Number of 40-45.

ENGINE TESTING

In the engine testing laboratory, the following engines were installed:-

I. G. Prüfmotor
C.F.R. Motor Method Engine
and Deutz Diesel Engine.

These were employed for routine Octane Number and Cetane Number determinations.

MERSOL MANUFACTURE

It was stated that a Fischer-Tropsch fraction b.p. 320 to 340° C. was despatched for Mersol manufacture, and that material boiling above 340° C. containing 10% wax, was sent to Witten for fatty acid manufacture.