

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Mandy V. Wong 22574 **Project Title An Oily Situation Abstract Objectives/Goals** My project is to determine which lubricant has the lowest friction by measuring ingle does the test block starts to slip. Methods/Materials A total of two drops of oil from seven different lubricants were applied to a glassest block and to a glass€ ramp. The eighth test was air only. It was used as a standard to compare against the oil test results. The test block was gently squeezed against the glass ramp for the air test and the oil tests. A protractor was used to measure the angle during all the test runs. Each oil sample and air was evaluated five times. **Results** The WD-40 and the corn oil consistently had the lowest friction when compared to the other lubricant that was tested. **Conclusions/Discussion** The WD-40 and the corn oil had the lowest friction fr m the test da a which results in lower energy needed for motion. **Summary Statement** My oil labricant exp iment was to measure which lubricant had the least friction in terms at what angle it started to slip on my test apparatus. **Help Received** Father assisted me with building the test set-up and purchasing the supplies; Mr. Balderston advised me on the science fair board.