

OEM BULLETIN

JAGUAR LAND ROVER

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 September 2013 it was brought to the attention of the Technical Committee that the Range Rover L405 owner manuals did not list International Specifications for Transmission, Gear and Differentials, but only specific products made by two Major Oil Companies.

UEIL wrote to the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) in December 2013 detailing its concerns, requesting Technical Specifications and supplying a copy of the UEIL leaflet entitled "Purchase and use of Lubricants within the European Union".

There then followed a lengthy exchange of correspondence between UEIL and the OEM.

In February 2015 the Technical Committee Chairman was joined by the Immediate Past President of UKLA in a meeting at the OEM's Technical Centre in Coventry with J Coxon Technical Specialist Engine Lubricating Oils and R P Osborn Technical Specialist Gear & Rotating Part Design Transmissions & Driveline.

During the meeting the OEM accepted the main points raised by UEIL but explained how this situation had arisen. It had now started developing its own engine specifications which would be published with an approval system in place. With regard to Transmissions etc. it was probably going to stop publishing the lubricants to be used as these were going to be filled for life; although if appropriate these specifications would be available.

UEIL have since been advised by the OEM that the promised changes have been made to owner manuals for the 2016 models of Jaguar XE, Jaguar XF, Land Rover Discovery Sport, Land Rover Discovery, Range Rover Evoque, Range Rover Sport, Range Rover and that the Jaguar XJ and F-Type should follow in due course.

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