



OEM BULLETIN

LIEBHERR HYDRAULIC OIL

The Union of the European Lubricant Industry (UEIL) is the umbrella association of the European Lubricants Industry, representing their members and, in particular, the interests of SMEs and independent lubricant companies. To date, the UEIL represents more than 400 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 20 European Countries and a unique collective experience of lubricants and the lubricants market, UEIL is the sole representative body for independent manufacturers of lubricants in Europe and has been recognised as such by the European Commission. It is UEIL's policy to favour free and fair competition within the scope of prevailing EU and national laws.

In September 2014, UEIL was contacted by members because they were experiencing difficulties in determining what the requirements were for this Original equipment Manufacturer (OEM), who also distributes its own branded lubricants.

UEIL contacted the OEM and after regular correspondence the Managing Director of Liebherr-Hydraulikbagger GmbH has recently advised that they have decided to issue a general minimum requirement that oils and oil filters have to meet to be suitable for use in their equipment.

The OEM has also invited UEIL to meet them at their Kirchdorf manufacturing plant in Germany for a presentation of their ideas.

The OEM expects to finalize and release this standard during the last quarter 2016.

The OEM has also confirmed that once the standard is issued that they will then also amend the warranty limitations and exclusions currently found in their manuals so as to clarify that such warranty limitations/exclusions will only apply 1) with respect to oils and filters that do not correspond to the standard and provided that 2) any damage caused is not the fault of the oil or filter.

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