Challenges in valve reliability

Many types of valves – including ball, gate, butterfly and wedge – are used in the oil and gas industry as control valves, requiring accurate and repeatable response. In production, transportation and processing, these valves must deliver reliable performance – often in severe service environments, handling harsh materials under pressure, exposed to extreme heat or cold, and even when not cycled for many years.

Valve problems caused by inadequate lubrication and sealing, abrasive contaminants, or severe-duty service can typically include:

- Galling and scoring
- Seal, seat or packing failure
- Corrosion and internal and external leakages of valves
- Sticking and seizing, leading to imperfect response to control signals

Proper lubrication of valve components can reduce wear; improve durability and dependability; and help deliver pipeline content safely, efficiently and responsibly. Such lubrication also can help preserve valve seal, seat and packing materials to ensure leak-free operation.

Molykote® brand Smart Lubrication™ solutions

Molykote® specialty lubricants from Dow Corning are proven Smart Lubrication™ solutions for many types of valves. High-performance problem-solvers include:

- **Anti-seize pastes**: Solid lubricants in carrier oil maintain effective lubrication even if the oil is squeezed out under load or evaporates. The coefficient of friction (CoF) is consistent over multiple assembly/disassembly operations.

- **Anti-friction coatings**: Paintlike materials provide a clean and dry lubricating film only a few microns thick that can provide desired friction and wear control, unaffected by dusty, dirty working environments. Consistent CoF can be maintained during several assembly and disassembly processes.

- **Lubricating greases**: Semi-solid lubricants with special additives are durable under heavy loads, in extreme heat and cold, and at various speeds.

- **Silicone compounds**: Heavy-consistency, thermally and chemically stable materials serve as valve lubricants and non-curing sealants.

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| Packing and seals        | Packing or stuffing surface            | Molykote® 111 Compound                                                                                         | • Silicone with inert thickener  
• Compatible with many elastomers  
• Lubricant and non-curing sealant  
• Wide service temperature range |
|                          |                                        | Molykote® 3452 Chemical Resistant Valve Lubricant                                                             | • Fluorosilicone with PTFE solids  
• Resist corrosive chemicals  
• Withstands extreme heat  
• Good for high loads, slow speeds |
|                          |                                        | Molykote® 55 O-Ring Grease                                                                                     | • Silicone with lithium soap thickener  
• Slightly swells O-rings for tight seal  
• Resists heat, oxidation  
• Not recommended for silicone seals |
| Bearing seal and seal groove to hold seal |                                        | Molykote® Cu-7439 Plus High Temperature Copper Paste                                                           | • Copper solid lubricants in oil  
• Excellent adhesion to metals  
• Resists extreme heat, high loads  
• Pushes extremely high pressure, corrosive conditions |
| Seal sliding surfaces, seal ring |                                        | Molykote® D 321 R Dry Film Lubricant and Spray                                                                  | • Solid lubricants in solvent-resin  
• Air dries to bonded lubricant film  
• Unaffected by dirt, contaminants  
• Excellent adhesion to metals |
| Shaft and stem            | Shaft                                  | Molykote® U-n Lubricant Paste                                                                                   | • Solid lubricants in PAG oil  
• Good compatibility with rubber  
• Anti-friction coating lubricates in extreme heat under heavy loads |
|                          | Stern                                  | Molykote® 106 Anti-Friction Coating                                                                            | • Solid lubricants in solvent-resin  
• High load-carrying capacity  
• Heat curing to bonded film |
|                          |                                        | Molykote® 3402C LF Anti-Friction Coating                                                                      | • Solid lubricants in organic solvent-binder  
• Resists high pressures and wear  
• Air curing to dry lubricating film |
|                          |                                        | Molykote® G-n Metal Assembly Paste and Spray                                                                   | • Solid lubricants in mineral oil  
• Aids press fitting, running-in  
• Helps prevent galling, cold welding  
• Protects against wear, corrosion |
| Ball                     | Ball surface                           | Molykote® G Paste                                                                                               | • Solid lubricants in mineral oil  
• Prevents seizure, scoring  
• Suppresses stick-slip, corrosion  
• High pressure-absorption capacity |
| Bearings                 | Bearing wear surfaces                  | Molykote® 33 Extreme Low Temperature Bearing Coating, Light                                                    | • Silicone oil with lithium soap thickener  
• Low torque for extreme-cold startups  
• Wide service temperature range  
• Resists oxidation, moisture, corrosive atmospheres |
| Threaded connections     | Studs, bolts, yoke nut, screws          | Molykote® anti-friction coatings                                                                                | • Solid lubricants, solvent-resin system  
• Aids press fitting, running-in  
• Anti- and heat-curing options  
• Long-term, dry-film lubrication |
|                          |                                        | Molykote® anti-seize pastes                                                                                   | • Solid lubricants, synthetic/mineral oil  
• Can be field-applied; aerosol options  
• Resist water washout, corrosion  
• Aid non-destructive assembly, disassembly |
| Body seat                | Body seat                              | Molykote® D 321 R Dry Film Lubricant and Spray                                                                  | • Solid lubricants in solvent-resin  
• Air dries to bonded lubricant film  
• Unaffected by dirt, contaminants |

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