Fluoramics' LOX-8 Withstands the Extreme Conditions of Cryogenic Environments

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LEWISTON, MN, UNITED STATES, September 12, 2024 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Cryogenics, the scientific study of extremely low temperatures, has long been a cornerstone of advancements in industries ranging from food preservation to space exploration. As temperatures plunge to as low as −273°C (−460°F), the demand for reliable and effective solutions to handle such extreme conditions becomes paramount. Fluoramics' LOX-8, a high-performance thread sealant and lubricant, is engineered to meet these challenges head-on, offering unparalleled safety and performance in cryogenic environments.

Derived from the Greek words 'kryos' (meaning "frost") and 'genic' (meaning "to produce"), cryogenics involves temperatures ranging from −150°C (−238°F) down to absolute zero, where molecular motion nearly ceases. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) defines cryogenics as a field that plays a crucial role in various high-tech applications, including liquefied natural gas (LNG) storage, food preservation, cryonics, cryosurgery, and rocket propulsion.

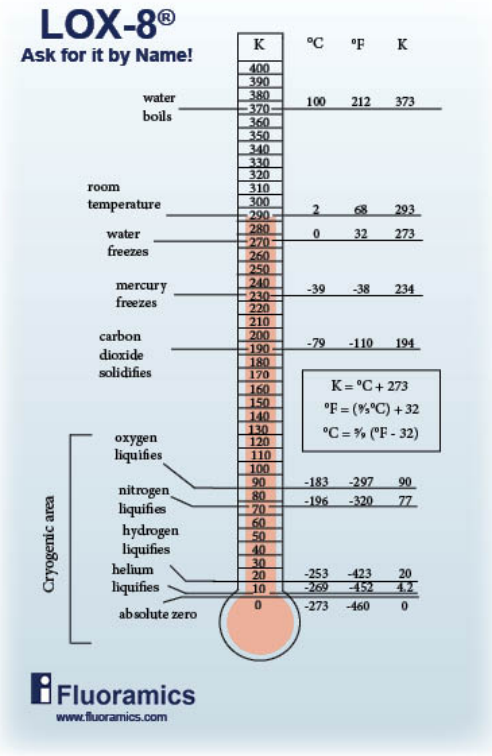
Key Applications of Cryogenics:
1. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage and Transportation: By cooling natural gas to 110 K, cryogenics reduces its volume to 1/600th of its original size, enabling efficient transportation in insulated tankers.

2. Food Preservation: Using liquid nitrogen or carbon dioxide, cryogenic freezing preserves food's texture and nutritional value by preventing ice crystal formation.

3. Cryonics: Though controversial, cryonics relies on cryogenic technology to freeze deceased individuals, with the hope of future revival.

4. Cryosurgery: This technique uses liquid nitrogen-cooled tools to freeze and destroy unhealthy tissue, proving effective in treating various medical conditions.

5. Rocket Propulsion and Space Exploration: Cryogenics is essential for storing fuels like liquid hydrogen, oxygen, and methane, which are crucial for space missions.



While the benefits of cryogenics are immense, the associated risks and challenges cannot be overlooked:

- Safety Concerns: Handling cryogenic materials can lead to serious injuries, including skin damage and asphyxiation, due to rapidly expanding gases.

> At Fluoramics, we're about pushing the limits of what's possible. With LOX-8, we've raised the bar for performance in cryogenic environments, making sure you can count on it when it matters the most."
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> *Gregg Reick, Fluoramics' President and Chief Chemical Engineer*

- Material Embrittlement: Exposure to cryogenic temperatures can cause materials like rubber, plastic, and carbon steel to become brittle, leading to potential failures.

- Lubrication and Thread Seals: Conventional lubricants and sealants often fail at cryogenic temperatures, compromising safety and functionality.

Fluoramics' LOX-8 stands out as the preferred solution for sealing and lubrication in cryogenic environments. Designed to perform across a broad temperature range—from cryogenic lows to +287°C (+550°F)—LOX-8 maintains its integrity without degradation, ensuring a reliable seal.

Why LOX-8 is the Ultimate Choice for Cryogenic Applications:

1. Temperature Resistance: LOX-8 performs exceptionally well from cryogenic temperatures up

to +287°C (+550°F), making it ideal for various industrial applications.

2. Chemical Compatibility: LOX-8 is resistant to harsh chemicals such as oxygen, hydrogen, helium, and nitrogen, ensuring durability in challenging environments.

3. Safety and Performance: LOX-8 is solvent-free, non-toxic, non-flammable, and odorless. It also provides anti-galling, anti-seizing, and anti-corrosion properties, crucial for extreme conditions like rocket launches and space missions.

LOX-8 is not only a sealing pipe thread compound but also a versatile anti-galling agent that works effectively with oil-based systems, hydraulic oils, and fuels. Recommended by The Chlorine Institute, LOX-8 is recognized as a top-tier lubricant and sealant for both industrial and cryogenic applications.

Fluoramics, a leader in chemical solutions for over 55 years, is committed to delivering high-performance products that meet the demands of extreme conditions. Our dedication to quality and innovation has made LOX-8 the trusted choice for industries worldwide.

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