

Shelf Life in Years

If storage requirements are met, most lubricants will still be serviceable for the original design of 4-5 years. After that, a sample should be taken before it is used to confirm condition by laboratory analysis. If the data is good, use up that stock in the following year.

Base Oils	4-5
Passenger Car Engine Oil	3-5
Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Oil	3-5
Natural Gas Engine Oil	3-5
Automatic Transmission Fluid	3-5
Gear Oil	3-5
Hydraulic Fluids	3-5
Water Base & Soluble Oils	1-2

Storage

Store lubricants and oils in a cool, dry, indoor area with a temperature between 40°F (4°C) and 85°F (29°C) to maximize shelf life. Avoid temperature fluctuations to help prevent the build-up of condensation.

OEM Requirements

While the performance of the lubricants and oils remain suitable for use, industry standards may evolve which would make the material outdated. It is recommended to always check equipment manufacturer's current specifications before use.

