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If  $a, b, c > 0$ , then :

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{a}{b} + ab^2 \geq \sqrt{3(1 + a^2 + b^2)}$$

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$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{a}{b} + ab^2 \geq \sqrt{3(1 + a^2 + b^2)} \Leftrightarrow \left( \frac{b + a^2 + a^2b^3}{ab} \right)^2 \geq 3(1 + a^2 + b^2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a^4b^6 + 2a^4b^3 + a^4 + 2a^2b + b^2 \geq 3a^4b^2 + a^2b^4 + 3a^2b^2 \rightarrow (1)$$

Now,  $a^4b^3 + a^4b^3 + a^4 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3a^4b^2 \Rightarrow 2a^4b^3 + a^4 \geq 3a^4b^2 \rightarrow (i) \therefore (i) \Rightarrow$   
in order to prove (1), it suffices to prove :  $a^4b^5 + 2a^2 + b \geq a^2b^3 + 3a^2b$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a^4b^5 + b + 2a^2 + a^2b^3 \geq 2a^2b^3 + 3a^2b \rightarrow (2)$

Now,  $a^4b^5 + b \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 2a^2b^3 \rightarrow (ii) \therefore (ii) \Rightarrow$  to prove (2), it suffices to prove :  
 $2a^2 + a^2b^3 \geq 3a^2b \Leftrightarrow b^3 - 3b + 2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (b + 2)(b - 1)^2 \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore b > 0$

$\Rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow (1)$  is true  $\therefore \frac{1}{a} + \frac{a}{b} + ab^2 \geq \sqrt{3(1 + a^2 + b^2)} \forall a, b, c > 0$ ,

" = " iff  $a = b = c = 1$  (QED)