SKF ChainLube

Airless oil projection system for conveyor roller chain lubrication in food processing











SKF ChainLube, oil projection system CLK

The SKF ChainLube airless oil projection system CLK, is a food-safe, reliable, easy-to-use solution for accurate, automatic roller chain lubrication.

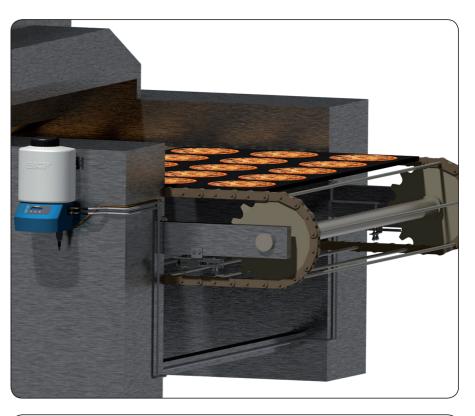
The system includes a central unit that precisely delivers a metered volume of lubricant to the points of friction of each chain link whilst the chain is in operation. A control unit is preset to the preferred timing for lubricant application. Airless projection nozzles have no mechanical contact with the chains thus minimizing applicator wear and dirt accumulation. The main components are resistant to corrosion and suitable for a wide range of temperatures. All of these features make this solution suitable for the particular requirements of the Food and Beverage industry.

Advantages

- Helps prevent foreign body ingress, thereby helping producers support the HACCP* process in producing safe food
- Reduces maintenance costs (lubricants and lubrication tasks compared to manual lubrication)
- Eliminates risk of lubrication points being missed through human error
- Improves productivity by eliminating unplanned downtimes
- Longer service life resulting from reduced chain wear
- Reduces energy consumption through decreased friction
- Enhances operator safety by reducing intervention for maintenance
- Better cleanliness by reducing excess lubricant

Field of applications

- Baking ovens, proofers, dryers in e.g. bakery plants or cereals processing
- Freezers in ice-cream and frozen food processing
- Conveyors for calibration, washing, cooking, pasteurization, etc. in fruits and vegetables processing
- Dryers, smoke houses and conveyors in meat processing
- Handling conveyors
- * Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point



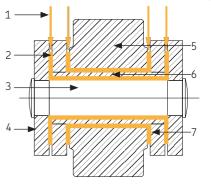
Oil lubrication for chain roller

Friction point

Chains have many friction points which need to be lubricated. This example shows the cross-section view of a roller chain with the different components and friction points. The lubricant flows through the different friction points by capillarity.

Capillarity

When the lubricant reaches the lubrication point, it penetrates by capillarity through the different components of the chain. A lubricant film is built up between the friction points. The aim of the film is to avoid direct surface contact, thus reducing wear and tear, noise emission and energy consumption.



- 1 lubricant
- 2 lubricant film
- 3 pin
- 4 outside link plate
- 5 roller
- 6 sleeve7 inside link plate

Chain Speed
The CLK lubrication system has been designed for the lubrication of conveyor roller chains with a maximum speed of 3 pitches/s.

Operating temperatureThe operating temperature of the

lubrication system depends on the lubricant. Please consult the lubricant supplier to confirm that the lubricant meets the temperature requirements of the application.

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Central unit

The compact central unit, with the protection class IP65, consists of three main elements:

Oil reservoir

The oil reservoir has a capacity of 7,5 litres. The HDPE (high-density polyethylene) translucent material makes a visual oil level check possible. Additionnally, an electric level switch signals the minimum level directly on the central unit (LED and message on the control unit display), and is available for remote signal to the machine PLC.

Volumetric piston pump

The volumetric piston pump delivers a precise amount of oil through four outlets which are connected to 4 mm tubes up to the nozzles. Oil delivery is cyclical and synchronized with the chain pitches for all outlets during the lubrication phase.

Control unit

The system works automatically with a succession of lubrication phases and stand-by phases – easily programmable by application. A 2x16 characters front display indicates status of the system and shows set parameters. Four push buttons are used to change lubrication parameters and give access to different displays.

Double projection nozzles

The oil lubrication system CLK uses double projection nozzles to project the lubricant on the lubrication points.

The nozzles are simple to install and the distance between the two oil jets can be easily adjusted (using just an Allen spanner) for a precise projection on the chain rollers. The adjustable distance between the two jets is from 4,5 mm to 10 mm. The lubricant is projected vertically top-down.

Chain roller sensor

The chain roller sensor – an inductive proximity switch – delivers an electrical signal to the control unit each time a chain roller is passing in front. This signal is used to control the volumetric piston pump when the system is in lubrication phase.

The sensor must be placed at a maximum distance of 5 mm from the object (roller) to be detected (without any mechanical contact).

Tubing

The metered lubricant quantity is delivered from the central unit to every nozzle through stainless steel tubes. Two stainless steel tubes are held in a PTFE tube to facilitate the installation and manipulation tasks. The tubes are connected to the central unit and nozzles with solderless tube unions with cutting-sleeves.









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Automatic lubrication

The lubrication system CLK has an integrated control unit. This user--friendly control unit allows the user to set a lubrication program according to his needs. The automatic lubrication process can be intermittent, semi automatic or continuous.

Intermittent lubrication

A lubrication cycle consists of a lubrication phase, during which the lubrication points are lubricated, followed by a pause phase. There are two parameters to be set: the duration of the lubrication cycle in time and the number of chain roller to be lubricated during the lubrication phase. The length of the pause phase depends on the total number of lubrication points and the duration of the lubrication cycle.

Semi automatic lubrication

The user manually triggers the lubrication phase. This phase corresponds to the number of lubrication points set by the user. Once the last point has been lubricated, the lubrication phase is done and the system stops. The user can trigger another lubrication phase whenever necessary.

Continuous lubrication

All lubrication points are continuously lubricated as long as the chain is running and the lubrication system is powered.

The control unit also allows the user to monitor the level of lubricant in the reservoir and the proper functioning of the proximity switch. This latest function is only available for proximity switches approved by SKF.

Kit

The oil lubrication system CLK is offered as a comprehensive kit. The kit gives the user all the components necessary to set up his centralized lubrication system, i.e the central unit, the nozzles, the proximity switch and all accessories and fittings.



Control unit for SKF chain lubrication system CLK

- 2 × 16 character display
- 4 push-buttons
- 1 failure signal LED



Oil lubrication system order information									
Kit No.	Central uni Flow rate	t Outlets	Nozzle ¹⁾ Simple	Double	Proxir Ø	mity switch ¹⁾ Temperature	Sensing range	Tube ¹⁾ Long	Short
CLK-460R-100+XXX ²⁾ CLK-260R-100+XXX ²⁾ CLK-460R-110+XXX ²⁾ CLK-430R-101+XXX ²⁾ CLK-430R-121+XXX ²⁾	60 60 60 30 30	4 2 4 4	- - - 4 4	4 2 4 -	12 12 18 12 8	-40 to +85 °C -40 to +85 °C -20 to +180 °C -40 to +85 °C -40 to +85 °C	7 mm 7 mm 8 mm 7 mm 4 mm	1 1 1 1	1 - 1 1

¹⁾ For more detailed information on the different sets, please see the Technical data

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² The order number has to be completed with the voltage key of the central unit: **428** for 230 V AC, 50/60 Hz and **429** for 115 V AC, 50/60 Hz

Technical data

Central unit

Flow rate 30 or 60 mm³/stroke and outlet

Lubricant mineral or synthetic oil without solid additives
Viscosity < 100 m²/s (cSt) at projection temperature

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Delivery pressure} & < 100 \mbox{ bars} \\ \mbox{Operating frequency} & < 3 \mbox{ strokes/s} \\ \mbox{Cycle life} & 20 \times 10^6 \mbox{ cycles max.} \\ \mbox{Operating temperature} & 0 \mbox{ to } 60 \mbox{ °C} \\ \mbox{Operating voltage} & 110 / 220 \mbox{ V AC, } 50 / 60 \mbox{ Hz} \\ \end{array}$

Protection IP65

Reservoir capacity 7,5 l (useful capacity) Level monitoring min. level switch

Material, reservoir PEhd Material, housing ABS

Weight ca. 12 kg (full reservoir)

Noise emission \leq 70 dB (A)

The central unit responds to the requirements of the following major standards

IEC 61010-01 : 03/2001 Safety compliance
IEC 61010-01 : 2010 Safety compliance

EN 61000-6-4: 2007/A1: 2011 Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-4: Generic standards – Emission

standard for industrial environments

NF EN 60529 (2000) Degrees of protection provided by enclosures

Set

Nozzle set

Type one or two head projection nozzle

Projection vertically, top-down Volume 30 mm³/stroke
Projection distance 5 to 50 mm

Lubricant mineral or synthetic oil with a max. viscosity < 100 mm²/s (cSt) at projection

temperature -25 to +220 °C -40 to +220 °C

Standby temperature $-40 \text{ to } +220 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$ Lubricant inlet for metallic tube \emptyset 4 mm, max. length 5 m

Weight ca. 50 g

Material stainless steel 304, FPM seal for the check valve

Number of nozzles 2

Accessories holder and fittings

Proximity switch set

Operating temperature

Proximity switch type
Output function
Operating voltage
Sensing range
Protection
Operating temperature (sensor)

3 wires DC PNP
NO, normally open
10 to 36 V DC
5 mm
IP68
-40 to +85 °C

Cable length 5 m

Accessories holder and fittings

Long tube set

Diameter 4 mm – thin wall

Length 5 m

Material stainless steel 316L annealed under PTFE holding tube

Number of tubes 2

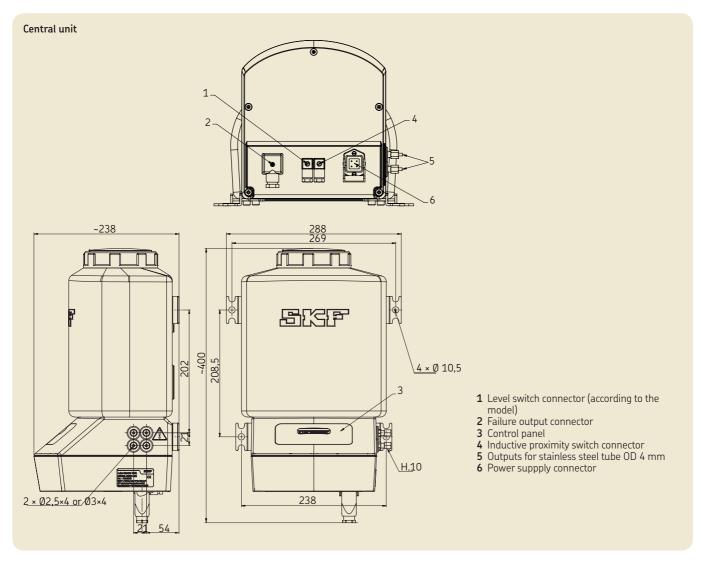
Short tube set

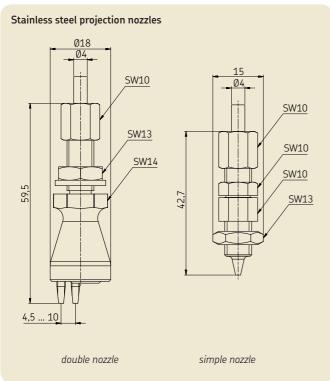
Diameter 4 mm – thin wall

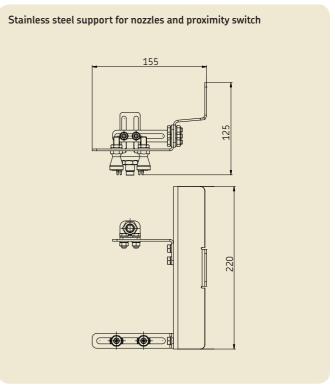
Length 2,5 m

Material stainless steel 316L annealed under PTFE holding tube

Number of tubes 2







SKF food grade chain oils for food and beverage industry

SKF chain oils were specifically developed for food and beverage applications where high temperatures, low temperatures and high humidity are the main critical parameters for the right product selection. The whole range is NSF, H1 approved, therefore fit for food and beverage and pharmaceutical industry.

High temperature performance chain oil LFFT 220 is mainly for use in bakery ovens or other equipment subjected to high temperatures. It provides good wear protection and low evaporation losses at elevated temperatures along with excellent oxidation resistance. SKF LFFT 220 is the right choice for such applications due to its formulation and synthetic base.

Chain oil LHFP 150 excels in medium to low temperature applications such as beverage or confectionery industries. The formulation is based on a synthetic oil and the product provides good corrosion and wear protection together with good aging and oxidation stability.

High moisture chain oil LFFM 80 exhibits particularly good performance in high moisture environments such as in proofers and pasta driers as well as in applications where condensation might occur. This low viscosity semi-synthetic base oil prevents residue build-up on the chains and offers good wear and corrosion protection.



Technical data	LHFP 150	LFFM 80	LFFT 220
Designation	LULL 100		LFF1 220
Description Specific gravity Colour Base oil type Operating temperature range	food grade (NSF H1) oil 0,85 colourless synthetic ester -30 to +120 °C (-22 to +148 °F)	food grade (NSF H1) oil 0,89 white semi synthetic (mineral/ester) -30 to +120 °C (-22 to +148 °F)	food grade (NSF H1) oil 0,95 yellow synthetic ester 0 to 250 °C (32 to +482 °F)
Base oil viscosity 40 °C (104 °F), mm²/s 100 °C (212 °F), mm²/s Flash point NSF approval	ISO VG 150 approx. 19 > 200 °C (392 °F) H1 (No.: 136858)	approx. 80 approx. 10 > 200 °C (392 °F) H1 (No.: 146767)	ISO VG 220 approx. 17 > 250 °C (482 °F) H1 (No.: 146768)
Pack sizes Can 5 litres	LHFP150/5	LFFM 80/5	LFFT 220/5

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