Corrosion & Storage Issues

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Corrosion?

Do we have corrosion issues today?



Storage Issues



All new tanks look like this, right?

- Proper pitch.
- Correct fittings.
- Unions.
- Swing joints.
- Coated oil line.



Corrosion

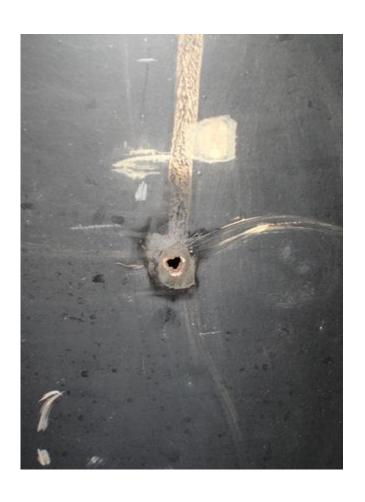
We've come a long way but still have a lot of work to do educating owners & installers about:

- Tank sizing.
- Codes.
- Spill prevention.
- Simple ways to prolong tank life
 & avoid service issues.





Tank Corrosion - Todays Fuels







Premature Tank Failure

• 11 months old.

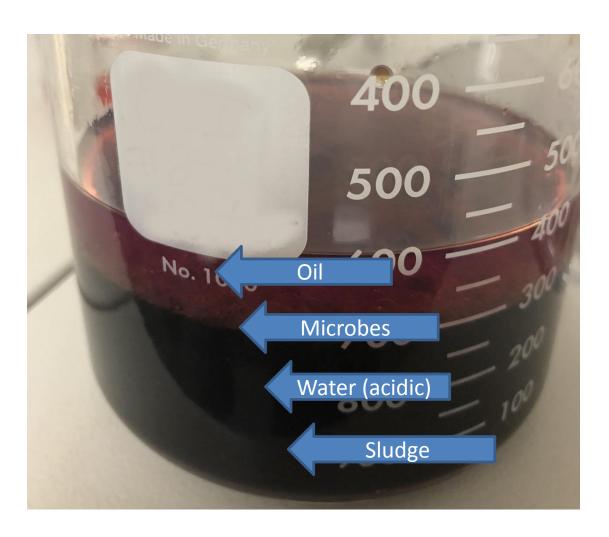
Pump over.

 Check for & remove water before installation & regularly afterwards.





Water = Corrosion



- Typical sample from a problem location.
- More water accumulation with today's fuels??
- What about future fuels?



How Do We Move To Higher Bio Blends?

Outside tanks.

• Pour point.



Higher Bio Blends – Outside Tanks



How many – 10%?

- Cold flow issues with B20, 40, 100?
- Heaters? Tanks? Lines?
- Insulation? Larger pipes?
- Don't deliver high blends?
- Move all tanks inside?



Higher Bio Blends – Tank Cleaning?





Research Possibilities

• Better bio feedstocks?

Better cold flow additives? Kero? Kero/#2/bio?

Better tank monitoring tools?

Effectiveness of tank cleaning?





