Your drive train systems play an integral role in equipment operation. Today’s drive trains are more sophisticated than ever, requiring system management techniques to achieve maximum productivity and lower costs.

While there are no substitutes for our services, there is much you can do to lower costs. The Drive Train Systems Management Guide enables you to plan for and predict normal wear and avoid abnormal wear on drive train components. It helps you and your operators manage your drive train by:

• outlining preventive maintenance techniques.
• explaining the importance of S-O-S™ fluid analysis.
• providing routine and in-depth inspection information.
• exploring repair management options.
• detailing training, scheduling, and record keeping.

We work with you to manage and maintain your drive train systems effectively—for maximum productivity and life.
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Get better performance and longer life from your drive train

Your machine’s drive train serves one purpose: to transfer engine power to the ground. Transmission and final drive components work together to make this happen. The transmission takes the output from your engine and manipulates it to control speed, direction, and torque. The final drives reduce speed and increase torque. When your machine’s components do their job well, productivity goes up and owning and operating costs stay down.

To get maximum performance and life from your drive train, however, you must manage wear. Normal wear is expected and predictable. Abnormal wear is the result of incorrect maintenance and operating techniques, such as extending oil change intervals or inadequately warming up your machine.

The Caterpillar® Drive Train Systems Management Guide outlines the seven elements of effective drive train system management—preventive maintenance, S-O-S fluid analysis, inspections, repair management, training, scheduling, and record keeping—to help you get the most out of your drive train at the lowest cost per hour.

The Drive Train Systems Management Guide offers information, tips, and ideas you can share with your staff. It is not a technical manual or a substitute for the advice and recommendations of our parts and service experts. You can find specific drive train maintenance requirements in the Lubrication and Maintenance Guide (SEBU6250).
# Seven elements of drive train systems management

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Regular preventive maintenance is the most cost-effective way to keep your drive train systems operating at peak performance. Preventive maintenance:

- allows you to schedule downtime and plan for maintenance and repair costs.
- helps prevent major failures and failures of related parts.
- saves you money because you can often repair before failure.
- maximizes parts reusability.
- optimizes equipment life to keep your machines on the job.
- increases machine resale value.

Clean, cool, and lubricate drive train parts with proper oil use

Drive train oil performs three main functions: cleaning, cooling, and lubricating transmission and final drive components. Since today’s Cat® drive train systems feature new metals, elastomers, and paper disc materials that require advanced lubrication, you must change oil regularly and properly and use the right drive train oil to achieve top performance.

Change oil regularly

Oil provides a protective film to separate transmission and final drive components, which operate with very tight tolerances. Changing oil at proper intervals is critical to realizing maximum component life. We recommend that you change oil every 1000 hours, but that is just a guideline. Actual oil life is determined by many factors, including operating conditions. By monitoring S•O•S fluid analysis results, we’ll help you establish proper intervals.

Properly managing change intervals also means you get optimum use of the fluid’s lubricating and protecting properties and maximum component life. Changing fluids too early wastes money because you throw away some useful life. Changing fluids too late allows oil to deteriorate and shortens component life. Determining the best change interval takes some effort, but the reward is significantly lower operating costs.

Change oil properly

It’s also critical that you change oil properly. You can reduce the chance of contamination by:

- draining oil when it is warm and agitated.
- draining dirty oil as completely as possible.
- using a filtered transfer cart to add new oil.

Use the right drive train oil

For years, it was standard practice to use the same oil in both engine and drive train systems. Today’s transmissions and final drives, however, require lubrication that engine oils cannot provide. Drive train oil for your transmissions and final drives must meet Caterpillar TO-4 specifications, which include frictional and gear wear requirements.

Engine oils reduce friction between moving parts. Drive train oils allow some friction between discs and plates as they engage—friction that is critical to proper drive train performance. By using drive train oil instead of engine oil, you dramatically extend disc life. Using Cat Transmission/ Drive Train Oil (TDTO) is the safest way to ensure top drive train performance. In new Cat machines, it can extend transmission disc life up to 45% over a CD/SF TO-2 engine oil. Cat TDTO also:

- improves gear wear performance significantly.
- eliminates transmission slippage.
- controls brake chatter.
- increases machine break-out force.
- provides greater machine rim pull.
Fluid filters work in unison with your drive train oil to control contamination inside your drive train system. By changing filters regularly and properly and by selecting the right filters, you maintain drive train system cleanliness, reduce component wear, and lower costs.

**Change filters regularly**
To keep your drive train system operating at peak performance and reduce the chance of contamination, which can cause component wear and system failure, always change your fluid filters at regular intervals. We recommend changing fluid filters every 500 hours.

**Change filters properly**
Old filters contain contaminants, so remove filters carefully at change time to ensure that contaminants do not reenter the drive train system. In addition, keep new filters in their packaging until you are ready to install them.

**Select the right fluid filters**
Quality fluid filters feature media that remove harmful particles that can cause component wear. They are resistant to leaks and structural failures and are constructed to ensure every bit of oil passes through the media. Even if only 1% of oil fails to pass through the media, filter efficiency drops and the possibility of contamination increases.

To protect transmission and final drive components effectively, Cat fluid filters meet higher standards and more rigid specifications than standard filters. Cat fluid filters feature:

- resin-impregnated media to meet Caterpillar’s rigid capacity and efficiency specs.
- self-lubricating, free-rotating seal design to prevent bunching, improve sealing, and eliminate leaks.
- non-metallic core, which is stronger than metal and eliminates metal contamination.
- one-piece “auto-spun” canister design to increase structural strength and prevent possible ruptures.
- unique fiberglass spiral roving design to eliminate pleat flexing.
- one-piece, molded methane end caps to eliminate leaks and metal contamination.
S·O·S fluid analysis

Understand S·O·S fluid analysis

Oil sampling at scheduled intervals detects shortcomings in your maintenance procedures and forecasts wear-related problems. Our S·O·S fluid analysis program is well recognized for its ability to detect potential problems early. We perform four types of S·O·S analysis tests on your drive train oil.

- **Wear Rate Analysis** detects, identifies, and assesses the amount and type of wear metals in oil. The rate at which wear metal particles increase from sample to sample is as important as the quantity of particles in oil.
- **Oil Cleanliness Analysis** uses a particle count test to detect both metallic and nonmetallic debris (such as friction disc material) generated by wear, as well as dirt from outside sources.
- **Oil Contamination Analysis** quantifies silicon—which identifies dirt entry—with spectrometric analysis. Additional tests are performed for contamination by water or glycol, which can enter from oil coolers.
- **Oil Contamination Analysis** determines the loss of oil’s lubricating qualities. An infrared analysis instrument compares the properties of new oil to those of your used oil to determine if the oil is performing up to specification during the entire oil change period.

S·O·S fluid analysis is different from other analysis programs because it focuses on component condition, not just oil condition. Since we understand your Cat drive train system, we can help you analyze S·O·S reports, determine what additional tests need to be performed, and decide on the proper corrective action.

**Take samples regularly**

Oil analysis is the best way to detect and measure contaminants in your drive train system and head off problems before they result in major expenses. Taking samples regularly is critical because it allows for accurate interpretation. While a single sample may spot contamination or a rapidly progressing failure, only several samples taken at regular intervals will establish trends for your drive train system. We analyze these trends to help you achieve maximum drive train performance.

**Use the correct method to take samples**

**Using an oil valve probe**

- Set the engine at low idle and remove the dust cap from the valve of the compartment you are sampling.
- Insert the probe into the valve and collect about 100 ml (4 fl oz) of oil into a waste container. Dispose of the waste oil properly. If the bottle is slow to fill, it may be necessary to increase the engine speed to high idle.
- Insert the probe into the valve again and fill the sample bottle about three-quarters full—do not fill to the top.
- Withdraw the probe and secure the cap on the bottle. Place the bottle with the completed label into the shipping cylinder.

**NOTE:** Use an oil valve probe for pressurized compartments only. Retrofit valve kits are available for models not equipped with valves.

**Using vacuum extraction**

- Turn off the engine and measure and cut new tubing to the length of the dipstick. If the compartment you are sampling does not have a dipstick, cut the tubing so that it reaches about halfway into the oil depth.
- Insert the tubing through the head of the vacuum pump and tighten the retaining nut. The tubing should extend about 4 cm (1 in) beyond the base of the vacuum pump head.
- Install a new sampling bottle onto the vacuum pump head and insert the end of the tubing into the oil—do not allow the tube to touch the bottom of the compartment.
- Pump the vacuum pump handle to create a vacuum. Fill the bottle about three-quarters full—do not fill to the top.
- Withdraw the tubing, remove the bottle from the vacuum pump, and secure the cap on the bottle. Place the bottle with the completed label into the shipping cylinder.

**Filling out label accurately**

Providing complete information on the sample label makes processing your sample easier. Make sure you include important information like:

- machine model and serial number.
- service meter units on equipment and oil.
- whether or not the oil was changed when the sample was taken.
- amount of make-up oil added since last oil change.
Inspections

Locate potential problems with thorough inspections

You and your operators can take the first step in inspections by “listening” to your equipment. A good inspection program combines your daily inspections with our periodic in-depth analyses to:

- locate potential problems before they become major repairs.
- schedule drive train maintenance and service.
- plan and control your operating costs and downtime.

Perform regular inspections

Your daily visual inspection routine should include a complete visual and operational check of your drive train system. Cat drive train components will generally indicate problems with advanced warning signs, such as strange noises, leaks, slippage, and overheating. We can help you with these inspections by:

- providing customized machine checklists.
- training your operators to perform daily walkarounds.
- teaching your operators to recognize repair indicators.

Final drive warning signs

Performing proper maintenance and taking action when telltale warning signs appear can prevent catastrophic gear and bearing failure. Call us if you notice:

- oil leaks.
- large metal particles on the magnetic plug.
- unusual noises or vibrations.

Transmission warning signs

The chart on the following page summarizes warning signs, their possible causes, and recommended actions.

Utilize our inspection services

We offer a number of diagnostic and repair services to help you understand warning signs. These services will help you make informed repair decisions.

- Repair Indicator Evaluation requires service records, machine hours, and repair indicators. We talk with your operators and evaluate S-O-S reports and trends, magnetic plug inspection findings, leaks, noises, and performance problems.
- Technical Analysis Inspection (TA) requires advanced diagnostic inspection equipment and consists of a comprehensive visual inspection, plus a repair indicator review and evaluation. After a thorough analysis, we’ll issue a recommendation based on our TA findings.
- Repair Determination Inspection (RDI) requires a thorough internal inspection and is performed when TA results suggest further inspection is necessary. It consists of a guaranteed price for component disassembly and evaluation. After the evaluation, we will give you a specific repair option recommendation or a guaranteed repair quote.
## Inspections

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Inspections

Follow an inspection schedule

Service meter hours provide an easy way to structure checks and inspections. These scheduled checks can help you identify problems before they become serious.

Do not, however, substitute these checks for the specific information contained in the Lube and Maintenance Guide (SEBU6250).

**Low Sprocket Tractors and Powershift Track Loaders**

Adjust the sprocket hub bearings.

**10-hour or daily check**
- Complete walk-around inspection.
- Check final drive seals for leaks.

**250-hour or monthly check**
- Check final drive oil level. Position one final drive so oil level is horizontal. Drain plug should face downward. Oil level should be at the bottom of the filler plug opening. Clean the magnet and add oil if necessary.
- Remove the fill plug and maintain the oil level to the bottom edge of the plug opening.
- Look for oil leaks if the level is noticeably low — a substantial leak indicates that seals and bearings may need replacement.

**500-hour or quarterly check (reconditioned or rebuilt machines)**
- Change fluid filters.
- Inspect for oil leaks on both sides of sprockets.
- Replace seals and/or bearings if leakage is noticeable. Refer to the Service Manual or call us for the correct replacement and adjustment procedure.
- Obtain final drive oil samples for S-O-S Fluid Analysis.
- Obtain transmission oil sample for S-O-S Fluid Analysis.

**1000-hour or six-month check**
- Change the oil on both sides.
- Remove the fill and drain plugs and allow oil to drain.
- Check the magnetic plugs (if equipped) for metal particles. If particles are present, schedule a repair as soon as possible.
- Wipe particles off the magnet and retain these particles for comparison purposes at the next change interval.
- Clean and reinstall the drain plug.
- Refill to the bottom edge of the fill plug opening with Caterpillar Transmission/Drive Train Oil or oil meeting Caterpillar TO-4 specifications.
- Clean and reinstall the fill plug.

**2000-hour or annual check**
- Adjust the sprocket hub bearings (refer to the Service Manual for proper procedure or give us a call).
- Adjust valves.
- Change final drive oil.
Wheel Loaders and Integrated Toolcarriers

Perform a walk-around inspection daily.

10-hour or daily check
- Complete walk-around inspection.
- Check final drive seals for leaks.
- Check lubricant levels in the front and rear differentials and final drives if leaks develop or are suspected.
- Operate the machine a few minutes to allow the oil to reach a common level before checking it.
- Park the machine on level ground, apply the parking brake, and stop the engine.
- Add lubricant to bring the oil level to the bottom of the fill plug opening.
- Repeat this procedure on the rear axle housing.

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- Check final drive oil level.
- Position one final drive so the oil level is horizontal. Drain plug should face downward. Oil level should be at the bottom of the filler plug opening.
- Clean the magnet and add oil if necessary.

500-hour or quarterly check (reconditioned or rebuilt machines)
- Change fluid filters.
- Align each wheel with the magnetic drain plug up. Remove the plug and inspect for metal particles. If present, schedule a repair as soon as possible. Wipe particles off the magnet and retain them for comparison purposes at the next inspection.
- Obtain final drive oil samples for S-O-S Fluid Analysis.
- Obtain transmission oil sample for S-O-S Fluid Analysis.

2000-hour or annual check
- Change the oil in the front and rear differentials and final drives.
- Park the machine on level ground and position each wheel with the drain plug at the lowest point.
- Remove each final drive drain plug and drain the oil.
- Remove the front and rear differential drain plugs and drain the oil.
- Clean and reinstall all differential and final drive drain plugs.
- Remove the differential fill plug from the front axle.
- Fill the front differential and final drives with oil that meets Cat TO-4 specifications.
- Clean and reinstall the fill plug.
- Repeat the filling process for the rear axle housing.
- Operate the machine for one hour, then stop and inspect for leaks.
- Remove the fill plugs and maintain the oil level to the bottom of the opening. If the oil level is above the opening, do not allow the oil to drain to the bottom of the opening.
- Reinstall the fill plug.
- Add oil to bring the oil level to the bottom of the fill plug opening.
- Use this procedure on both the front and rear axles.
Repair management

Control costs and downtime with repair management options

Preventive maintenance, S-O-S fluid analysis, and inspections help you catch problems in their earliest stages. With a good drive train management program that includes these three steps, you can make informed decisions about maintenance and repair—optimizing repair timing and minimizing repair costs.

Repair management helps you control repair costs and downtime by enabling you to select options at the time of repair. To take advantage of repair management, you must respond to repair indicators quickly—so you can repair before failure.

Respond to repair indicators quickly

Your Cat drive train system is built to help you avoid costly drive train failure. Certain components are designed to wear, and your drive train will indicate when they need replacement. Responding quickly to the repair indicators listed on page 9 allows you to choose before-failure repair options and replace worn components before they cause major damage.

Overhaul Management Guide

The Overhaul Management Guide (OMG) can significantly reduce your owning and operating costs. When used with other drive train management techniques, OMG helps us identify estimated life to before-failure overhaul for your transmission and final drives. It also:

• indicates how you can extend the time for an overhaul by changing operating and maintenance factors.
• provides increased opportunities for repair before failure.
• allows for more accurate budgeting and scheduling of repairs.

Contact our parts and service professionals to schedule a demonstration of OMG.

Before-failure repairs

Repair before failure to save time and money

Repairing before failure gets your machines back to work sooner and costs two to three times less than the price of after-failure repairs. Our before-failure repair options:

• help prevent major failures and failure of related parts.
• maximize parts reusability.
• allow you to schedule downtime and plan costs.
• maximize equipment life and keep your machine on the job.

Transmission

Rebearing and reseal

Rebearing and reseal is recommended when S-O-S results, a visible leak, or compartment hours signal a need for repair, or when another part of the common oil system fails and spreads debris into the transmission. This procedure includes disassembly and assembly of the transmission arrangement and replacement of all bearings, seals, gaskets, and locks. We also clean and inspect all other parts to ensure they meet tolerance specifications.
Before-failure overhaul
Before-failure overhaul is recommended when the transmission is slipping, hesitating, or overheating. Other indicators include friction material and small iron particles in screens and filters. This repair applies to operable transmissions only and includes a rebearing and reseal, plus replacement or reconditioning of other selected parts as needed.

Upper pinion rebearing and reseal
Upper pinion rebearing and reseal is recommended when S-O-S reports show unacceptable wear or contamination. It includes removal and installation of the fuel tank, floor cover plates, steering clutch and brake packs, and upper pinion bearings and seals.

Steering clutch and brake reconditioning
Steering clutch and brake reconditioning includes replacement and reuse of clutch plates and discs, relining of brake band assemblies, and inspections and adjustments to ensure proper steering and brake performance.

Before-failure overhaul
Before-failure overhaul can be performed provided no gears, shafts, bearings, or external parts are broken. It includes rebuilding the entire final drive, most parts and labor to remove the axle, and rebuilding the differential and both final drives. All parts that meet Caterpillar reusability guidelines are reinstalled. Brake repairs can be included at your request.

Transmission
After-failure overhaul
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Complete component replacement
Complete component replacement includes both exchange and new replacement components. Exchange components may be the preferred option when your application or job situation demands minimum downtime.

Final drive
After-failure overhaul
After-failure overhaul is recommended when large pieces of metal are discovered during magnetic plug inspections, when failure occurs, or when broken parts are discovered during before-failure procedures. It includes removal and replacement of the entire axle group and a complete rebuild of both final drives, the differential, and brakes. Brake actuating mechanisms located outside the axle system may require additional repairs. All rebuilt units are fully reconditioned using new Caterpillar parts when needed. Entire final drive modules and axle groups are available for many models. Exchange components may be preferred if your work demands minimum downtime.

After-failure repairs
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Final drive
Reseal
Reseal is required when oil leaks are discovered during inspections. It includes disassembly and reassembly of the final drive, repair or replacement of needed seal components, disassembly required to reach the seal areas in the axle (both final drives and brakes plus the differential), brake inspection, and seal replacement. For low sprocket machines, this repair includes adjustment of the sprocket hub bearing.

Rebearing and reseal
Rebearing and reseal is signaled by excessive leaks, elevated S-O-S results, or target hours. It includes disassembly and reassembly; replacement of all bearings, seals, gaskets, and miscellaneous hardware; oil change; operational tests; and removal and installation of track. A brake inspection is also included.

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Training, scheduling, and record keeping may be the most important elements of drive train system management because of their impact on other elements.

We offer a variety of training, scheduling, and record-keeping tools that will help you manage your drive train systems and lower your costs.

**Train your staff**

Your operators are the key to getting maximum life from your drive train system. An effective, ongoing training program ensures that they operate and maintain your drive train system properly. It also helps you lower costs by reducing the chance of drive train failures caused by faulty maintenance practices.

We work with you to customize a training program for your personnel by:

- making sure they know proper start-up and shut-down procedures.
- reviewing maintenance procedures to ensure they follow recommended lube and maintenance guidelines.
- teaching them to recognize and react to repair indicators.
- demonstrating the correct method for taking S-O-S samples.
- explaining the proper way to change drive train oil and fluid filters.
- outlining daily walk-around inspections.

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**Train your staff to avoid abusive operating practices**

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Develop effective schedules

Good scheduling means maintenance, inspections, and planned repairs are done on time, so you can prevent drive train failures caused by overlooked maintenance. Your scheduling program doesn’t need to be complex—just effective. We can help you develop an effective scheduling system with a record-keeping and control systems manual (PEGP6808).

We can also help you set up and use the Maintenance Control System (MCS), a computer program that keeps up-to-date information on the maintenance status of your drive train (JERD2107).

MCS lets you know when drive train repairs and maintenance are needed, verifies when they are completed, and provides detailed cost information. With MCS, you receive cost-per-hour information, availability reports, and summaries of labor hours, costs, and downtime for each completed drive train job.

Keep accurate records

An accurate record-keeping system documents drive train history by detailing component life and cost information. It enables you to locate problem areas that may cause higher costs or increased downtime. We can help with:

- record-keeping and control systems manual (PEGP6808).
- time and cost record booklet (PEEP0694).
- work order systems manual (PEGP6809).
- MCS (JERD2107).

Another record-keeping program we offer is the Preventive Maintenance Planner (PMP), a computer program that lets you consolidate individual drive train maintenance requirements (SERD0162).

PMP organizes and prints an itemized checklist that shows exactly what you want done at a certain interval, including a list of the parts and fluids required. We can provide computerized checklists and parts lists or help you customize your own.

With PMP, you can complete maintenance on schedule, summarize the costs associated with each drive train maintenance interval, and reduce your overall maintenance costs.
For more information, see us today or visit Caterpillar’s web site at http://www.CAT.com