

INTRODUCTION

Caterpillar is introducing Caterpillar BF-2 technical performance requirements for biodegradable hydraulic fluids. Cat® BF-2 was developed in response to changing environmental regulations and to ensure high performance oils for Cat applications and trouble-free operation for Cat customers.

This document contains all of the performance requirements that a finished lubricant must meet before it legitimately can be marketed as meeting the Cat BF-2 requirements.

APPLICATION

Oils meeting Cat BF-2 performance requirements are applicable for use in hydraulic systems of Cat equipment wherever biodegradable hydraulic fluids are recommended. Cat BF-2 performance requirements replace the Cat BF-1 specification. Cat BF-1 is obsolete. Fluids meeting Cat BF-2 performance requirements can be used where Caterpillar previously specified fluids meeting BF-1 specification were previously required.

OBJECTIVE:

These requirements are intended to communicate the minimum performance requirements for a lubricant that is intended for use in Cat equipment, wherever BF-2 fluids are recommended. The primary use of these fluids will be hydraulic systems.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Cat BF-2 requirements are divided into seven principal areas: Chemical and Physical Properties, Elastomer Compatibility, Oxidation Stability, Viscometric Properties, Wear Properties, Environmental Compliance and Friction Properties.

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FLUID CLEANLINESS**1.0 Scope :**

This test method will be used to evaluate the level of particle contamination within the oil.

2.0 Test Method:

ISO 4406

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ISO 4406 standard test method should be followed as given.

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

A maximum measured value of 18/16/13 is allowed for the hydraulic system.

HOMOGENIETY**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the compatibility of additives with the biodegradable oil base stock.

2.0 Test Method:

The test fluid is held at -32°C for 24 hours, then warmed to room temperature 20 +/- 5°C), and centrifuged. The absence of sedimentation or separation of insoluble material indicates that the oil and the additives are homogeneous.

3.0 Test Equipment:

100 mL centrifuge tubes
High speed centrifuge capable of producing 6000g

4.0 Test Procedure:

A 100 mL sample of the test fluid is put into a 100 mL centrifuge tube. The sample is stoppered and held at -32°C for 24 hours. Allow the sample to reach room temperature and then centrifuge for 30 minutes at 6000 g. The tube containing the test sample shall be examined for sedimentation or separation of insoluble material.

5.0 Acceptance Limits:

A maximum of 0.01 volume percent sedimentation or precipitation is allowed.

FLUID COMPATIBILITY**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the compatibility of different hydraulic fluids with one another.

2.0 Test Method:

The test oil is mixed separately with each of the following reference oils:

1. Cat HYDO Advanced 10
2. Cat DEO 15W-40
3. Cat TDTO 10W
4. Cat MTO
5. Cat BIO HYDO Advanced (HEES)
6. Cat DEO Cold Weather 0W-40

The mixture then is heated, cooled, and centrifuged to determine if any residue is present.

3.0 Test Equipment:

50 mL centrifuge tubes

High-speed centrifuge capable of producing 6000 g

4.0 Test Procedure:

Pour a 50 mL sample of the hydraulic oil test fluid and 50 mL of one of the five reference fluids into a 4 oz glass jar. Shake well and heat to 204°C. Cool to room temperature.

Pour the mixture into three 50 mL high-speed centrifuge tubes. Centrifuge for 30 minutes at 6000 g. The tubes containing the mixtures of the test samples and the selected oil shall be examined after centrifuging for precipitation of insoluble residue and separated components. Repeat the procedure for the remaining six reference fluids.

5.0 Acceptance Limits:

No sedimentation or precipitation is allowed in any of the three centrifuge tubes for each reference fluid.

FOAMING CHARACTERISTICS**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to determine the foaming characteristics of hydraulic fluids at specified temperatures. The method of qualitatively rating the foaming tendency and the stability of the foam is described.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D892 modified as described in the test procedure outlined below.

3.0 Test Procedure:

ASTM D892 standard test method will be with the following modifications. The test will be divided into two parts.

Part I: Standard ASTM D892 test method without water added.

Part II: Water is mixed with the test fluid and the foaming characteristics are measured following the ASTM D892 standard test method.

Procedure: Mix 500 mL of the fluid to be tested with 0.5 mL of distilled water in a blender for 5 minutes at low speed (1000 RPM) and then for 1 minute at high speed (1300 RPM). Allow any foam to dissipate before determining the foam by all three sequences of the ASTM D892 test method.

Additional tests have to be performed with the candidate oil mixed with 5%, 50%, and 75% of the following reference oils:

1. Cat HYDO Advanced 10
2. Cat TDTO 10W
3. Cat DEO 15W-40

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

Part I:

	Without Added Water	With 0.1% Water
Sequence I	25/0	25/0
Sequence II	50/0	50/0
Sequence III	25/0	25/0

HUMIDITY CORROSION**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to determine the corrosion protection offered by Cat BF-2 fluids to a finished ferrous surface under dynamic humidity conditions.

2.0 Test Method:

CEMS BT-9, International Truck and Engine Corporation Humidity Corrosion Test. Cleaned ferrous rods are exposed to dynamic humidity conditions and the rod is monitored for the appearance of corrosion spots over time.

3.0 Test Equipment:

CEMS BT-9, International Truck and Engine Corporation Humidity Corrosion Test should be used.

4.0 Test Materials:

CEMS BT-9, International Truck and Engine Corporation Humidity Corrosion Test materials should be used.

5.0 Test Procedure:

CEMS BT-9, International Truck and Engine Corporation Humidity Corrosion Test should be followed as given to evaluate humidity corrosion characteristics of hydraulic fluids.

6.0 Acceptance Limits:

Minimum time to failure is 20 hours. The specimen shall be examined for appearance of corrosion spots after 20 hours. Failure is defined as six or more spots per any linear inch (as viewed without magnification). The first 9.5 mm (3/8 inch) below the contact line between the stopper and the rod shall be disregarded. Two specimen failures in less than 20 hours shall be considered a failure of this requirement.

COPPER STRIP CORROSION**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the corrosiveness of hydraulic fluids to copper.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D130

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ASTM D130 standard test method will be used to evaluate the copper strip corrosion characteristics of hydraulic fluids under the following conditions:

Oil Temperature: 150°C

Time of Immersion: 3 hours

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

1a slight tarnish is allowed

1b or worse is considered to be a failure

RUST PREVENTIVE CHARACTERISTICS

The oil must pass the ASTM D665, Procedure B, test temperature is 60°C (140°F) and the test duration is 24 hours.

1.0 Scope:

This test method will be used to evaluate the ability of the candidate oil to prevent the rusting of ferrous parts in presence of synthetic seawater.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D665, Procedure B

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ASTM D665, Procedure B standard test method will be used:

Oil Temperature: 60°C

Time of Immersion: 24 hours

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

The candidate oil has to pass the test according to criteria specified in ASTM D665, Procedure B.

LOW TEMPERATURE STORAGE**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the low temperature storage stability of biodegradable hydraulic fluids.

2.0 Test Method:

Following preliminary heating, the fluid sample is placed in a freezer preset to -25°C. The sample is checked every 24 hours for the formation of precipitates, particles, and for fluidity.

3.0 Test Equipment:

Test jar made of clear cylindrical glass with a flat bottom, 30 to 33.5 mm inside diameter and 115 to 125 mm in height. To indicate the height of the sample, the jar should be marked with a line 54 +/- 3 mm above the inside bottom.

Cork to fit the mouth of the test jar

Tray to hold the sample jars in an upright position while in the freezer

Freezer capable of maintaining the test temperature

4.0 Test Procedure:

Pour the fluid sample into the test jar to the level marked on the outside.

Heat the fluid sample to 50°C for 30 minutes.

Remove the sample from the oven and stopper the test jar with the cork. Allow the sample to cool to room temperature (20 +/- 5°C).

Place the sample in a freezer preset at -25°C.

Check the sample following each 24 hour period for fluidity and for the appearance of any type of precipitate and particles.

End the test at the first appearance of precipitates forming anywhere in the sample or when the sample shows no movement within 5 seconds when the sample jar is tilted to the horizontal.

Report this time as the test duration and cite the reason for failure.

If failure has not occurred within 168 hours, end the test.

5.0 Acceptance Limits:

Samples that show no precipitates and remain fluid for 168 consecutive hours are considered passing.

DEMULSIBILITY**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the ability of biodegradable hydraulic fluids to separate from water.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D1401

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ASTM D1401 standard test method should be followed as given.

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

The test sample must have separated sufficiently that a water layer having a volume of at least 37 mL is observed before 20 min has elapsed.

IODINE NUMBER**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the degree of unsaturation of the fatty acids in the biodegradable hydraulic fluid.

2.0 Test Method:

AOCS Da 15-48 (WIJS Method)

3.0 Test Procedure:

The AOCS Da 15-48 standard test method should be followed as given.

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

Report the values obtained.

FLASH AND FIRE POINTS**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the flash point of biodegradable hydraulic fluids by the Cleveland Open Cup method.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D92

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ASTM D92 standard test method should be followed as given.

4.0 Acceptance Limit:

ISO 46 and ISO 68

Flash Point 220°C or legal limit, whichever is greater

Fire Point 220°C or legal limit, whichever is greater

ISO 32

Flash Point 200°C or legal limit, whichever is greater

Fire Point 200°C or legal limit, whichever is greater

POUR POINT**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to determine the minimum temperature for which biodegradable hydraulic fluids remain fluid.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D97

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ASTM D97 standard test method should be followed as given.

4.0 Acceptance Limit:Viscosity Grade

ISO 32 and 46

ISO 68

Pour Point (°C)

Below or equal to -35

Below or equal to -25

WATER CONTENT**1.0 Scope:**

The Karl Fischer test method will be used to determine the amount of water in a candidate biodegradable hydraulic fluid.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D6304

3.0 Test Procedure:

The ASTM D6304 standard test method should be followed as given.

4.0 Acceptance Limit:

The maximum water content as measured by ASTM D6304 should not exceed 0.05 volume percent.

FILTERABILITY**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the filterability of hydraulic oils in the presence of water.

2.0 Test Method:

ISO 13357 stage 1 and stage 2 dry and wet.

3.0 Test Equipment:

As outlined in test procedure ISO 13357T

4.0 Test Procedure Summary:

The ISO 13357 test procedure should be followed as given.

5.0 Acceptance Limits:

Stage I - dry greater than 80%

Stage II - dry greater than 60%

Stage I - wet greater than 70%

Stage II - wet greater than 50%

AIR ENTRAINMENT**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the ability of hydraulic fluids to quickly separate entrained air. Candidate oil of ISO 46 viscosity grade must be used to test for air entrainment.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D3427

3.0 Test Equipment:

As outlined in the ASTM D3427 procedure

4.0 Test Procedure Summary:

Compressed air is blow through test oil at 50°C. The time required for the air entrained within the oil to reduce to 0.2%, by recovered density, after the blowing is stopped, is the air release time.

5.0 Acceptance Limits:

The air release time shall be less than 4 minutes for the oils satisfying viscosity requirements of ISO viscosity grade 46 or SAE J300 viscosity grade of 10W-20 and 5W-20.

ELASTOMER COMPATIBILITY

1.0 Scope:

To measure the compatibility of the candidate fluid with Elastomer materials typically used in Caterpillar, Inc. hydraulic systems.

2.0 Test Method:

Test according to ASTM D2000 unless otherwise specified. The test materials will be in accordance with ASTM D3182. Data shall be reported in a format similar to the table below. Table shall include numeric values and Pass / Fail summary for each characteristic. Report shall also include rubber material batch and/or lot number.

3.0 Test Materials:

To request materials and testing guidance, contact:
FNFHelp@cat.com

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

Duration (Hrs)	Material	Candidate Fluid Temperature (°C)	Volume Change (%)	Hardness Change (pts)	Tensile Strength Change (%)	Elongation Change (%)	Residual Elongation (%)	
1000	1E2719A	100	-3 / +20	-10 / +10	-50	-50	80%	
1000	1E0741	100	-3 / +20	-10 / +10	-50	-50	80%	
1000	1E0804	100	-3 / +20	-10 / +10	-50	-50	80%	
1000	1E0724	100	-3 / +20	-10 / +10	-50	-50	80%	
1000	1E4323	100	REPORT					

5.0 Test Laboratory Requirements:

The testing laboratory shall have an ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation, issued by an ILAC MRA Signatory, and accredited Scope including the testing listed above.

OXIDATION STABILITY**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the thermal oxidation stability of biodegradable hydraulic fluids.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D943 modified as described below

3.0 Test Procedure:

Follow the procedure outlined in ASTM D943 except for the addition of water. Do not initially add water to the hydraulic fluid or replenish water during the testing.

4.0 Acceptance Limit:

A lifetime of 4,000 hr or longer is considered passing.

VISCOSITY**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the ability of biodegradable fluids to provide acceptable viscometric properties in cold and hot ambient conditions when used in hydraulic systems.

2.0 Test Methods:

SAE J300 or ISO viscosity system can be utilized to describe the viscosity. Oils meeting SAE 10W requirements of SAE J300 or the oils characterized by ISO viscosity system must meet additional requirements summarized in this section. In addition, shear stability of the oil has to be confirmed by KRL Shear Stability Test, CEC L-45 40 hrs at 100°C.

3.0 Test Procedure:

Kinematic viscosity according to ASTM D445

Brookfield viscosity according to ASTM D2983

Shear stability according to CEC L-45 (40 hrs at 100°C)

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

For all oils meeting BF-2 specification, the loss of kinematic viscosity at 100°C after the KRL shear stability test must be 5% or less. Additional Kinematic and Brookfield viscosity requirements are summarized below.

Viscosity Grade	Temperature	Kinematic or Brookfield Viscosity
SAE 10W	-20°C	3500 cP
	100°C	6.5 cSt
ISO 32	-30°C	3500 cP (max)
	100°C	6.5 cSt (min)
ISO 46	-25°C	3500 cP (max)
	100°C	8.0 cSt (min)
ISO 68	-15°C	3500 cP (max)
	100°C	10.0 cSt (min)

WEAR PROPERTIES

VANE PUMP

1.0 Scope:

This test method will be used to evaluate the ability of a hydraulic fluid to provide acceptable vane pump antiwear characteristics.

2.0 Test Method:

Eaton® “Pump Test Procedure for Evaluation of Antiwear Fluids for Mobile Systems”, Eaton Engineering Standard ATS-373 Revision C (March 11, 2004) and revised re-issue (March 19, 2004) - ASTM D6973.

3.0 Test Procedure Summary:

Eaton® “Pump Test Procedure for Evaluation of Antiwear Fluids for Mobile Systems”, Eaton Engineering Standard ATS-373 Revision C (March 11, 2004) and revised re-issue (March 19, 2004) - ASTM D6973.

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

50 mg loss for the ring and 10 for the vane is considered passing result.

FZG RATING**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the scuffing load capacity of hydraulic fluids.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D5182

3.0 Test Procedure Summary:

ASTM D5182 standard test method will be used to evaluate the scuffing load capacity of hydraulic fluids when used in hydraulic applications in Cat products.

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

The test must achieve a Pass Load Stage through a minimum of 11 load stages or Fail Load Stage of 12.

FOUR-BALL WEAR TEST**1.0 Scope:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the relative wear preventative properties of hydraulic fluids in sliding contact.

2.0 Test Method:

ASTM D4172

3.0 Test Procedure:

ASTM D4172 standard test method will be used to evaluate the wear preventative properties of fluids when used in hydraulic applications in Cat products. The required test conditions are as follows: 40 kg load, 93°C, 600 RPM, and 30 minutes test duration.

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

The measured wear scar diameter must not exceed 0.40 mm.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**1.0 Scope:**

Environmental compliance will ensure the candidate fluid is suitable for use in Caterpillar machines in the areas where local or government regulations restrict biodegradability or toxicity properties of hydraulic oils. Maximum mineral oil content is often enforced and special care has to be taken during hydraulic system conversion to biodegradable lubricant to achieve the maximum allowable mineral oil content.

2.0 Test Methods:

According to European Eco Label

3.0 Test Procedures:

Follow the procedure outlined in the 2005/360/EC (European Ecolabel)

4.0 Acceptance Limits:

The candidate fluid must qualify for all criteria of the 2005/360/EC (European Ecolabel) for hydraulic fluids and be listed at www.eco-label.com.

FRICITION PROPERTIES**Introduction:**

This test method will be used to evaluate the ability of a biodegradable lubricant to provide acceptable friction performance characteristics when used in conjunction with various oil-cooled friction mechanisms in Cat brakes or wherever BF-1 is specified for service fill.

Any questions pertinent to the test method shall be directed to:

BF-2 Oil / Friction Test

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Standard Test Method for Lubrication and Friction:

Characteristics of Biodegradable Oils in Caterpillar Hydraulic Compartments

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1.0 Scope:

- 1.1 This procedure defines the test method for evaluation of the lubrication and frictional performance characteristics of biodegradable hydraulic oil used in Cat hydraulic friction mechanisms.
- 1.2 This procedure defines the acceptance criteria related to the lubrication and frictional requirements which must be met by an oil for it to be given a BF-2 rating.
- 1.3 This standard may involve hazardous materials, operations and equipment. This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.
- 1.4 These requirements are subject to revision at any time by Caterpillar, Inc.

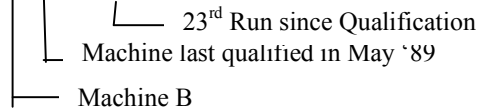
2.0 Terminology:

- 2.1 Average Dynamic Coefficient of Friction, μ_d – The coefficient value calculated from initial speed, stop time and unit load. This calculation is made as though the coefficient were constant throughout the engagement.
- 2.2 Static Coefficient of Friction, μ_s – The coefficient value calculated from unit load and the torque measured at the instant that sliding velocity reaches zero.
- 2.3 Initial Speed – The surface speed of the friction disc at the mean radius at the start of an engagement.
- 2.4 Energy Limit – The highest speed at which the friction material / oil / reaction plate will operate in the specified sequences and produce uniform results consistent with the results produced at lower speeds. In most instances the limit can be determined visually from the torque trace, but for oil certification with this specification, the limit will always be determined by the computer.
 - 2.4.1 Visual Determination: The shape of the torque curve is indicative of the conditions at the lubricated interface of the friction disc and reaction plate. In normal operation, the torque makes a smooth, repeatable transition from the initial engagement through lockup. When the energy limit is reached there will usually be a hump or irregular shape in the torque curve revealing that there are unstable or destructive changes occurring at the friction interface. This condition is indicated by a significant change in the coefficient of friction. Figures 1 and 2 show typical torque curves both in normal operation and above the energy limit.
 - 2.4.2 Computerized Determination: The computer will check for changes in μ_d (average dynamic coefficient of friction) during the phases after phase 20. The μ_d of each cycle will be compared with the mean μ_d of the previous phase. A change of 12% or more will be taken as an indication that the energy limit has been reached. The dynamic coefficient was chosen because minor inaccuracies in the speed or pressure settings will not influence its value, and by

using a baseline from the previous phase, the check can be applied to all cycles.

- 2.5 Phase – A specified number of engagements at a given unit pressure and initial speed.
- 2.6 Sequence – A specific series of phases
- 2.7 Run – The operation of the M1158 machine through a sequence
 - 2.7.1 Each run will be identified using the following numbering system;
first character – letter assigned to the specific M1158 machines;
next four digits – month and year of last machine qualification; last three digits – number of runs since last qualification

Example: B0589023



- 2.8 Test – The two runs required for oil certification

3.0 Summary of Test Method:

- 3.1 This procedure utilizes the Link Model 1158 Oil / Friction Test Machine, which is an inertia dynamometer in which the kinetic energy of a freely rotating mass is absorbed by the reaction of a rating friction disc and an opposing stationary steel plate. A flywheel is accelerated to predetermined speeds and brought to a stop by bringing the disc and plate together at various engagement pressures.

- 3.2 This apparatus will be used to measure the characteristics itemized below on one friction material, as these characteristics are influenced by the lubricating oil.
- Average Dynamic Coefficient of Friction
 - Static Coefficient of Friction
 - Energy Capability
 - Wear Resistance
 - Friction Retention
- 3.3 A complete oil test consists of two runs, which are made using the friction discs and reaction plates from a single 137-1271 clutch group (oil test kit).
- 3.3.1 Because of the restrictions on the material in each kit, all performance comparisons for evaluating a test oil will be made using discs from the same manufacturing lot and reaction plates with the same range of surface finish variation.
- 4.0 Significance and Use:
- 4.1 This test method is used to determine comparative values for static coefficients of friction, energy capability and wear properties of a friction disc and opposing plate when tested under prescribed conditions. The lubricating oil used can influence the results. The procedure and values established are for evaluating the suitability of these oils.
- 4.2 The results of a test on the M1158 machine, if they are within the allowable ranges of variation from the reference test made from the same 137-1271 kit, may be used to designate the test oil as BF-2 oil.
- 5.0 Interferences:
- 5.1 Each M1158 machine is made with identical components to eliminate functional differences between the machines.
- 5.1.1 Replacement of the air valves or air lines with components of different size will change the response of the machine
 - 5.1.2 Changes in bearing drag or windage losses will change the effective inertia of the machine.
- 5.2 An air leak from the tank, lines, valves or rotochamber will change the response and loading of the machine
- 5.3 An oil leak of more than one liter in any run will significantly reduce the volume of oil being tested.
- 5.4 Items which are stated as constants must be true, viz.:
- Cooling oil temp and flow
 - Filtration – 8J1600 Filter
 - Oil Capacity – total system volume
 - Friction disc size – mean radius
 - Reaction plate surface finish
 - Calibration of instrumentation – torque, load, flow, temperature, time, speed
 - Cycle time
 - Retraction clearance

6.0 Apparatus:

- 6.1 This procedure utilizes the Model 1158 Oil / Friction Test machine available from Link Engineering Company, Detroit, Michigan. This specific model and manufacturer must be used for reproducibility. The factors which are critical are: effective inertia, coast-down time, rate of pressure rise at the beginning of engagement, cooling flow distribution, response of the transducers and signal conditioners, the mass elastic system of the machine and its components and the method of heating the lube oil.
- 6.2 The friction discs are supplied by Wellman friction products, and the reaction plates by Raybestos Products Company. They are assembled into a kit and packaged by Caterpillar Inc. as 137-1271 Clutch Group (Oil Test Kit). The kits are available through the Cat parts distribution system.
 - 6.2.1 Each 137-1271 Kit contains enough material for a reference test and nineteen oil tests (if no runs have to be repeated). These friction materials are identified by manufacturing lot. The reaction plates are closely controlled for surface finish, and the clutch groups are certified for performance by Caterpillar Inc.
 - 6.2.2 The following combinations of friction disc and reaction plate, which are to be used only in these pairings, make up a 137-1271 kit:
137-1274 Clutch Group: 118-7181 Disc (Brake Paper) and 1Y-0726 Plate
- 6.3 The surface roughness (roughness average; refer to 1E2122) of each plate will be measured circumferentially by the supplier in four places. The average roughness will be within the roughness range specified on the drawing. The side of the plate which is to be in contact with the friction disc will be marked with the average of the roughness measurements (microns) from that surface; the other side of the plate will be marked with the part number and the words: "Do Not Use This Side." The markings on the plates will be of smear-resistant ink.

