



OEM BULLETIN

JCB GEAR OIL HP PLUS

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 2016 a member reported that whilst JCB detailed International and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) Specifications for their products, this was not the case for JCB Gear Oil HP Plus which stated that the Manufacturer's Standard was "unique to JCB".

UEIL wrote expressing concern that this could cause potential problems of miss-application "out in the field"; which was not in anyone's interest and requested a copy of the specification for this product or the name of an Additive Supplier who would be able to provide a formulation to satisfy the OEM's requirements.

JCB advised they did not provide industry standard specifications in relation to JCB Gear Oil HP Plus because these industry standard specifications do not accurately reflect the specifications for JCB Gear Oil HP Plus.

Following further discussions UEIL are pleased to announce that JCB have provided an updated version of JCB's Design Verification Plan and Sign Off Report (DVPSOR) for JCB Gear Oil HP Plus fluid complete with additional formulation data (technical specification) to enable UEIL members to produce a suitable candidate fluid for the JCB axles.

If any UEIL member wishes to become an approved oil supplier for this product they should contact Richard Lomas – Service Consumables at <u>Richard.LOMAS@jcb.com</u> and then JCB can initiate the DVPSOR process of sign off testing for their oil, which will obviously be carried out at the applicant's cost.

UEIL also takes this opportunity to remind everyone that all previously issued OEM Technical Bulletins may be accessed by visiting the UEIL website at <u>this link.</u>

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