Induction Motor Vibration Experience

- ◆ Lou Trahan
- ◆ DuPont at Sabine River Works, TX
 - Ethylene Unit
- ◆ Share our experience with rework of 5600 H.p. /1800 RPM motor during major TA

Background

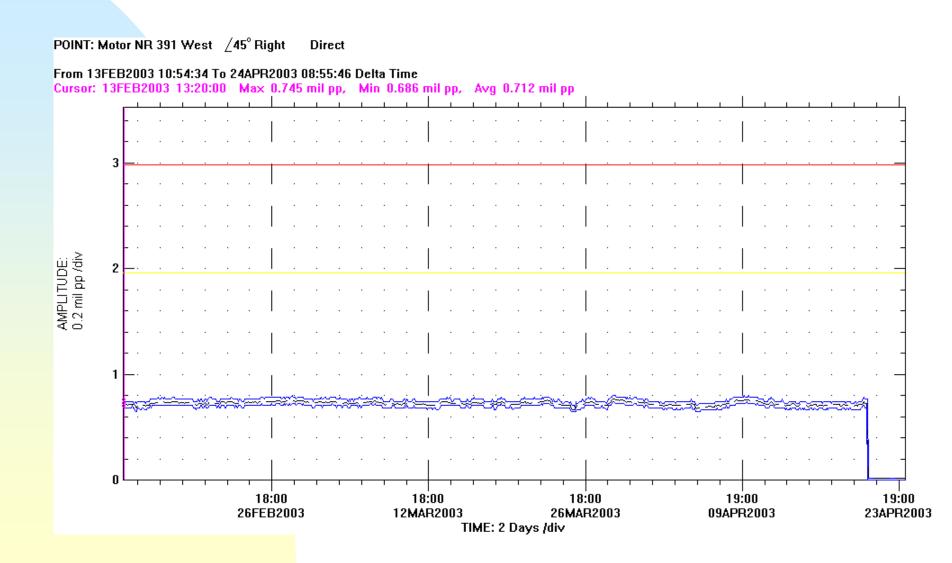
•Purge Propylene Refrigeration Compressor, Elliott 38M-6 driven by a Westinghouse 5600 Hp/ 1800 RPM induction motor with speed increaser to 3600 RPM \$Before the Turn Around\$



Background Review

- •No indications of problems with this motor/system
- •Opportune time Turn Around (Spring 2003) Preventative Maintenance

Vibration Signature Before T/A



Shop Work - Specifications

- •Remove the rotor
- •Clean the components
- •Inspect the rotor and stator
- •Inspect seals and bearings
- •Reassemble
- Shop test
- •Ship

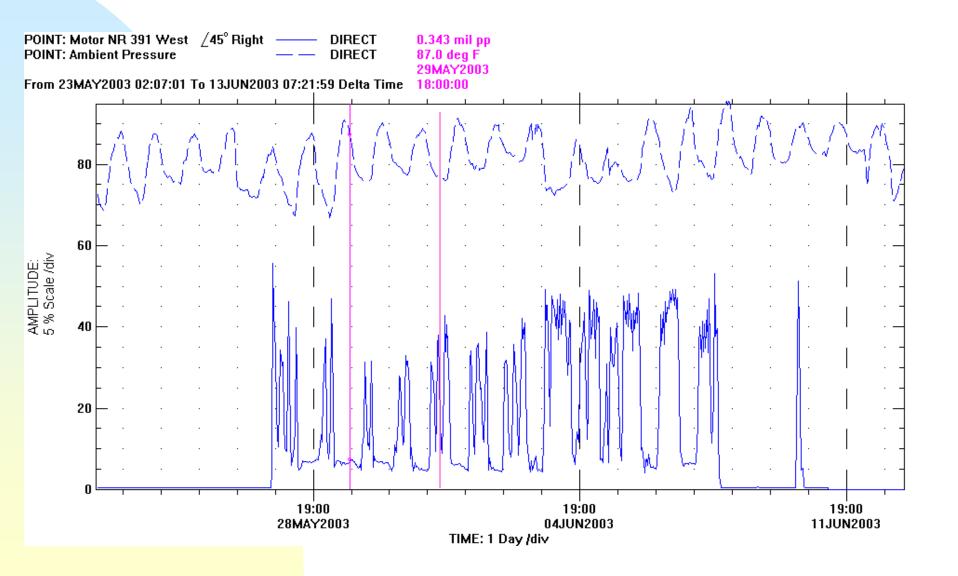
Problem Statement

- Re-installed motor at end of the TA
- Vibration is now unacceptable
 - ◆ The frequency was from 1X to 7X
 - Over 2.5 mils peak to peak (prior to rework - 0.65)

Vibration After the Overhaul

POINT: Motor NR 391 West /45° Right Direct From 15APR2003 02:51:00 To 14JUN2003 21:38:56 Delta Time AMPLITUDE: 0.2 mil pp /div 19:00 19:00 19:00 19:00 23APR2003 07MAY2003 21MAY2003 04JUN2003 TIME: 2 Days /div

Vibration vs. Ambient Temp



Troubleshooting

- Vendor/consultants performed field inspection of the installation
- Continued for a month until...
 - Unit S/D due to power outage
 - ◆Pulled motor
 - ◆Ran various shop tests for 1 week no conclusion

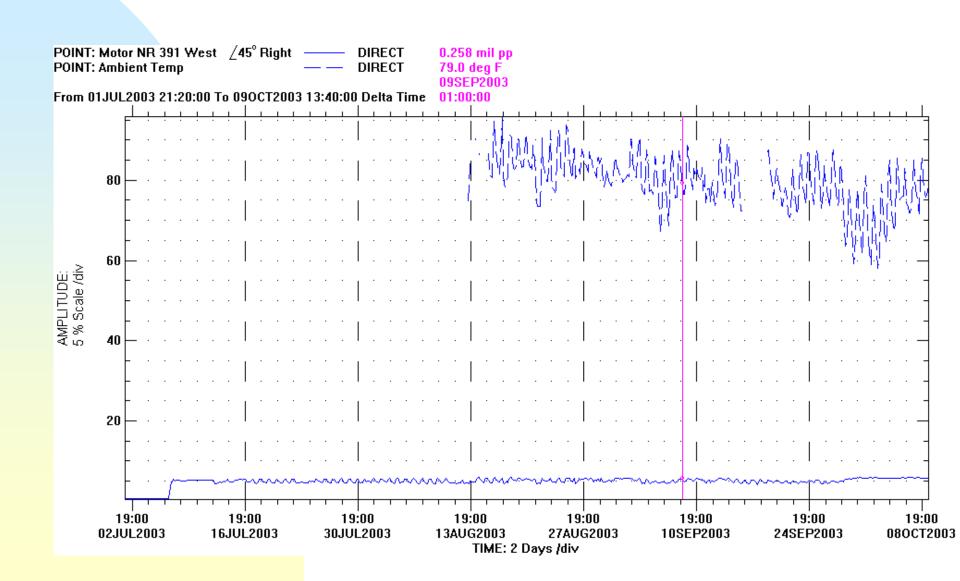
Shop Rework

- Couldn't repeat the field results
- Pulled rotor out again
- Found hot spot with thermography in rotor, tightened loosened bar (not done in original rework)
- Balance checked on rotor OK
- Stator core test OK
- Performed bore sweep OK
- Bearings OK

Shop rework (cont.)

- Plastigaged the crush on the bearings, both were loose 0.001"-0.003"
- Installed the seals with zero clearance, vendor recommends they will "RUN-IN"
- Continued monitoring vibration with motor vendor equipment and third party consultants

Vibration vs. Temp After Rebore Seals



Conclusion

- •Good sound rotating equipment practices are critical to performance
- Detailed specifications are necessary
- •Simple issues like these seals are critical
- •Housing would shrink enough during ambient cooling to cause seal interference to worsen

