

## **INTRODUCTION TO CONSTANT LEVEL LUBRICATION**

onstant level oilers are designed to maintain a predetermined oil level in a sump, which is necessary for proper lubrication. If the oil level were to drop below this point, the depleted oil would automatically be replenished by the lubricator, returning it to its original level. With the use of constant level oilers, maintenance efficiencies can be increased, while minimizing maintenance costs, and the loss of production time.

The majority of constant level oilers available are adjustable, allowing for use in many applications. However, there are oilers available that do not allow for fluid level adjustability, eliminating potential installation errors. Typically, constant level oilers are mounted on the side of the equipment facing the direction of shaft rotation. Some oilers allow for bottom mounting, on the oil sump, which prevents the oiler from misfeeding during applications that contain currents and turbulence formed by slinger rings, discs, and high rotating speeds.

In most cases constant level oilers are vented to the outside atmosphere to work properly. Since these oilers are vented to the atmosphere, especially in harsh, dirty environments, contaminants are allowed to enter the lubricating oil. These contaminants are in the forms of moisture and/or particulate which are extremely damaging to oil and equipment life.

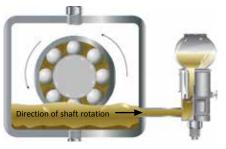
In order to combat the potential for oil contamination, the closed system oiler was developed. These oilers are effective in minimizing and eliminating the ingression of contaminants into the oil sump, especially in dirty environments. Some closed system oilers contain a pressure balancing line, which is connected from the headspace of the oil sump to an air chamber built into the surge body of the oiler. This air chamber is sealed from the outside atmosphere in order to prevent the ingression of contaminants. Additional types of closed system oilers are available that mount directly on the centerline of the oil level to be maintained. The exchange of air between the oil sump and the oiler is at the oilers base, which is mounted directly to the oil sump.

Several different types of constant level oilers are available to meet specific application needs, whether it is vented or non-vented, adjustable or nonadjustable they are an easy and effective method of maintaining proper oil level in equipment.

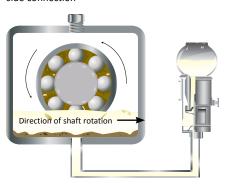




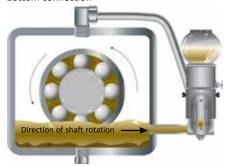




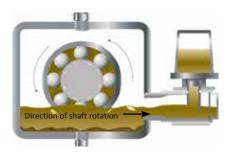
Vented constant level oiler with side connection



Vented constant level oiler with bottom connection



Closed system oiler with pressure balancing line

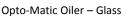


Closed system oiler mounted on center line of desired oil level

# **CONSTANT LEVEL OILERS**



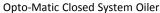






Opto-Matic Oiler - Plastic







Watchdog Oiler

Constant Level Oilers are used to maintain the lubricant level in piece of equipment the naturally depletes lubricant through use, wear, friction, misting or evaporation. As lubricant is depleted in equipment, such as bearings, gearboxes, or pump housings due to its natural operation and the generations of heat from friction, the level of lubricant changes. A constant level oiler can be used to maintain optimum performance.

## **CONSTANT LEVEL OILERS COMPARISON MATRIX**

	Opto-Matic Oiler – Glass	Opto-Matic Oiler – Plastic	Opto-Matic Closed System Oilers	Watchdog Oilers
Reservoir Material	Glass Reservoir	Butyrate Plastic	Glass	Glass or Polysulfone
Body Material	Zinc or 316 Stainless Steel	Zinc	Zinc	Cast Aluminum, Polysulfone, or 316 Stainless Steel
Reservoir Capacity	2-1/2, 4, 8, or 16 oz.	2, 4, 8 oz.	4, 8, 16 oz.	4 oz.
Mounting Options	Side or Bottom	Side or Bottom	Side or Bottom	Side
Venting Type	Vented/Open System	Vented/Open System	Closed/Pressure Balanced System	Closed/Pressure Balanced System
Oil Level Sight Gauge	No	No	Yes	Yes
Wire Guard	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Oil Level Adjustability	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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## **OPTO-MATIC® CONSTANT LEVEL OILERS**



Opto-Matic Oilers provide an inexpensive method to automatically maintain a constant level of oil in a pump bearing housing, gear box, or other oil sump applications. Throughout processing industries, the Opto-Matic Oiler is the industry standard. Different reservoir capacities allow use in many applications.

Stainless steel models provide long life in corrosive environments in the chemical, pulp and paper, and mining industries.

#### **FEATURES**

- One piece glass reservoir ensures proper constant level function. Compared to competitive models, there is no possibility of air leakage that would cause overfilling of the bearing housing.
- Adjustable level setting allows use in many applications
- Multiple air vent slots provide for proper functioning at all times
- Large surge chamber helps prevent overflow of oil during machine start-up or shut-down
- Side and bottom connections for simplified installation

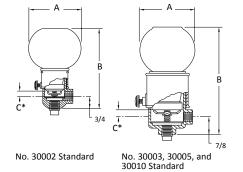
## **WIRE GUARDS**

ether.	Model No. Standard	Model No. Stainless Steel	Description
	30012	ı	2-1/2 oz. Guard
9 77	30013	30313	4 oz. Guard
200	30016	30315	8 oz. Guard
	30020	30320	16 oz. Guard

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

	Standard 316 Stainless			
Max. Operating Temp.	250°F Continuous			
Reservoir	One-Piece Glass Bottle			
Casting	Zinc	316 Stainless		
Finish	Zinc/Chromate Plated	Passivated		
Internal Parts	Zinc Plated Steel			
O-ring	Viton <sup>®</sup>			

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## **SELECTION CHART-STANDARD**

With	Without		Connection		Dir	mensions (	in.)	
Wire Guard	Wire Guard	Capacity	(NPT)	А	B Min.	B Max.	C Min.	C Max.
40391	30002	2-1/2 oz.	1/4	2-1/2	3-15/16	4-1/4	11/32	9/16
40061	30003	4 oz.	1/4	2-11/16	5	5-3/4	9/32	1
40291	30005	8 oz.	1/4	3-3/16	5-15/16	6-11/16	9/32	1
40394	30010	16 oz.	1/4	4-1/8	6-13/16	7-9/16	9/32	1

<sup>\*</sup> Metric thread sizes available. Add "-M" to part number for 1/4 BSPT connection port.

# \* "C" dimensions represent oil level range

Connection Side and Bottom Stainless Steel

#### **SELECTION CHART-316 STAINLESS STEEL**

Side & Bottom	Side & Bottom	. Connection			Dim	ensions (ir	1.)	
Connect-With Wire Guard	Connect- No Wire Guard	Capacity	(NPT)	Α	B Min.	B Max.	C Min.	C Max.
40060	30213	4 oz.	1/4	2-11/16	4-15/16	5-11/16	9/32	1
40063	30215	8 oz.	1/4	3-3/16	5-7/8	6-5/8	9/32	1
_	30220	16 oz.	1/4	4-1/8	6-3/4	7-1/2	9/32	1

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See Spectrum Opto-Matic Collars on page 12 for color coding options.

# **OPTO-MATIC® CONSTANT LEVEL OILERS**



Opto-Matic Oilers provide a constant level of oil in a pump bearing housing, gear box, or other oil sump applications. Different reservoir capacities allow use in many applications.

"LS", "EH", and "EHB" models have a large surge chamber to minimize potential of leakage during oil surge conditions.

## **FEATURES**

- High strength, transparent, ribbed plastic reservoir provides long life and impact resistance
- Adjustable level setting allows use in many applications
- Multiple air vent slots provide for proper functioning at all times
- Large surge chamber (LS, EH, and EHB models) prevents overflow of oil during machine start-up or shut-down
- Side and bottom connections for simplified installation



## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Max. Operating Temp.	165°F Continuous
Reservoir	Butyrate Plastic
Casting	Zinc Die Cast
Finish	Bright Zinc Plated
Internal Parts	Zinc Plated Steel

## **SELECTION CHART-E, EB**

Mode	el No.	. Connection		Dimensions (in.)				
E	EB	Capacity	(NPT)	Α	B Min.	B Max.	C Min.	C Max.
30052	30062	2 oz.	1/4	1-15/16	3-7/8	4-3/8	1/4	3/4
30054	30064	4 oz.	1/4	2-5/16	4-9/16	5-1/16	1/4	3/4
30058	30068	8 oz.	1/4	2-5/8	5-11/16	6-3/16	1/4	3/4

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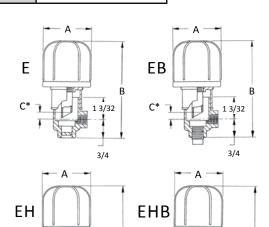
## SELECTION CHART-EH, EHB (large surge chamber)

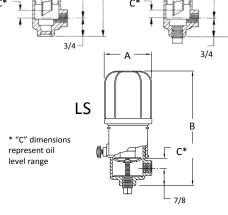
Mode	el No.		Connection		Dimensions (in.)				
ЕН	ЕНВ	Capacity	(NPT)	Α	B Min.	B Max.	C Min.	C Max.	
30072	30082	2 oz.	1/4	1-15/16	5	5-1/2	1/4	3/4	
30074	30084	4 oz.	1/4	2-5/16	5-11/16	6-3/16	1/4	3/4	
30078	30088	8 oz.	1/4	2-5/8	6-13/16	7-5/16	1/4	3/4	

## SELECTION CHART-LS (large surge chamber)

		Connection		Dim	ensions (ir	າ.)	
Model No.	Capacity	(NPT)	Α	B Min.	B Max.	C Min.	C Max.
30024	4 oz.	1/4	2-5/16	5-7/16	6-3/16	9/32	1
30028	8 oz.	1/4	2-5/8	6-9/16	7-5/16	9/32	1

<sup>\*</sup> Metric thread sizes available. Add "-M" to part number for 1/4 BSPT connection port.







# **BREATHER TUBES**

Breather tubes are accessories used in conjunction with vented Opto-Matic\* Oilers to help eliminate vacuums created by abnormally tight bearings or pressures created by high speed bearings. The breather tube helps maintain a constant atmospheric pressure in the bearing housing.

## **SELECTION CHART**

Model No.	Description				
30014	Type "C"	1/8 NPT Thread Wick Filter			
30015	Type "E"	1/8 NPT Thread Dust Cap			

Breather tubes are available for customer installed vent ports in bearing housing or piping lines.



## **HELPFUL TIP:**

Breather tubes are ideal for use in environments that contain minimal contaminants. If contamination is a concern, the Watchdog Desiccant Breathers are an excellent choice for removing contaminants as well as allowing the equipment to breathe.



# **OPTO-MATIC® CLOSED SYSTEM OILERS**



The Opto-Matic Closed System Oiler is designed for all types of equipment where a constant level in an oil sump must be maintained. The closed system design prevents contamination and spillage. The adjustable collar allows the oil level to be externally adjusted to the desired level. A 1/8 NPT port is provided for a vent line back to the housing to allow pressure balancing between the oiler and the housing.

## **FEATURES**

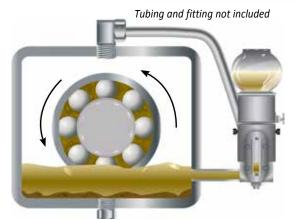
- One piece glass reservoir ensures proper constant level function. Compared to competitive models, there is no possibility of air leakage that would cause overfilling of the housing.
- Adjustable level setting allows use in many applications
- Bottom of adjusting collar indicates actual oil level setting for easy set-up and maintenance
- Side and bottom connections for simplified installation
- 2" sight gauge for easy viewing of oil level





## **SELECTION CHART**

With Wire	Without	Conneity		Dimensio	ons (in.)	
Guard	Wire Guard	Capacity	Α	B Min.	B Max.	NPT
40101	30203	4 oz.	2-11/16	7-1/6	7-13/16	1/4
40102	30205	8 oz.	3-3/16	8	8-3/4	1/4
_	30210	16 oz.	4-1/8	8-7/8	9-5/8	1/4



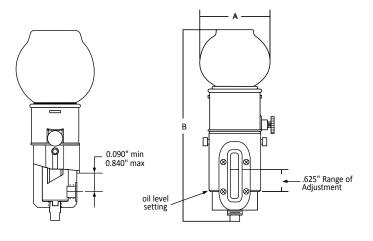
Opto-Matic closed system oiler with pressure balancing line

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Max. Operating Temp.	250°F Continuous
Reservoir	One-Piece Glass Bottle
Upper Casting	Zinc
Lower Body	Zinc
Adjusting Collar	Zinc
O-Ring	Vilton®

## **WIRE GUARDS**

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	30020	16 oz. Guard



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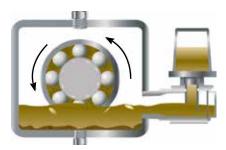


# **WATCHDOG® OILERS**

The Watchdog Oiler is designed for bearing housings, gear boxes, and other oil sump applications. It is ideal for use in the chemical processing, power generation, pulp and paper, and utility industries. The viewport provides visual indication of lubricant level and condition. Mounted on the centerline of the desired oil level, these constant level oilers do not require any adjustment or level setting.

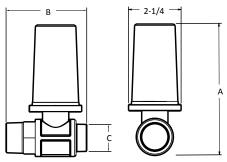
## **FEATURES**

- Closed system design prevents contamination and spillage
- No vent line to pump bearing housing required, simplifying installation
- 4 oz. reservoirs provide oil make-up
- Mounts on centerline of desired oil level, and does not require adjustment or level setting
- Integral viewport eliminates need for additional component



Watchdog Oiler mounted on centerline of desired oil level







## **SPECIFICATIONS**

	Aluminum Body	Thermoplastic Body	Stainless Steel Body
Body	Cast Aluminum	Polysulfone	316 Stainless Steel
Reservoir	Glass	Polysulfone	Glass
Viewport	Glass	Polysulfone	Glass
Max. Operating Temp.	325°F/160°C	325°F/160°C	325°F/160°C
O-Ring	Viton®	Viton®	Viton®

## **SELECTION CHART**

Model	Chulo	Compositu	Connection	Wire	Dimensions (in.)		
No.	Style	Capacity Connection Gua	Guard	Α	В	С	
31804	Thermoplastic Body, Reservoir and Viewport	4 oz.	1 NPT	No	5-3/4	3-9/32	1
31818	Aluminum Body, Glass Reservoir and Viewport	4 oz.	1/2 NPT	No	6-1/4	4-1/8	1/2
31820		4 oz.	3/4 NPT	No	6-1/4	3-1/4	3/4
31821		4 oz.	1 NPT	No	6-1/4	3-1/4	1
31822		4 oz.	3/4 BSPT	No	6-1/4	4-1/8	3/4
31823		4 oz.	1 BSPT	No	6-1/4	3-1/4	1
31824		4 oz.	3/4 NPT	Yes	6-1/2	3-3/8	3/4
31825		4 oz.	1 NPT	Yes	6-1/2	3-3/8	1
31826		4 oz.	3/4 BSPT	Yes	6-1/2	4-1/8	3/4
31827		4 oz.	1 BSPT	Yes	6-1/2	3-3/8	1
31831	316 Stainless Steel Body, Glass Reservoir and Viewport	4 oz.	1 NPT	No	6-1/4	3-1/4	1
31833		4 oz.	1 NPT	Yes	6-1/2	3-3/8	1

# **OPTO LASER LEVEL**



Trico's Opto Laser Level is an innovative tool that allows for quick and easy installation of the Opto-Matic Constant Level Oiler.

With the Opto Laser Level, installation of the Opto-Matic Oiler just became more user-friendly. In conjunction with the Opto-Matic Oiler, the Opto Laser Level will produce an immediate impact on your lubrication program.

Trico gives you even more with this quick, convenient and accurate method of installing the oiler – minimizing installation, reducing downtime and eliminating confusion. The Opto Laser Level is a must for every maintenance department responsible for set-up and upkeep of equipment that uses Opto-Matic Oilers.

## **FEATURES**

- Reusable The Opto Laser Level can be used to install multiple Opto-Matics in your plant
- Lightweight Weighing 0.55 lbs, this tool fits in your hand for those hard to reach installation areas
- Easy to Read Take the guess work out of installation with laser level alignment and visual level indicators
- Portable Each Opto Laser Level comes in water-tight, foamed-lined, hard case with a handle for safe storage and convenient when transporting to the installation site





## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Material	Aluminum Die Cast
Finish	Powder Coated
Components	Stainless Steel
Battery Type	CR123
Battery Life	50 Hrs
Laser Class	Class IIIA Laser Beam

## **SELECTION CHART**

Model No.	Description	
36470	Opto Laser Level with Water Tight Case	