

15 Second Sample-to-sample Clog-free Analysis of Oil Samples with RidingRinse and Filter Backflushing

High Rinse Out Factor with High-Throughput Oil and Lubricant Analysis

ICP analysis of oils and lubricants is critical for monitoring equipment health, detecting wear metals, verifying additive concentrations, and identifying external contamination. These samples present unique challenges: complex matrices, wide concentration ranges, and the risk of cross-contamination between high-additive and low-metal samples. In high-throughput environments, speed is essential – but rapid analysis increases the risk of carryover. Effective rinsing between samples remains a key factor in maintaining accuracy and data integrity. In response, many oil laboratories

increase the rinse time between samples to ensure carryover does not impact their analyses to the detriment of sample throughput. *FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil* uses a small inert free-flowing filter at the top of the autosampler probe to prevent particulates from entering the nebulizer or valves. The FilterProbe is rapidly syringe-backflushed in less than one second while the ICP analytes are measured, clearing it while rinsing between each sample. This approach minimizes carryover without slowing down your workflow, maintaining ultra high throughput oil analyses and data integrity.

FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil Benefits Oil Labs in Several Ways

- Inline free-flowing filter catches particulates
- Syringe-driven backflush while samples are measured
- Prevents clogs in valves and nebulizers
- Improved rinse out between samples
- High-throughput (15 seconds per sample) with two replicates
- RidingRinse eliminates autosampler translation movement to rinse station
- Very low valve maintenance

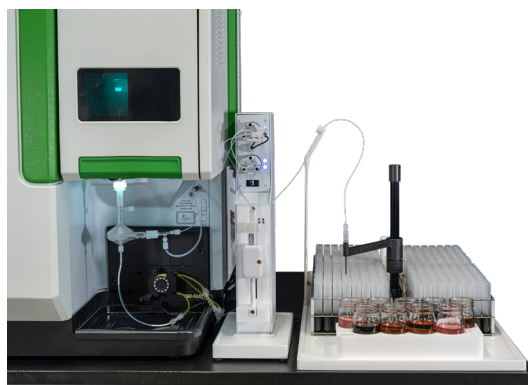


Figure 1. *FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil* configured for oil and lubricant analysis with an Avio 550 Max.

Instrumentation

FilterProbe with Syringe-driven Backflush

The FilterProbe's inline CTFE filter prevents particulates, fibers and debris from entering the sample flowpath, significantly reducing valve and nebulizer maintenance. The free-flowing filter enables unrestricted sample transport without slowing analytical runs, while syringe-driven backflushing automatically clears the sample flowpath before the next sample is analyzed.

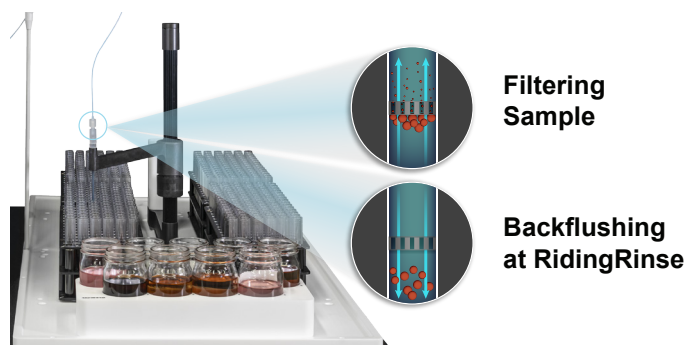


Figure 2. FilterProbe catches particulates and backflushes them to waste.

RidingRinse: Mobile Rinse Station

RidingRinse moves with the autosampler carriage, providing the fastest access to a rinse station and further expediting sample-to-sample time. With a simple rotary movement, FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil can perform backflushing and rinsing in place, preventing wasted autosampler movements required for a conventional fixed rinse location.



Figure 4. RidingRinse integrated to 4DXW autosampler.

Gas Infusion Mixing

FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil delivers fast, accurate sample introduction with built-in mass flow controlled mixing, homogenizing each sample immediately before analysis. This eliminates manual mixing after dilution and prevents separation that commonly occurs in diluted oil samples. It removes the need for immediate analysis after prep and ensures consistent results across long runs. Optimal mixing is maintained for any vial size and oil viscosity.

SampleSense 3

SampleSense 3 Optical Sensors are integrated into the sample flowpath, providing intelligent, real-time sample detection that automatically triggers ICP or ICPMS analysis. This eliminates fixed timing parameters, improving throughput and reducing sample consumption. It adapts dynamically to variable sample viscosities and detects missed or incomplete samples, delivering realtime error notifications.

4DXW Autosampler

The innovative 4DXW autosampler increases sample capacity by 55% in a footprint narrower than a conventional 4-rack autosampler.

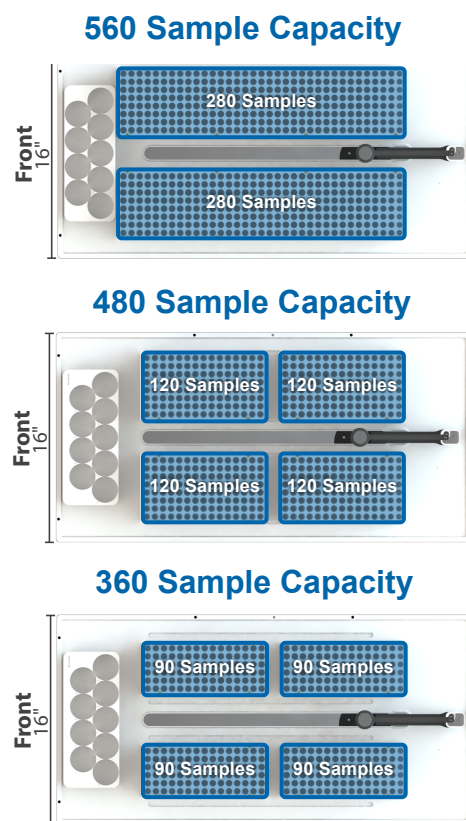


Figure 3. 4DXW autosampler example rack layouts. Capacities up to 560 samples taking up only 16" of linear lab bench space.

Multiposition Magnetic SnapValves

FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil features patented Magnetic SnapValves with magnetic coupling technology, enabling valves to snap on and off by hand for tool-free installation and maintenance. Clearly labeled ports simplify line attachment, and cleaning takes just seconds, enhancing both usability and efficiency.

Experimental

In this experiment, ICP-OES was used in tandem with the FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil system to determine concentrations of 23 elements in oil samples, including wear metals, additive elements and ingress elements. Oil analyses must be completed quickly to deliver critical information to maintenance teams. To achieve this, laboratories require ultra-high sample throughput combined with consistent analytical reliability. Conventional oil methods often have extended rinse out times following sample measurement to prevent carryover, limiting

productivity. FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil overcomes these limitations by achieving effective rinse out without sacrificing high-throughput, enabling consistent measurements across the full calibration range. ICP-OES, following ASTM D5180, is widely used in oil analysis to monitor wear metals, additive elements, and ingress contaminants; in this study it served as a representative high-throughput technique, while the described sample introduction approach is broadly applicable to other common oil and lubricant testing workflows.

Table 1. Instrument Conditions

Instrument Parameters	Value
Instrument	Avio 550 Max
Peripump Rate	1.5 mL/min
Matrix	V-Solv
Radial Acquisition View	15 mm
Plasma Gas Flow	12 L/min
Auxiliary Gas Flow	0.9 L/min
Nebulizer Gas Flow	0.4 L/min
RF Power	1500 Watts
Read Time	2 x 0.6 = 1.2 Seconds

Table 2. Sample Introduction Parameters

Sample Introduction Parameters	Value
FAST System	FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil
Filter	FilterProbe CTFE Filter
Autosampler	ESI DXW with RidingRinse
Nebulizer	PFA ST3 Nebulizer
Spray Chamber	G3 Cyclonic
Injector/Torch	1.5 mm Demountable Quartz/Nitride
Sample Tubing	Black-Black Solva
Backflush Syringe	HPQ-24 mL

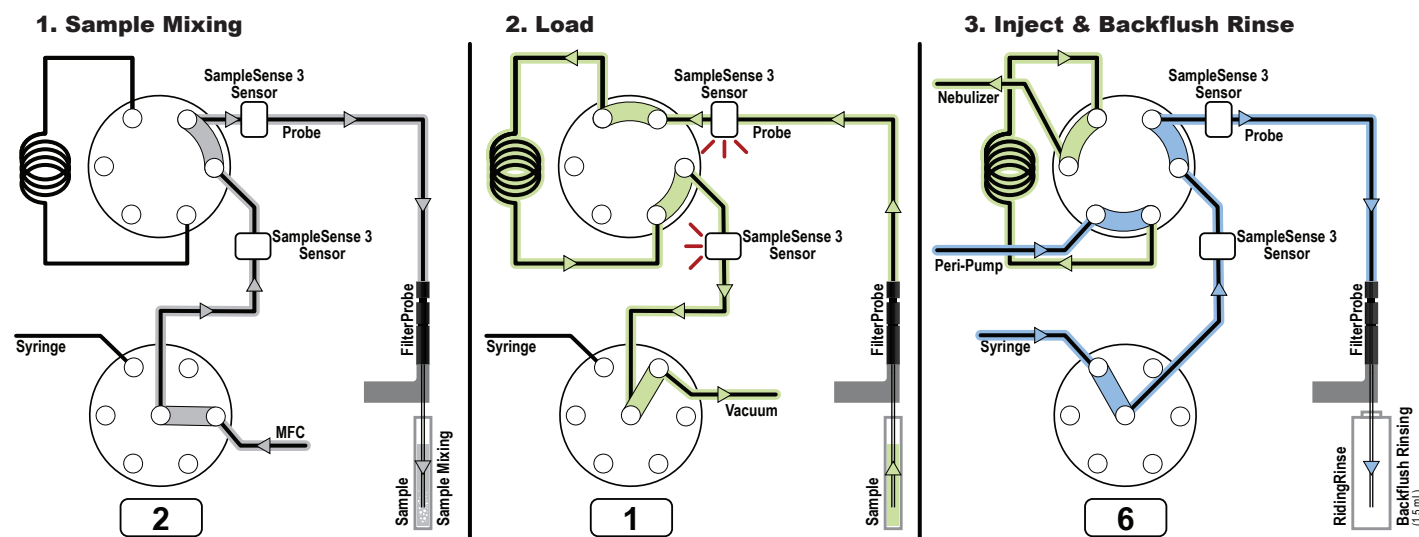


Figure 5. FASTfluidic FilterProbe flow path with sample gas mixing (Left), sample loading with filtering (Middle), and sample injection and analysis during FilterProbe backflushing and rinsing (Right).

Reproducibility Across Calibration Ranges

Analysis of 1,235 used motor oil samples was completed in just over five hours to evaluate the *FASTFluidic* FilterProbe Oil system's stability, reproducibility, and analytical reliability across a representative sample range. Calibration included a blank and element concentration

levels: 50 ppm, 100 ppm, 500 ppm, and 5,000 ppm. Results demonstrated excellent stability for all elements (Figure 6), with consistently low relative standard deviations (RSDs) confirming both reproducibility and reliability.

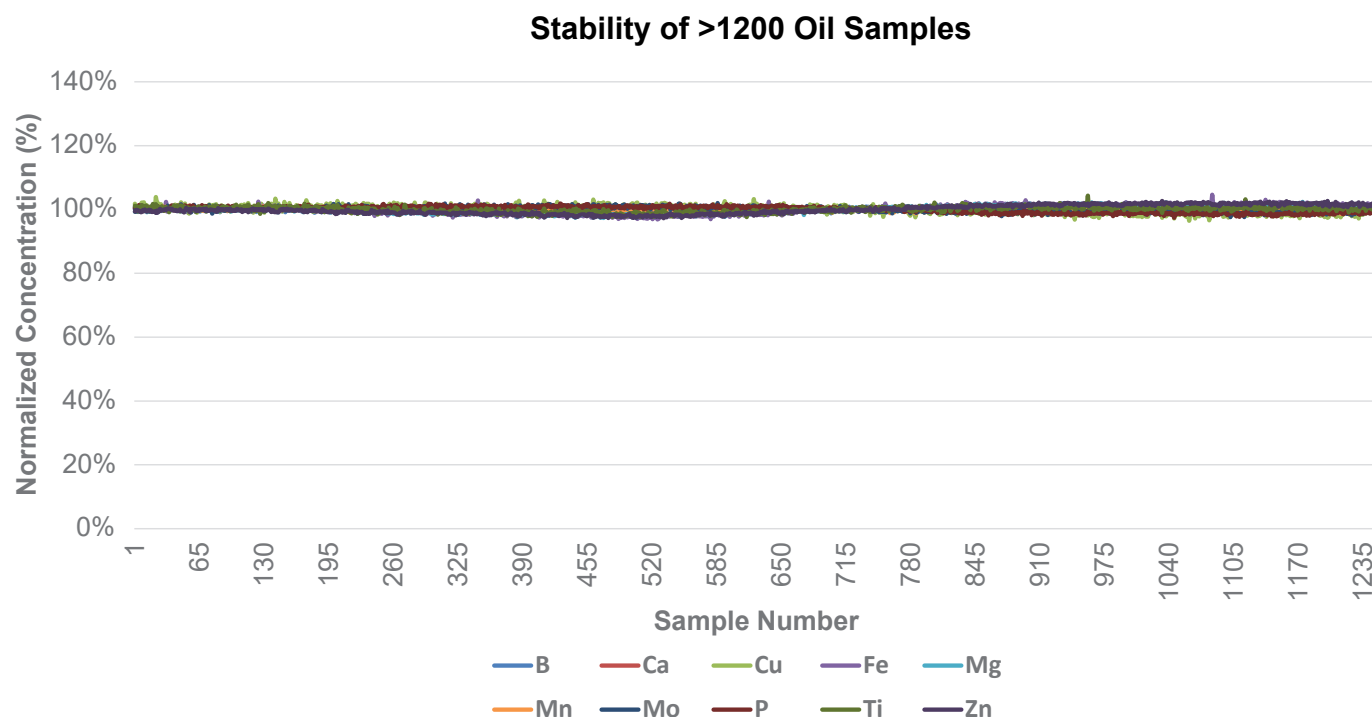


Figure 6. Signal stability of *FASTFluidic* FilterProbe Oil over a 1235-sample sequence measured in just over 5 hours, with an average RSD of <2% across the entire sequence. This performance demonstrates *FASTFluidic* FilterProbe Oil's ability to reliably identify all elements of importance across a wide calibration range. High-concentration elements shown above. Lower-concentration elements showed similar stability.

Sample Throughput

Read Time

	Fn	Analyte	Integration Time (sec)	Read Time (sec)
1	A	Ag 328.068	0.020	0.600
2	A	Al 396.153	0.020	0.600
3	A	B 249.677	0.020	0.600
4	A	Ba 233.527	0.020	0.600
5	A	Ca 315.887	0.020	0.600
6	A	Cd 228.802	0.020	0.600
7	IS	Co 228.616	0.020	0.600
8	A	Cr 267.716	0.020	0.600
9	A	Cu 324.752	0.020	0.600
10	A	Fe 259.939	0.020	0.600
11	A	K 766.490	0.020	0.600
12	A	Mg 279.077	0.020	0.600
13	A	Mn 257.610	0.020	0.600
14	A	Mo 202.031	0.020	0.600

Figure 7. Each element was analyzed by ICP for 0.6 seconds within the FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil method.

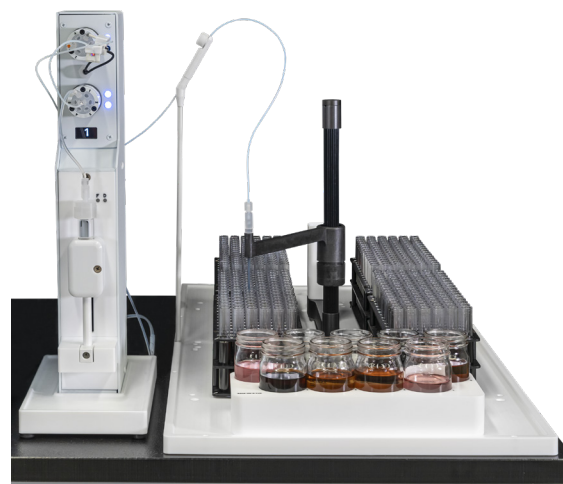


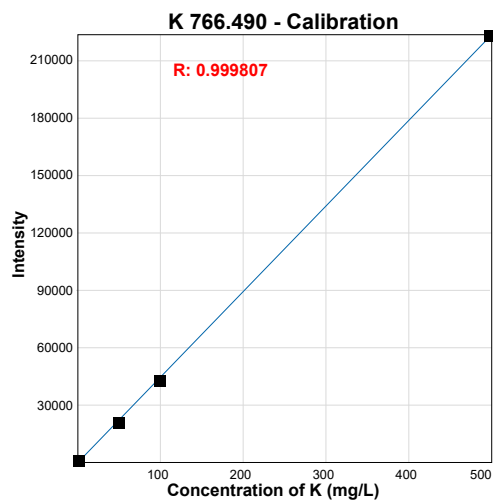
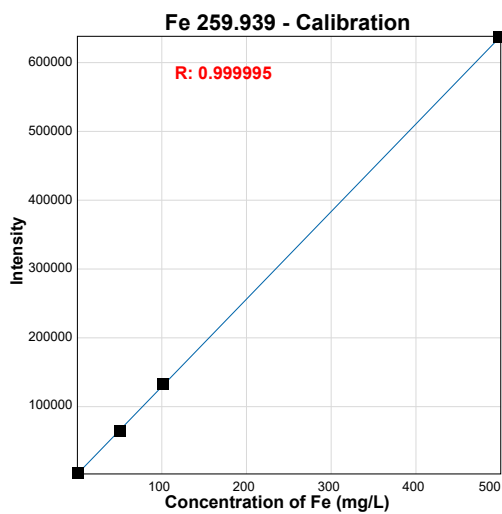
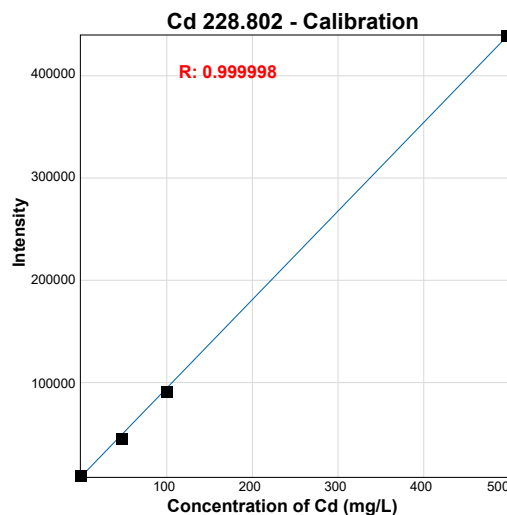
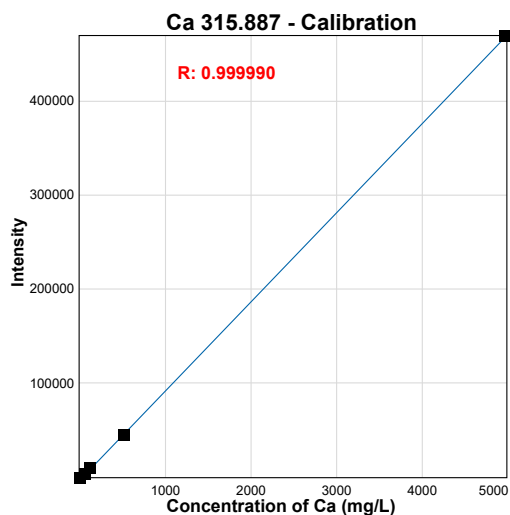
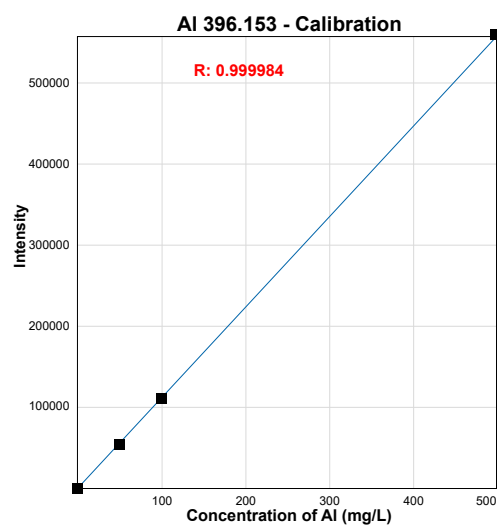
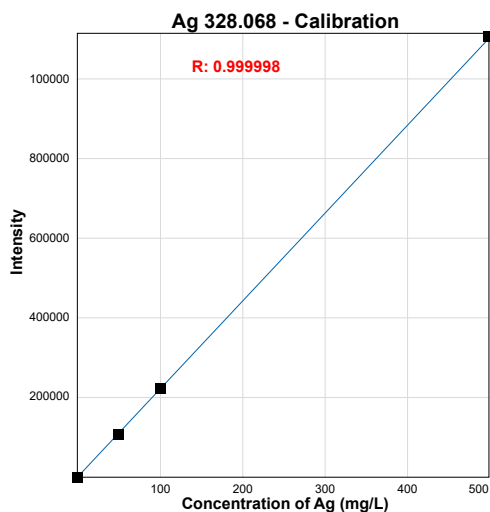
Figure 8. FASTfluidic FilterProbe Oil.

Acquisition Time

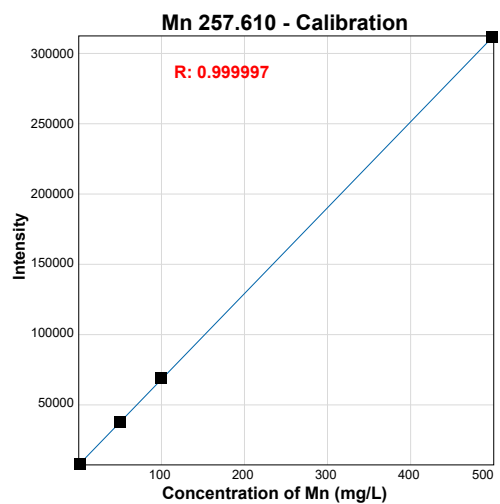
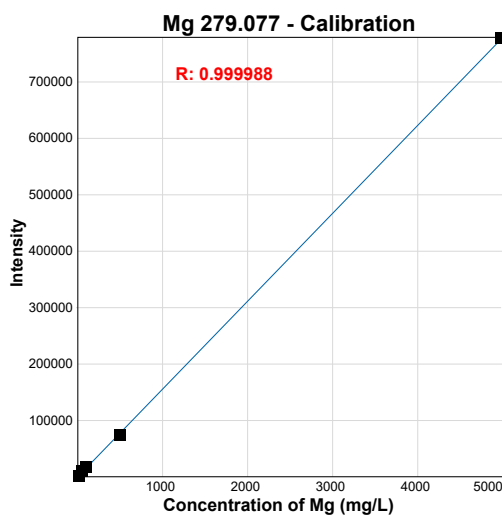
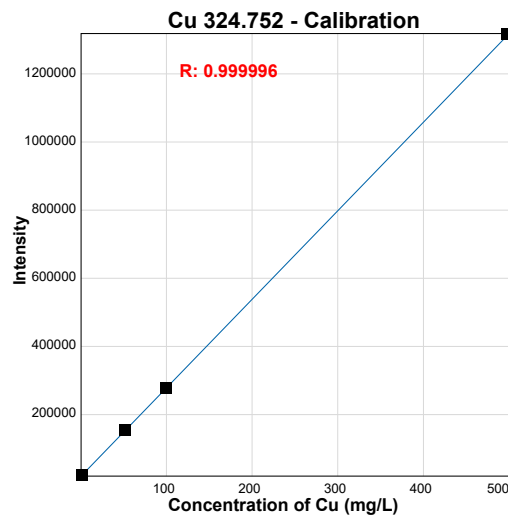
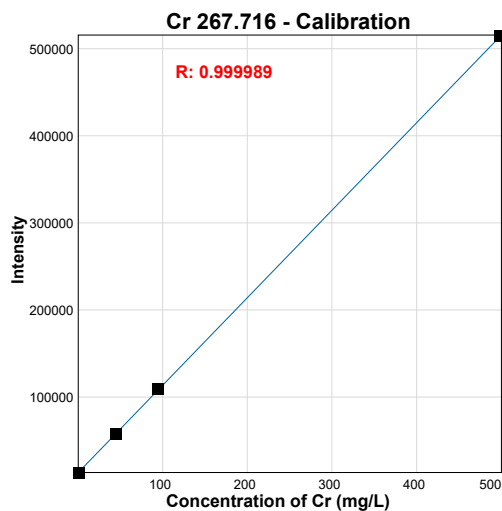
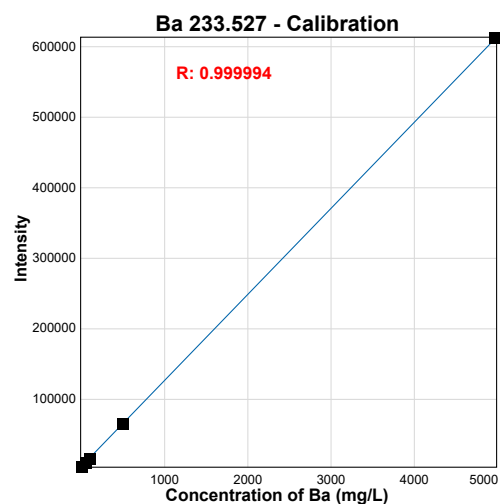
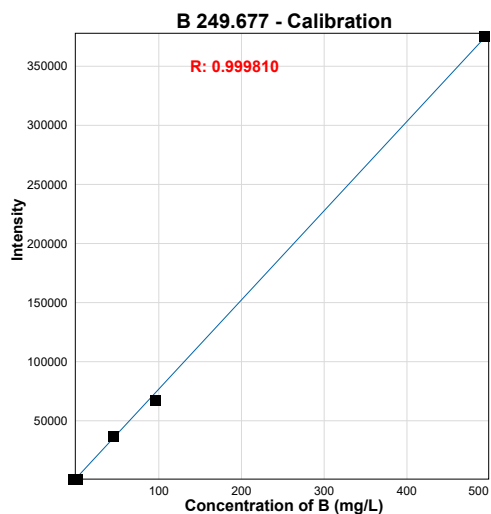
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	RSD		46.6%	1.3%	0.4%	60.5%	0.2%	25.4%	4.1%	203.9%	13.9%	
426	Used Oil Sample 426	1/13/2026 1:18:29 PM	-8.7	21460.8	460141.8	145.3	21472.5	256.1	182450.3	430.3	1653.6	107
	RSD		250.9%	0.4%	0.4%	25.5%	0.1%	49.2%	3.7%	10.5%	10.8%	
427	Used Oil Sample 427	1/13/2026 1:18:45 PM	176.7	21880.3	460208.4	435.0	21432.7	324.8	144663.3	332.4	2116.5	118
	RSD		17.2%	0.8%	0.2%	2.7%	0.9%	25.8%	0.2%	17.4%	9.5%	
428	Used Oil Sample 428	1/13/2026 1:19:01 PM	98.6	21982.8	461826.7	283.8	21393.3	325.5	145105.7	311.3	2077.2	110
	RSD		82.8%	0.4%	0.3%	27.6%	0.5%	39.0%	1.2%	22.3%	1.3%	
429	Used Oil Sample 429	1/13/2026 1:19:16 PM	-14.7	21920.3	462315.8	406.5	21560.4	233.4	138275.1	287.3	2089.8	110
	RSD		1432.1%	0.7%	0.6%	40.3%	0.4%	24.5%	1.1%	22.7%	7.3%	
430	Used Oil Sample 430	1/13/2026 1:19:32 PM	80.4	21681.8	460499.3	156.0	21316.1	357.8	145910.4	480.5	1949.9	104
	RSD		123.4%	0.5%	0.5%	128.6%	0.2%	4.0%	2.1%	8.0%	8.1%	
431	Used Oil Sample 431	1/13/2026 1:19:47 PM	93.0	21898.5	461358.8	326.6	21388.5	310.8	141065.5	291.2	2109.3	119
	RSD		186.8%	0.8%	0.4%	7.0%	0.3%	12.3%	2.9%	30.9%	2.5%	
432	Used Oil Sample 432	1/13/2026 1:20:02 PM	283.6	21906.1	467635.6	407.7	21308.8	285.7	111422.6	491.0	2201.6	112
	RSD		42.6%	1.0%	0.2%	47.3%	0.5%	78.8%	1.0%	27.1%	1.5%	
433	Used Oil Sample 433	1/13/2026 1:20:16 PM	38.5	22131.6	467624.6	212.7	21367.8	370.3	114319.3	545.6	2234.6	106
	RSD		289.9%	0.2%	0.1%	27.4%	0.9%	21.9%	1.3%	13.0%	6.1%	
434	Used Oil Sample 434	1/13/2026 1:20:31 PM	29.2	22136.8	469048.9	362.0	21295.9	462.2	107863.5	266.0	2388.0	110
	RSD		382.2%	0.2%	0.1%	23.6%	1.1%	18.7%	1.3%	17.5%	20.6%	
435	Used Oil Sample 435	1/13/2026 1:20:46 PM	223.4	22187.0	467284.4	453.8	21331.0	232.7	112132.9	259.6	2107.4	113
	RSD		85.5%	1.4%	0.1%	40.3%	0.6%	48.0%	1.1%	18.4%	1.7%	

Figure 9. Screen capture of Syngistix ICP showing 15 second sample-to-sample time.

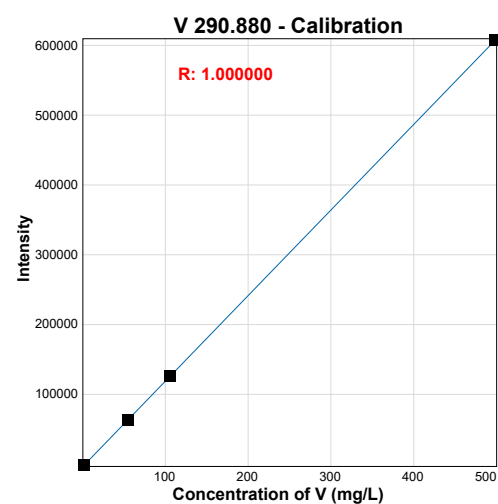
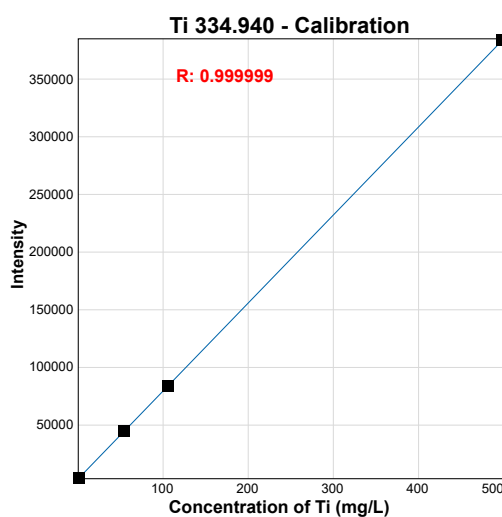
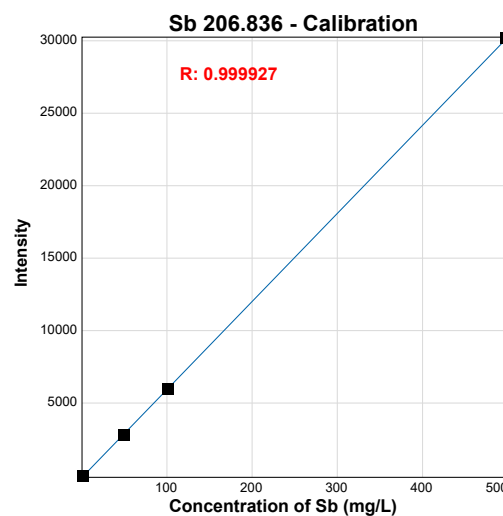
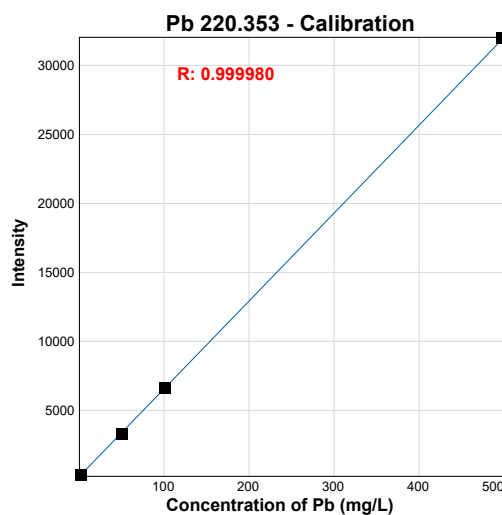
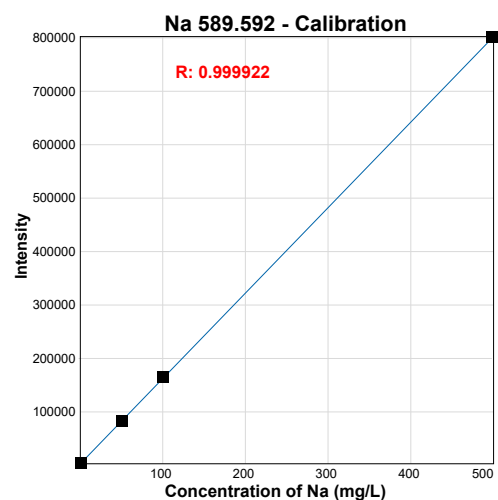
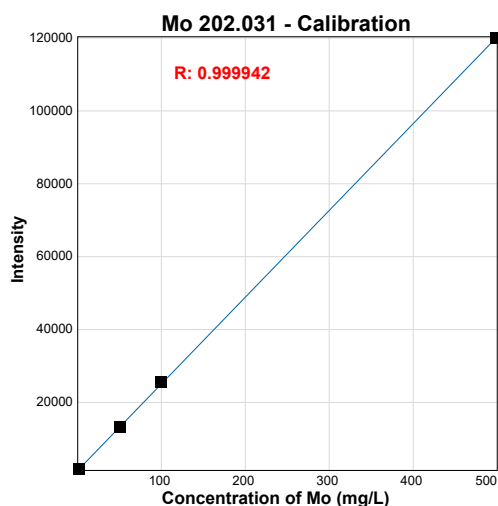
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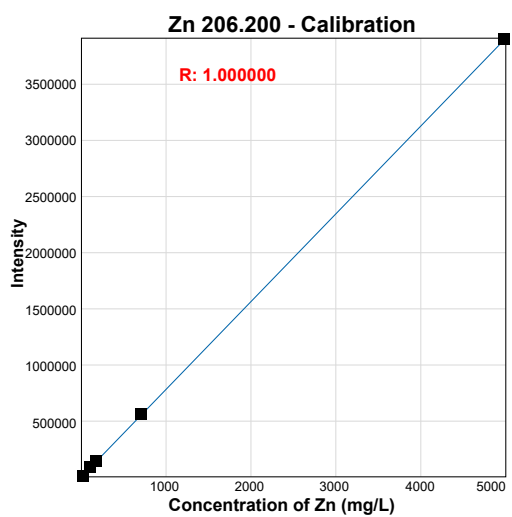
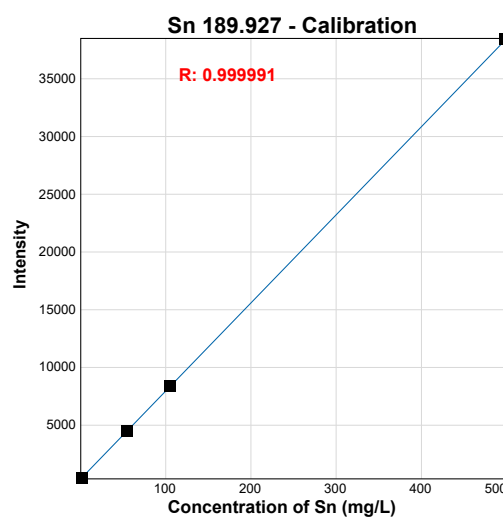
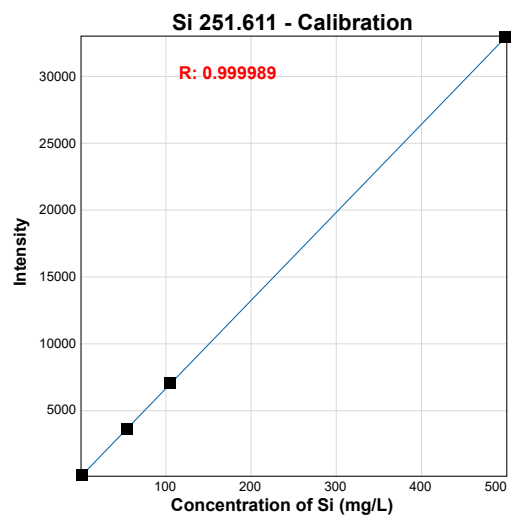
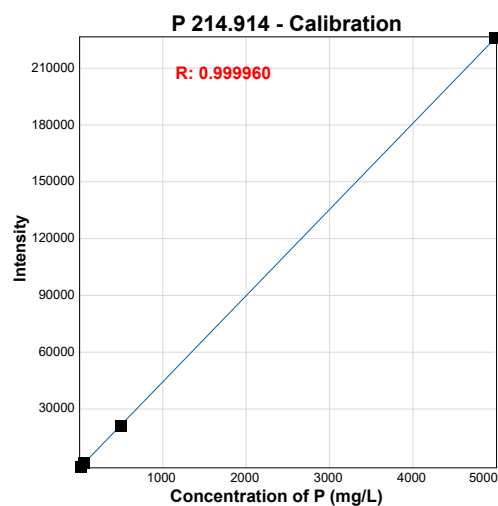
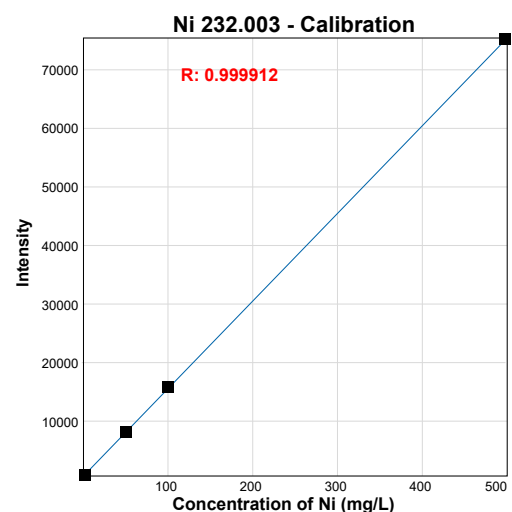


Figure 12. Calibration curves for 23 analytes in oil are completed in just over a minute, delivering $R > 0.9995$ for all elements.

Calibration Levels for 23 Elements in Oil

Table 3. Calibration table for all 23 analytes with levels shown below.

Element (λ)	50 ppm	100 ppm	500 ppm	5000 ppm
Ag 238.068	50	100	500	-
Al 396.153	50	100	500	-
B 249.677	50	100	500	-
Ba 233.527	50	100	500	5000
Ca 315.887	50	100	500	5000
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Si 251.611	50	100	500	-
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Ti 335.940	50	100	500	-
V 290.880	50	100	500	-
Zn 206.200	50	100	500	5000

Conclusion

*FAST*Fluidic FilterProbe Oil automates high-throughput oil analysis while delivering rinse-out performance previously unattainable at these operating speeds. By maintaining rapid sample-to-sample operation with minimal carryover,

it ensures accurate determination of wear metals, additive elements, and ingress elements – enhancing both reliability and efficiency in oil testing workflows.

FASTFluidic FilterProbe

FASTFluidic

- Syringe-driven backflushing for uninterrupted high-throughput analysis
- Improves rinse out and prevents clogs

Magnetic SnapValves with SampleSense 3

- Simplifies typical user maintenance with magnetic coupling technology
- Automatically sense and inject samples

LED Display

High Pressure Quartz Syringe

- PFA plunger and threaded base
- Wetted for low contamination and extended lifetime

FilterProbe

- Prevent particulates from entering sample flowpath
- Automatically syringe-backflushed to prevent clogging

RidingRinse

- Rinse station moves with autosampler carriage
- Minimizes translational autosampler movement

DXW Autosampler

- Narrower footprint than a conventional 4-rack autosampler with 55% greater sample capacity
- Holds up to 560 samples



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