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VOLVO TRUCKS VDS-5 SPECIFICATION

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UEIL has recently been in touch with Mr. Bengt Otterholm, Volvo Group Lubricants Coordinator, about Volvo Trucks VDS-5 specification.

He has informed us that:

- The final release of the VDS-5 specification has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which effectively stopped the final phases of the development of the D13K4 engine test which will replace the D12D engine test in all current VDS-x specifications.
- Their target is to have the VDS-5 specification available in the public domain by the end of 2020.

He has also specified that:

- VDS-5 oils are only allowed for use in the most recent 13L engines (Euro VI Step D) and are not backwards compatible to any other engine.
- VDS-5 is not an exclusive requirement; all engines, including the 13L Euro VI Step D, can use VDS-4 and VDS-4.5 qualities.

UEIL would like to thank Volvo Group for this information.

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