Report of the Month

Check out this 1959 Porsche with the deluxe chrome package. Unfortunately that probably doesn't explain lead...

To learn more about where the elements are coming from, click here.

MAKE/MODEL: Porsche 1.6L H-4 (Air-Cooled) OIL TYPE & GRADE: Valvoline VR1 20W/50

FUEL TYPE: Gasoline (Unleaded) OIL USE INTERVAL: 1,394 Miles

ADDITIONAL INFO: 1959 356A Super, no full-flow oil filter.

In addition to high chrome (which is even higher than it was last time), we now get to talk about high lead. Lead can show bearing wear, though if you've used any leaded fuel or octane boosters, that may be where it's from. Chrome is still high, but we're hoping that this is due to the deluxe "chrome package" your car has. It's hard to be sure, and the fact that chrome increased is suspicious, but let's see how the trends look, assuming all is well on your end. Watch for low oil pressure/listen for engine noises. The TBN's good, but use this interval for now.

	MI/HR on Oil	1,394		1,328			
	MI/HR on Unit	36,454	UNIT / LOCATION	35,060			UNIVERSAL
	Sample Date	9/30/2019	AVERAGES	12/17/2018			AVERAGES
ĕ.	Make Up Oil Added	0 qts		0 qts			
M							
Ħ	ALUMINUM	2	2	2			3
M	CHROMIUM	27	22	17			1
	IRON	6	6	6			13
H	COPPER	12	11	10			17
<u>a</u>	LEAD	142	91	40			24
10	TIN	2	1	0			0
2	MOLYBDENUM	1	1	0			41
PAR	NICKEL	0	0	0			0
4	MANGANESE	0	0	0			2
	SILVER	0	0	0			0
3	TITANIUM	1	1	0			3
70	POTASSIUM	10	15				7
3	BORON	4	3	2			42
EMEN	SILICON	4	4	4			7
⋝	SODIUM	385	376	367			159
	CALCIUM	2183	2163	2142			1919
固	MAGNESIUM	23	18	13			239
	PHOSPHORUS	1320	1294	1268			971
	ZINC	1435	1434	1433			1127
	BARIUM	1	1	0			0

Values Should Be*

	SUS Viscosity @ 210°	86.9	77-94	84.9		
	cSt Viscosity @100°C	17.24	14.8-19.2	16.74		
ß	Flashpoint in °F	390	>385	375		
Ê	Fuel %	<0.5	<2.0	0.5		
üζ	Antifreeze %	_	0.0	_		
PE	Water %	0.0	0.0	0.0		
ROP	Insolubles %	0.3	<0.6	0.3		
胀	TBN	7.3	>1.0			
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	ISO Code					

^{*} THIS COLUMN APPLIES ONLY TO THE CURRENT SAMPLE

After his first sample, the owner writes of chrome: The previous owner, a Buick dealer in Terre Haute, Indiana, seemingly chromed everything removable on the car! This included the following, which may have a bearing on the chromium level: gas tank cap; air filter canisters; valve covers; oil filter canister top and bolt; and the oil filler assembly, top, and overflow tube. It might even have chrome cylinders, based on how low iron is. Fortunately he missed the oil dipstick! Lead is another story; if it's not from leaded fuel, then that metal shows bearing wear.