Tribological Effects of Graphene Oxide on Brake Friction Materials

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Abstract: Many times in past Brake friction composites and their various combinations have been filled with graphene oxide made-up and tested many times for their tribological performance. Various changes in tribological behavior of testing materials of the frictional composites have been tested and evaluated on the setup of krauss testing machine. During these testing’s a high amount of enhancement in the friction performance ($\mu$), frictions fade ($\mu_f$) and friction recovery ($\mu_r$) were found with the proper addition of graphene oxide in various amounts. The changes and the decrement in the wear performances and brake pad thickness loss were found with the increase in graphene oxide contents.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Brake friction materials have allowed for the engineering of many types of specific tribological properties based on various combinations of binders, fillers, fibers and various friction modifiers for the materials [1]. Brake friction materials should always persuade a number of requirements which may able to sustain and able to give stable friction, superior wear resistance, less in noise and damping at wide range of testing temperatures, pressures and velocities [2, 3]. The role of binders and their modification, various fibers, different fillers and friction modifiers on the Tribology-performance of brake friction materials has been extensively studied in the literature [4-8]. In recent time many Nano-particles as additives enables the polymer based composites to possess high performance, even many low filler fractions provide an massive quantity of some interfacial area through which the bulk properties of the composites can be alter [9-11]. Considering the fact that performance of friction material is mainly determined by the nature of the in-situ friction film formation [12, 13]. Large number of investigations has been conducted to see the effect of various nano-materials used for the tribological behavior of many polymer composites used in previous times, however the these effects of tested nano-materials used for testing the tribro-performance of many brake friction applications are quite limited [14, 15]. So the present work shows and studied the various effects of graphene oxide and its various varying contents on the trio-biological performance of various brake friction materials.

II. VARIOUS NEW FORMULATIONS AND GENERATION OF BRAKE FRICTION MATERIALS

At the time of making various testing and for the writing this paper, we tested two new formulations relating to form friction and in terms of brake materials which exists and made by using the various subsequent ingredients like many forms of used Resin, Fe3O4, Steel composite fiber, Ceramic composite fiber, Organic fiber, Magnesium Oxide, many Aluminium Oxide, Barium, Sulphur, pure form of Graphite etc.

1.1 Elements of New Formulations

The nature used for the testing and precise for various compositions of the composite formulations is kept classified as academic assets. Scanning Electron Microscope is used to identify the formulations Yusli et al [16] and Table 1 given below provides the exact amount of elements present in the viable brake pads and in the amount of formulations present in A, B, C & D. Table 1: Amount of elements present in all formulation by (% weight) [16, 17].

Table 1 – Showing the composition of various elements of Brake Pad Materials

| Element      | Commercial | A | B | C | D |
|--------------|------------|---|---|---|---|
| Carbon       | 60.9       | 55.12 | 54.63 | 56.86 | 53.44 |
| Oxygen       | 8.2        | 18.89 | 15.14 | 20.6 | 12.84 |
| Magnesium    | 0.9        | 1.2 | 0.83 | 1.69 | 1.32 |
| Aluminium    | 0.4        | 2.36 | 0.83 | 1.69 | 1.32 |
| Sulfur       | 0.6        | 1.99 | - | - | 2.5 |
| Iron         | 25.6       | 20.44 | 27.43 | 16.06 | 20.45 |
| Barium       | 2.9        | - | 3.97 | - | 2.91 |
| Copper       | -          | - | - | - | 5.97 |
| Calcium      | -          | - | - | 2.16 | - |
| Zinc         | -          | - | - | 2.42 | - |

2.0 EXPERIMENTAL

Arrangement and the combination of graphene oxide was finished with setting up the Hummer’s strategy which is exceptionally simple and admirable procedure of making GO and increasingly compelling rGO in enormous or modest quantity. graphene oxide (GO) was delivered by utilizing unadulterated type of graphite powder. Development of and getting the GO in powder structure Graphene oxide was made by including 25 ml of sulfuric corrosive (H2SO4) what's more, 3 ml of (H3PO4) were blended and mixed for various minutes. 0.25 g of unadulterated graphite powder was then included into and blended the arrangement by utilizing attractive mixing for blending for next couple of moments. 1.30 g of (KMnO4) was then included comfortable into the mixed arrangement.
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Furthermore, blended ceaselessly for 6 hours until the arrangement changed to dim green, and the expulsion of high measure of KMnO4, was finished by including 0.645 ml (H2O2) was included gradually and again mixed for 10 minutes. 10 ml of (HCl) and 30ml measure of DI water (DIW) was then included and again centrifuged at 3000 rpm for next 30 minutes. Residuals were on the other hand washed with exceptionally thought HCl and DIW for 5 and more occasions. The disposed of GO arrangement was dried by a oven at 90 °C for 48 hours to turn out the ideal powder of GO. The contact materials were created utilizing a measure of graphene oxide by weight and after that these were manufactured. The handling conditions for the creation are given in the table 2 given below.

| Feeder RPM | Chopper RPM | Temp(°C) | Compression | Curing Time | Total Duration |
|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 400        | 4000        | 160°C    | 20Mpa       | 52 minutes  | 52 minutes     |

Post curing time was evaluated for 6hrs at the temperature of 180°C and the fade and recovery tests were done by using a Krauss type tester shown in the Figure1 [18].

![Figure 1. Schematic of Krauss testing machine for tribop performance evaluation of brake-pads.](image)

On the adding the various amount of graphene oxide the changes and the variation in μp, μf and μr were found as the function of various contents of graphene oxide. During the testing we observed that the performance and recovery changes of μ remained comparatively as good for all four graphene oxide content.

The variation of μp, μf and μr are shown in figure 2 by taking various contents of graphene oxide. It was found that the value of μ remained fairly and equivalent of all the four composites contents with graphene oxide.

![Figure 2. Friction curve of composites: μp (µ- performance), μf (µ-fade) and μr (µ- Recovery) with graphene oxide contents.](image)

The wear as a utility of graphene oxide content is shown in figure 3, where the wear of the four investigated composites and disc increases as the graphene oxide content increased with corresponding decrease as the function of graphene oxide.

![Figure 3. Wear of the Composites](image)

IV. CONCLUSION

During the testing of wear increasing and various friction values for the brake friction material by using graphene oxide we concluded that as in increase of graphene oxide the wear of the composite increased and decrement in the thickness of brake pad found also the changes in the friction were slightly changeable and few reduction in friction were found.

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