



OEM BULLETIN

VW 508 00/509 00 ADDITIVE TECHNOLOGY

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 450 lubricant companies, who manufacture and distribute lubricant products under their own various trademarks throughout the European Union. With members in more than 22 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.

Vehicle Manufacturers are legally obliged to provide all technical information, including technical specifications on lubricants and other functional fluids, to whoever services or uses these products to enable correct application.

However for several years UEIL have been concerned with the growing problem of some Original Equipment Manufacturers announcing a new specification, often in conjunction with a partner in the Lubricant Industry, which is required for immediate use, whilst at the same time the Additive Companies are unable to offer a product or formulation to the independent blenders because of the delay in the new specification being distributed to all interested parties.

In June 2016 a leading global lubricant manufacturer unveiled a product, which it claimed was "already being supplied as first fill for specific engines of Volkswagen Group vehicles.

It also stated that the product "is intended for use in engines requiring the VW 508 00/509 00 Specification" and "will be available in Volkswagen Group franchised workshops and dealerships from about October 2016".

UEIL are pleased to be able to advise that within a few weeks of the launch of the new product, an Additive Company was in a position to offer a fully approved package to all blenders.

UEIL will continue to monitor the requirement of new specifications vis-a-vis their availability to all blenders; thereby ensuring an even competitive market.

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