AGE/CON FACTSHEET

Optimizing Economic Life Decisions for Fleets and Mobile Equipment: Use of AGE/CON

The AGE/CON software is designed to assist owners and operators of mobile equipment establish the economic life of their assets, as well as assist in determining the optimal decision for difficult repair versus replace situations along with monitoring an individual equipment to establish its optimal replacement time.

The longer an asset is kept in service the lower is its ownership cost, but there is a conflicting cost trend, that of an increasing operations and maintenance cost. The goal of AGE/CON is to establish unambiguously the year at which the total cost takes its lowest value. That then is identified as the assets economic replacement age.

The Data You'll Need

- 1. Purchase price of the asset
- 2. Trend in operations and maintenance costs possibly fuel, tires, lube, oil, parts, labour
- 3. Trend in trade-in or disposal value of the asset at different replacement ages
- 4. Interest rate appropriate for discounting to take into account the time-value of money
- 5. Tax rules (if applicable)
- 6. Utilization trend of the assets for example are they steadily used year to

year, or are new vehicles highly utilized with older vehicles being used to meet peak demands

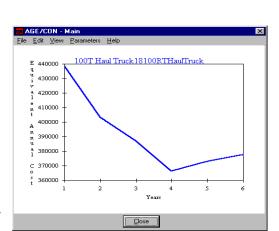


The Output You'll Get

The AGE/CON software will enable you to establish the optimal time to dispose of an asset such that the Equivalent Annual Cost (EAC) is minimized. It will enable you to display the results graphically, undertake a variety of "what-if" analyses, such as changes in assumptions about interest rates, resale value trends, O & M cost trends and so on.



If you have no data and have just purchased



new equipment AGE/CON will enable you to monitor the EAC as each year passes to enable you to identify when its optimal replacement age is likely to occur.

If you are faced with a major repair, and need to decide whether or not to proceed with the repair, or advance the planned replacement time, AGE/CON can be used to establish the most economically advantageous choice such that the long-run EAC is minimized.

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