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Preface

This book provides an overview of the technology of lubricants and its use in devising new ones. During my research, I found lubricant literature, both academic and commercial, to be rich with respect to information, with the Worldwide Web being an excellent source. The monographs pertaining to lubricant technology and tribology that I found most useful are listed below.


The present manuscript differs from these in that it is written both from a chemist’s perspective and a lubrication engineer’s perspective and therefore places equal emphasis on the chemistry and the formulation of lubricants. In addition, it includes additive technology that is used in petroleum exploration, refining, and fuels.

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