



OEM BULLETIN

KOMATSU LIMITED

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 (and coolants) 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 February 2015 a Member Company asked one of the World's leading suppliers in lubricants data for the oil industry, about the requirements for 2 new Komatsu excavators.

Initially the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) would not release any information without the machines' serial numbers, however after these were supplied, the OEM provided the Operation & Maintenance Manuals Outline of Service for the lubricants.

Unfortunately only OEM's Genuine Part numbers were given with no industry specifications; although in a few instances the products of some of the largest lubricant companies in the world were listed as being suitable for use. It also stated "Use Komatsu genuine parts for replacement", "When using commercially available oil, it may be necessary to reduce the oil change interval" etc.

UEIL therefore wrote to Mr. Hiroshi Makabe, the General Manager of their Legal Department in Tokyo requesting that the information that must have been provided to the afore mentioned largest lubricant companies in the world should also be provided to UEIL in order that it could be reviewed by the Technical Committee.

We are pleased to advise that Mr. Makabe has since advised that the 15W40 Komatsu Engine Oil meets JASO DH-1 and API CH-4 whilst the Komatsu Powertrain Oils meets Caterpillar TO-4 and Allison C-4

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