



OEM BULLETIN **SCHÄFFER AXLE FLUID SB**

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 a member reported that a customer had contacted the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) to request a Technical Data Sheet and Safety Data Sheet; however, without success.

After several months of unsuccessful correspondence between UEIL and the OEM, they decided that in future all communication would be conducted through their Lawyer.

UEIL were then given a copy of the Technical Specification Schäffer G5-7; which unfortunately was not in the internationally recognised format used throughout the world by the Lubricants Industry and therefore it was not possible to either formulate a product or run any meaningful tests.

However, under European Regulation, Agricultural and Forestry Vehicles Manufacturers have to provide all technical information, including technical specifications on lubricants and other functional fluids, notably to independent operators, such as lubricants manufacturers.

Correspondence continued between the 2 parties until the OEM, with their third response, provided a Technical Specification which appeared to provide the necessary information to formulate a product suitable for use in Schäffer Equipment.

UEIL is therefore pleased to announce that a technical specification for Schäffer Specification G5-7 is available upon request from the OEM.

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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