

## **Chain Lubricants – General Selection Guide**

Chain lubricants must perform six main functions to be effective:

- 1. Protect moving parts against wear.
- 2. Cushion impact loads.
- 3. Dissipate any heat that the chain generates or is exposed to.
- 4. Flush away foreign materials.
- 5. Lubricate the chain-sprocket contact surfaces.
- 6. Retard rust and corrosion.

There are a wide variety of chain lubricants available to meet the requirements of the various applications of chain drives in industry. This selection guide indicates some general recommendations for the conditions shown. These lubricants will cover the majority of applications. Where other conditions may exist or operations are more critical a specific recommendation can be determined through consultation with Lubricon at 1-800-463-LUBE (5823).

| Lubricon Product                      | Description     | Temperature    | Load      | Wet | Chain Speed |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|-----|-------------|
|                                       |                 | Range          |           |     |             |
| Lubricon 5215                         | Diester, anti-  | -40°C to 150°C | Medium to |     | Moderate    |
|                                       | wear            |                | high      |     |             |
| Lubricon 5225                         | Diester, tacky, | Up to 250°C    | High      | Yes | All         |
|                                       | soluble moly    |                |           |     |             |
| USL-600                               | Polyol Ester    | Up to 370°C    | High      | Yes | All         |
| Omnilube Food Grade                   | Polyalphaolefin | Up to 150°C    | Medium    |     | All         |
|                                       | (PAO)           |                |           |     |             |
| Omnilube PG-220 Food Grade            | Polyalkylene    | Up to 250°C    | Medium    |     | All         |
|                                       | Glycol          |                |           |     |             |
| 767 Aerosol                           | Aerosol grease, | Up to 200°C    | Medium    | Yes | All         |
| (for small chains, spur gears, cable) | tacky, EP       |                |           |     |             |

Note: Viscosity for the proper Omnilube grade will depend on operating temperature. Please see product sheets.