

## **Report of the Month**

## This '65 Mustang's got trouble. Can you tell what's wrong?

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MAKE/MODEL: Ford 5.0L 302 CID V-8 FUEL TYPE: Gasoline (Unleaded)

ADDITIONAL INFO:

OIL TYPE & GRADE: Motorcraft 10W/30

OIL USE INTERVAL: 540 Miles

MI/HR on Oil	540		334	
MI/HR on Unit	14,202	UNIT /	13,662	UNIVERS
Sample Date	6/12/2022	LOCATION AVERAGES	7/21/2021	AVERAG
Make Up Oil Added	0 qts	AVERAGES	0 qts	
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ALUMINUM CHROMIUM IRON CORPER	9	5	1	
CHROMIUM	6	4	1	
IRON	144	77	9	
COPPER	20	11	1	
LEAD	30	17	3	
LEAD TIN	3	2	0	1000
MOLYBDENUM	9	25	40	
MOLYBDENUM NICKEL MANGANESE	1	1	0	
MANGANESE	2	1	0	
SILVER	0	0	0	
	0	1	1	
POTASSIUM	13	7	1	
BORON	79	80	81	
POTASSIUM BORON SILICON SODIUM	65	38	10	
SODIUM	20	15	10	
CALCIUM	1369	1501	1633	1
MAGNESIUM	696	598	499	
PHOSPHORUS	1005	887	768	
ZINC	1103	987	871	
BARIUM	0	0	0	
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SUS Viscosity @ 210°F	63.0	59-69	68.5	Upside: The wiped cam
cSt Viscosity @ 100°C	11.07	9.9-12.9	12.55	gained a new life as the
Flashpoint in °F	420	>385	435	most expenisive lamp the
Fuel %	<0.5	<2.0	<0.5	owner ever hopes to own!
Antifreeze %	0.0	0	0.0	
Water %	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Flashpoint in °F Fuel % Antifreeze % Water % Insolubles % TBN	0.4	<0.6	0.3	
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The owner reported back: "You nailed it when you suggested wear at a steel-on-steel interface like cams/lifters. I tore the engine down to find four hydraulic roller lifters failed, with damage to cam lobes. One lifter dogbone was found broken on cylinder #1's intake lifter, likely due to the lifter dropping lower into the block. The only other damage found was a chunk of bearing material missing from the #3 crank bearing. The big question is, why did the roller lifters stop rolling? I am going to take these bits to a local engine builder for further inspection and analysis.

Later, he reported: The engine builder inspected the valvetrain bits and believes the failure was due to an incorrectly set-up valve train. We found ALL of the pushrods were bent; some only very slightly. It is likely the pushrods were the incorrect length, or the rocker arm height was set incorrectly.