



OEM BULLETIN

VOLVO COOLANT STANDARD VCS 418-0001

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.

In 2015 it was brought to the attention of UEIL that the latest Volvo Trucks Driver's Handbook stated:

- Always use coolant that is approved in accordance with the Volvo Coolant (VCS) standard 418-0001
- This coolant can be recognised by its yellow colour and is specially adapted for Volvo's engines
- Addition of coolant that is not approved by Volvo may result in impaired protection against corrosion with damage to the engine as well as the cooling and heating systems a result

There already was a File on this issue as UEIL had been in correspondence with the OEM since 2011.

UEIL therefore wrote to the OEM requesting that they deleted the compulsory nature of the approval process and removed any reference to the colour of the product.

Unfortunately, the OEM did not initially accept the points raised by UEIL resulting in correspondence between the 2 parties.

In July 2016 the OEM accepted that the coolant does not need to have a yellow colour and that when next reviewed, the colour will not be part of the standard and the dealers will be free to buy coolants with any colour as long as they meet the standard.

In April 2017 there was a telephone conference call between UEIL & the OEM in which participants from 4 countries were involved.

As a result UEIL are pleased to announce that the OEM has confirmed that in future it will be stated:

- Always use coolant that meets Volvo Coolant Specification (VCS) standard 418-0001

The OEM has also confirmed that the Volvo Coolant Specification (VCS) standard 418-0001 will be amended accordingly when it is next reviewed.

UEIL also takes this opportunity to remind everyone that all previously issued OEM Technical Bulletins may be accessed by visiting the UEIL website at [this link](#).

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