

OEM BULLETIN MASERATI

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 21 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.

It is key for UEIL and its members, which defend a free market and fair competition, that motorists can have access to the references of oil technical specifications in owners' manuals and that they can choose between competing products. Otherwise, end-users are deprived of choice and market access for competing products is hampered.

Summary of the case

In February 2015, UEIL was contacted by its members who raised concerns that the owners' manuals of several Maserati models did not provide standardised and non-discriminatory RMI specifications.

State of play

The Technical & Competition Committee proactively engaged in discussions with Maserati for years. Regrettably, despite this engagement, Maserati did not make available the requested specifications.

Hence in 2019, UEIL submitted complaints to the Italian competition authority and the Italian type-approval authority (TAA) about Maserati's failure to comply with the EU RMI Regulation. The TC/CC continued to engage with the relevant authorities despite repeated delays.

In November 2024, the Italian TAA shared with the TC/CC a letter by Maserati, informing that they would update owners' manuals for all models from 2014 to 2024 by 6 December 2024.

In February 2025, the TC/CC was able to verify that the specifications originally requested in 2015 were made available by Maserati on their OBD Website, available at this link.

Given the 9-year delay between the time the specifications were requested and the time they were made available, it is the opinion of the TC/CC that appropriate sanctions should be imposed on Maserati by the Italian TAA under the EU RMI Regulation.

Conclusion

UEIL thanks all supporting parties for their cooperation in obtaining access to this RMI.

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